



# THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO TARGET ARCHERY FEDERATION

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## AMM 2016- Executive report

Welcome to all present here today at our Annual Membership meeting for 2016.

At the outset I'd like to take a moment to remind us of our "*Rasion D'etre*", our aim as stated in our vision & mission statements.

**Vision:** To be recognized as the leading sporting organization for the delivery of the sport of archery within Trinidad & Tobago and the wider Caribbean.

**Mission:** To develop and implement programs and a framework to attract and retain individuals to the sport of archery with the ability to produce high performance archers at a global level.

Let's keep these in mind as we review the progress made during our present term of office and especially this past year.

Firstly thanks go to the members of the executive committee who have committed enormous amounts of their time and energy to get us to where we are today. Your outgoing executive is: President – Mr. Gregory Quesnel, Vice-President – Mr. Hasmath Ali, Secretary General – Mrs. Rashadah Khan-Vire, Treasurer – Mr. David King, and Committee members – Mr. George Vire, Mr. Rakesh Sookoo and Mr. Selwyn Jagesar. To be able to provide the level of service that we aspire too takes the full commitment of the executive members and their workload and the expectations of the archers will only increase in the years ahead.

Our executive meetings were held in every month of this term of office. Attendance at these meetings is as in the chart below.

Name	Year	
	2014	2015
Gregory Quesnel	11	12
Hasmath Ali	10	12
Rashidah Khan-Vire	6	10
David King	11	4 (Resigned, September 2015)
George Vire	9	9
Rakesh Sookoo	9	12
Selwyn Jagesar	8	6

For this dedication and sacrifice of your time, not to mention your views, opinions and guidance on the many topics addressed over the years, we are blessed and thankful.

To our Judges, special thanks for the management performed at our many tournaments and ensuring they were carried out at the highest level of integrity and fairness to the archers.

To the coaches who work with our aspiring archers, a mere thank you is too small a word for your contribution, as the development and dreams of our upcoming archers rests on your shoulders. We look forward to your continued contribution and will continue to support your development.

To all the other behind the scene workers, officials and induced persons who helped in many ways, your contribution is recognized and appreciated, for without it, our task would have been immeasurably greater. We need many more like you in the years ahead.

### **Highlights of 2015**

For 2105 the executive took the decision not to attend any foreign tournaments and would concentrate on local development. Hosting the South Caribbean Championships was also factored in to our decision.

This year saw the greatest number of local tournaments put on by the Federation, with the National Indoors and Outdoors for both Youth and Seniors being key. Participation in these reached its highest level to date with approximately one hundred archers taking part. There was a total of four monthly shoots/national ranking tournaments, a new event in October, the Points AC Federal round, The Last Man Standing Tournament and finally, in December, the Olympic qualifier Pre-trial for a total of eleven events, certainly a stellar year for local competitive tournaments. The total for 2014 was seven events.

This does not include the South Caribbean Championships hosted in July 2015. This was, by far, the largest and most demanding tournament put on by the TTTAF to date, spread over four days, with around 100 archers and officials from five countries of the Caribbean. Judging from the feedback, this was a challenging and exciting event, which was thoroughly enjoyed, by archers, officials and spectators alike. Probably the highlight of the event was the field event, a challenging twenty four-station course set through the forest surrounding the grounds, the foreign archers, who complemented us on the round, appreciated this. A permanent eight-station course has now been established around the grounds, which is open to all. We feel this course would add some variety and alternative to the traditional target shooting.

## Coaches

Earlier in our two year tenure WAA facilitated our request for a coaching course and this became a reality with Mr. Phil Graves of the USA. All the participants passed the course and became newly certified level one coaches. These would have been putting their skills into use in our member clubs during 2015.

## Judges

In conjunction with WAA and by their selection Mr. Adam Martinez of Puerto Rico conducted a Level one Judge Training course in January of 2016. New Judge candidates were enrolled as well as all previous judges invited to take the course as a refresher. All the candidates successfully passed the end of course exam and we can now draw on the services of twelve Judge/ Judge Candidates. These were immediately put into service for the national indoors of 2016, which was held in February 2016.

## On the field

This past year saw the emergence of a number of rising stars, with a host of new national records being set across all age categories. While not singling out any particular archer here, the Federation recognizes these performances and will be taking steps to consolidate and enhance the performances of these emerging talents.

## Off the field

There are a number of serious issues, which need to be addressed. Probably chief among these is a review and updating of our constitution. This has served us well for the first twenty-four years of our existence, but with the growth of our sport and the demands of the archers is now deficient in a number of areas. I will elucidate more on this when we get to this area later in this meeting.

Just one example will highlight some of the problems. The date for the holding of the AMM is on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>. As you realize this meeting falls outside of this date. Following are the dates on which the AMM has been held for the past ten years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>AMM Date</b>
<b>2005</b>	April 4th
<b>2006</b>	March 18th
<b>2007</b>	October 27th
<b>2008</b>	April 12th
<b>2009</b>	July 29th

<b>2010</b>	November 6th
<b>2011</b>	April 16th
<b>2012</b>	March 24th
<b>2013</b>	April 6th
<b>2014</b>	March 23rd
<b>2015</b>	March 29th

There have been a number of reasons for not being able to meet the March 31<sup>st</sup> date. Chief among these is the inability of receiving audited accounts before this date. It is difficult to close off the preceding year, prepare the accounts and have them audited when all the auditing companies in T&T are faced with company audits required within the same time frame.

We do have a way forward with this and all the other inconsistencies in the constitution and will be hoping that the persons within the organization can pool their resources and arrive at constitutional changes that will be beneficial to the Federation and ensure our continuance for the years ahead.

Finally, I must inform you that despite meetings with the Ministry of Sport, submission of all the requested paperwork, often times repeating what is already in their possession, and contact with our sports officer, I regret to inform you that we have received no subvention since the new government has come into office. Realistically, this being an Olympic year with its corresponding demand for funds for the Games we are unlikely to receive any support for our development. As stated many times by Mr. Brian Lewis of the TTOC, we must seek ways of becoming more independent from the ministry and will be looking at ways of achieving this during 2016 and beyond.

Let us not work at cross purposes, but rather unite and find a way to cooperate, support and nurture our clubs, athletes, officials and what has been achieved by this Federation, of which you are all a part. Any other path will ultimately lead to failure.

Let us be guided by the words of Mahatma Gandhi *"In doing something, do it with love or never do it at all"*.

I thank you all.