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**Archery Victoria Board Special Meeting
Held at Waverley City Archers Clubrooms
Wednesday 8 January 2014**

(Note: This Special Meeting of the Archery Victoria Board of Management was convened in accordance with the procedures at 10.1.3.2 of the Archery Victoria Constitution (2012). The meeting related to sanctions imposed on Sherbrooke Archers Inc as outlined in the Minutes of previous meetings of the Archery Victoria Board of Management.)

972.1. Meeting Opens

The President declared the meeting open at 1800h 8 Jan 14.

972.2. Attendees

Peter Nelson-Furnell (PNF)	President
Guenter Licht (GL)	Vice-President
Irene Norman (IN)	Secretary
Colin Carter (CC)	Member's Representative**
Dawn Nelson-Furnell (DNF)	Board Member

** CC joined meeting via phone link at 1930h.

972.3. Sherbrooke Archers Inc – Discipline of a Member Club. The President advised that he had received an email from the Secretary of Sherbrooke Archers Inc in relation to the sanctions imposed by the Archery Victoria Board. The letter of sanction was delivered to the President of Sherbrooke Archers by GL on 30 December 2014. Sherbrooke Archers Inc was advised of their right of reply in relation to the sanction. The right of reply could be in writing and/or in person at this meeting schedule for 1830h 8 January 2014. The Board discussed the email received from Sherbrooke Archers Inc and waited until 1840h for members from Sherbrooke to present in person. No member of Sherbrooke Archers Inc attended the meeting.

Given that no members of Sherbrooke Archers Inc were present to make further representations to the Archery Victoria Board the Board determined that a decision by the Board would need to be made based on the email received and the information gathered in relation to this situation since it first came to light in April 2013.

GL advised that a meeting of all members of Sherbrooke Archers Inc was held on Sunday 5 January 2014. AV had offered to attend this meeting but this offer was refused. The accounts relayed to Board Members from this meeting differed from the email from the Secretary in two instances. The first relates to point 3 of the email (attached to these minutes as Annex A). Members in attendance at the meeting advised that there was no mention during the meeting that AV had no right to impose sanctions on the club. The 2nd difference related to point 4 of the email. Again members in attendance reported that no mention was made in relation to no action being taken against committee members or individuals.

Discussions continued for some time and included a phone link up with CC. Given the information provided, the Board of Archery Victoria determined that the fine of \$5,000 would be waived subject to the Club meeting the following conditions:

- All members of Sherbrooke Archers Inc and those currently signed up under the Sherbrooke Social Club silver and bronze memberships, be signed up as full members on the Archery Australia membership database by no later than the end of January 2014. The normal family and other discount structures will apply.
- Fees for these members are payable under the current billing cycle arrangements whereby Sherbrooke Archers Inc will have until the end of February 2014 to pay these fees. While Archery Australia and Archery Victoria do not ordinarily have a policy of time payment for membership fees, should the Club believe that they will have difficulty in paying by this date they should enter into negotiations with Archery Victoria as soon as possible so that a suitable repayment plan can be put in place to cover this specific situation.
- Sherbrooke Archers Inc is to submit a copy of their 2013 Constitution to Archery Victoria for comment and review. Archery Victoria will be seeking an inclusion in the Constitution requiring membership of the club to include membership of Archery Victoria and Archery Australia.
- As there will be no future requirement to register shooting members other than with Archery Australia and as a non-shooting associate membership is available within the Archery Australia system, Sherbrooke Archers Inc is to take steps to deregister the Sherbrooke Social Club as a business/trading arm of Sherbrooke Archers Inc. Evidence of deregistration should be provided to Archery Victoria by end of February 2014.
- Sherbrooke Archers Inc is to cancel the insurance policy taken out as a separate policy to cover shooting members enrolled under the auspices of the Sherbrooke Social Club. Evidence of cancellation should be provided to Archery Victoria by end of February 2014.

The waiver of the fine is subject to these conditions and if they are not met then the fine will be reinstated.

The issued raised by the Secretary of Sherbrooke Archers Inc at point 4 of her email of 7 January 2014 was also discussed. It was determined that the Archery Victoria Board was not prepared to give assurance that no action would be taken against individual club members or committee members of Sherbrooke Archers Inc. The Archery Victoria Board reserves the right to take action against individuals and/or the committee.

ACTION: IN to draft a letter to Sherbrooke Archers Inc for distribution to the Board for approval. Letter to be signed and sent by PNF.

972.4. Meeting Closes. The meeting concluded at 2035h.

**ANNEX A to
Special Meeting of
Archery Victoria Board of Management
Dated 8 Jan 14**

From: Trudy Scott [mailto:trudyscott54@yahoo.com.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2014 5:23 PM
To: president@archeryvic.org.au; vice-president@archeryvic.org.au; Irene Norman; Colin; shootingangel23@gmail.com
Cc: Sherbrooke Committee; Jim Larven
Subject: Meeting outcome, Sherbrooke Archers

The Board of Archery Victoria,
Members of Sherbrooke Archers met on 5th January 2014 and discussed the letter from Archery Victoria dated 29th December 2013. Overall, members were grateful to the Sherbrooke committee for their work in providing increased opportunities to access the club via a tiered membership system; however, acknowledged that there appears errors were made in how this was achieved. As such, the following was agreed to:

1. Sherbrooke Archers apologises to Archery Victoria for inadvertently working outside the club's rules of association.
2. Sherbrooke Archers shall undertake to remit to Archery Victoria outstanding fees as soon as possible but no later than by 30 June 2014.
3. Sherbrooke Archers requests Archery Victoria waive the fine, as it was not levied in accordance with the association's procedures and the club is not in a position to pay such a fine.
4. Sherbrooke Archers requests a guarantee that no action shall be taken against any archer or committee member from now on, or retrospectively, in regard to this matter.

As a sign of good faith, Sherbrooke Archers shall not accept any more memberships without AV and AA fees.

So that we can begin work on item 2 above, which we believe we can action well within 6 months, we request an 'in principle' agreement from Archery Victoria that the fine shall be removed and support from Archery Victoria of our application to Archery Australia that the club's full access to the IMG database be restored to all relevant members of the committee.

With this agreement, we trust that this matter is brought to a close.

Your earliest advice would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Trudy Scott
Secretary,
on behalf of the Committee of Management,
Sherbrooke Archers Incorporated