

Cambridge University Bowmen Annual General Meeting 2021

Saturday 26th June 2021

Attendees

- Vicki Hodgson (Chair)
- Liam Pattinson (Returning Officer)
- Lindsay Greer (Senior Treasurer)
- Robert Spencer (Captain)
- Lukas Činčikas (Junior Treasurer)
- Abi Pearce
- Yuhang Xie
- Sam Kitson-Platt
- Basia Kraus
- Zhiwei He
- Sean Seet
- Alannah King
- Kimberley Callaghan
- Dafni Lima
- Michael Scherm

Apologies: Jack Atkinson, Heather Reynolds, Eleanor Brug

Meeting commenced 10:09 BST, and was held virtually via Zoom due to ongoing covid-19 restrictions.

Previous Minutes

- The previous minutes of the 2019 AGM were proposed by Robert Spencer and seconded by Abi Pearce.
- Following a poll, the minutes were recorded as accurate (14 in favour, 0 against).

Captain's Report

- The club saw an even more disrupted year than the last, due to multiple lockdowns, closure of our shooting venues, and added constraints on shooting. However, the club has operated as successfully as possible given the circumstances.
- We implemented several measures to keep shooting safely as much as possible, including reducing the size of our beginners' course, restricting shooting slots, and keeping records of attendance for track and trace purposes. We also

received additional funding for protective barriers on the shooting line. As a result, the club saw no positive cases that affected members, and were commended by the Sports Centre for our ongoing efforts to practice archery safely during covid.

- We implemented a successful beginner bow loan scheme for the first time, and loaned more bows to experienced members than ever before.
- Competitions were of course limited, but restrictions allowed us to host a reduced Varsity, with eight archers from each university. Our experienced team of Liam Pattinson, Sean Seet, Vicki Hodgson and Kimberley Callaghan and novice team of Zhiwei He, Basia Kraus, Al Sergeevo and Az Zarif gave Oxford a great run for their money, losing only narrowly; this is in spite of Oxford fielding four recurves to our two recurves and two barebows for the experienced team, and Oxford fielding four of last year’s novices while the Cambridge novice team all started shooting in October 2020. Three of the four experienced team members earned half blues (Liam, Kimberley and Vicki), with Kimberley’s upgraded to a full blue after a great BUCS performance.
- We also sent four archers to BUCS Outdoors (Eleanor Brug, Kimberley Callaghan, Wade Suen and Liam Pattinson), which was a successful competition for us. In their categories, Eleanor got 2nd and 1st in the WA900 and WA720 respectively, Kimberley took 1st in the WA900, and Wade took 2nd in the WA900. The team overall took the silver medal.
- On a personal note, Robert thanked the committee for their hard work in getting the club through a tough year, with particular thanks to Liam Pattinson and Vicki Hodgson.

Secretary’s Report

- Despite the reduction in the size of the beginners’ course and novice squad, the club maintained its membership numbers from previous years, largely due to an unexpected influx of new experienced joiners.
- In total, the club had 83 members, and for the first year in history, we had more female than male members. A breakdown of club demographics can be seen in the table below.

Experience	Gender	Alumni
Exp (47) 57%	M (38) 46%	CUA (4) 5%
Nov (10) 12%	F (43) 52%	CUB (79) 95%
Beg (26) 31%	Other (2) 2%	

Treasurer’s Report

- Despite the original budgeted £2000 deficit, the club’s finances in fact stayed very stable this year. We began September 2020 with £7521 in the account.

Currently, there is £11187 in the account, an inflated figure due to uncashed cheques and refunds that are still to be paid; it is expected that after these payments have been made, the account will contain around £7600. There is also £826 in cash yet to be deposited due to difficulties getting into branch during lockdown.

- **Income.** We received £1000 of our grant (the remaining half was not given, due to lack of Lent term activity). We also received £400 from Archery GB and £150 from CAA in covid-specific grants, along with a notable donation from John Withrington of £125. We collected £2380 from the beginners' course; £680 from the bow loan scheme (surpassing the £350 budgeted); and £2380 from experienced membership fees (surpassing the £1600 budgeted).
- **Expenses.** Outgoings were significantly lower than expected due to lockdowns. No money was spent on coaching, and only £2163 was spent on hall hire (£4482 was initially budgeted). This year, we invested in equipment, spending £1435. £256 was spent on the club's affiliation fees. In addition, there was some preparatory covid spending and a few minor outgoings such as administrative fees.
- In summary, the finances this year are very stable. There was little change in the way that payments were handled, although there was some disruption to payment processing in the latter half of the year due to issues with Lloyds and scattering of committee members.

Proposal to allow committee members to stay in unfilled roles

- Given the pandemic and difficulties with filling committee roles, the Sports Service are happy to allow existing committee members to say in their role for a short amount of time, if the role is not filled at the AGM.
- This is intended as a stop-gap measure for this year only, and is expected to last into Michaelmas term only, at which point the committee may co-opt new committee members to fill those roles. It will last at most until the next AGM but is intended to be shorter-term than this.
- Members will be allowed to continue working remotely, at the discretion of the committee members themselves, if they are expecting to move away from Cambridge during the year.
- This would be entirely optional for the committee members in question, and does not apply to the senior roles, which must be filled either at this AGM or be resolved with a future EGM.
- Following discussion, a poll was conducted, and the motion passed with a total of 14 in favour, 0 against.

Committee Elections

- Nominees for each committee position were given two minutes to introduce themselves and give a short speech describing previous experience and plans for their nominated role. This was followed by up to five minutes of questioning. Voting was conducted using a virtual ballot via Google Forms, and the results may be viewed in the table below.
- Three nominations for roles that did not otherwise have nominees were made during the AGM:
 - Abi Pearce was nominated for the role of Treasurer by Vicki Hodgson, seconded by Yuhang Xie.
 - Basia Kraus was nominated for the role of Secretary by Vicki Hodgson, seconded by Abi Pearce.
 - Alannah King was nominated for the role of Women’s Officer by Abi Pearce, seconded by Vicki Hodgson.
- It should be noted that Welfare positions are selected by the committee subsequent to the AGM, and are not voted upon during the AGM.
- The roles of Development Officer and Novice Officer are unfilled following the AGM. As per the vote to allow committee members to stay in unfilled roles they have previously held, the roles of Tournaments & Records Officer, Safety Officer and Social Secretary will remain filled by Liam Pattinson, Vicki Hodgson and Yuhang Xie respectively at their discretion, until they wish to step down, a replacement committee member is co-opted or elected, or the next committee election at a general meeting takes place.

Position	Nominee	Votes
Captain	Vicki Hodgson	15
	RON	0
Secretary	Basia Kraus	13
	RON	0
Treasurer	Abi Pearce	14
	RON	0
Equipment Officer	Zhiwei He	15
	RON	0
Womens’ Officer	Alannah King	12
	RON	0
Publicity Officer	Abi Pearce	15
	RON	0
Alumni Liaison Officer	Yuhang Xie	15
	RON	0
Webmaster	Alannah King	15
	RON	0

Purple Badge Nominations

Nominations for purple badges (lifetime membership) for three club members were put to the AGM: Liam Pattinson, Robert Spencer and Stuart Fraser. Voting was conducted by online ballot via Google Forms.

- **Liam Pattinson** was nominated for his many reliable years of service to the club, enthusiasm for the sport, teaching and mentoring beginning archers, and representing the university many times at competitions with great success, including a half-blue and BUCS medals. Following the AGM, the vote passed (14 in favour, 0 against).
- **Robert Spencer** was nominated for his efforts in developing the club as captain, and for successfully leading the club through a particularly difficult period in its history, with effort and dedication beyond any expectations. Following the AGM, the vote passed (11 in favour, 1 against).
- **Stuart Fraser** was nominated for many years of assisting the club both before and since graduating, and his work in maintaining our sister club, the Cambridge University Alumni. Following the AGM, the vote passed (15 in favour, 0 against).

Meeting concluded 11:31 BST when attendance dropped below the threshold for quorum. Discussions regarding proposals to change the constitution are therefore not minuted here, and an Emergency General Meeting will be called to allow discussion and voting.