

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Wednesday 14th November, 2018

Attending

- Andrew Browne (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Jack Atkinson (Equipment)
- Robert Spencer (Web)
- Alex Guyon (Social)
- Fraser Waters (Novice)
- Kimberley Callaghan (Tournaments)
- Shivam Sheth (Novice)
- Zhengao Di (Equipment)

Apologies

- Nancy Chen (Treasurer)
- Abi Pearce (Publicity)
- Ivana Yeow (Alumni)

Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- Varsity Proposals
- Organising a Clickers visit/trip
- Weekly Bulletin
- Captain's report.
- Secretary's report.
 - Stash update
 - Missing payments
- Treasurer's report.
- Equipment report.
- Tournaments report.
 - Nottingham BUTTS report
- Novice Officer's report.
 - Coaching with Philip and Mary
 - Final beginners' session plans
- Web Officer's report.
- Publicity Officer's report.
- Social Secretary's report.
- Welfare report
- Any remaining business.
 - WBC meeting, Nov 22nd

Minutes

Welcome & Apologies

The meeting started at 19:25 at the Hopbine.

Varsity Proposals

The currently format for Varsity is for men to shoot an Albion round while women shoot a Windsor. These rounds are chosen because men and women tend to achieve similar handicaps, and therefore we can fairly make up mixed teams. The top 4 scorers of either gender make the team, while the top 3 novices also form a team.

Oxford have proposed to change this to a 720 ranking round to decide the top three gents and ladies in each university. These archers would then be eligible for a Half-Blue, provided they have shot a first class score. The winning team score for each gender will earn their respective universities a point. Archers would then progress to a head-to-head tournament, where again, the winning university in each gender category earns a point. If each university is tied on 2 points each, the top gent and lady from each university will make a mixed team for a final head-to-head to decide the overall winner. Novices would shoot 60m instead of 70m, and would form a team of the top 2 men and 2 women.

Committee members were almost universally opposed to these changes for a number of reasons, some of which are listed below:

- Varsity is often used as a means to get novices qualified for BUCS. As this requires submitting scores from a round that includes the furthest distance (70m for novices), we would no longer be able to do this under the new proposals.
- Some were opposed to using a head-to-head tournament to decide the winning university, claiming it wouldn't be a fair test of skill.
- Running a 720 ranking round and a head-to-head would make Varsity take much longer, and it is already difficult for the hosting university to set up and take down equipment in time.
- Some held the opinion that the current choice of imperial rounds is simply more fun and relaxed. While Oxford rarely shoot imperial rounds, they are popular within CUB, and add variety to the outdoor season.
- It is clear that Oxford would like Varsity to emulate high-profile international tournaments, though CUB would prefer Varsity to be treated as a relatively casual event.
- Oxford's claim that the new format will allow more bow styles to be involved does not appear to hold up to scrutiny. It would be no easier to include alternative bow styles under their proposals than it is now.
- We often struggle to fill teams for each gender, and it would be even more difficult under these proposals.

All committee members present voted against the proposal, except for one who abstained.

ACTION, AB: Write up response to Varsity proposals.

Organising a Clickers visit/trip

We normally arrange a trip to the archery shop Clickers towards the end of Michaelmas term, as some novices become interested in buying their own equipment. Clickers will often open the shop late to accommodate this. Sam Kitson-Platt offered to drive to Clickers on December 4th, and suggested he could be somewhat flexible with timings.

ACTION, SS: Contact Sam Kitson-Platt to organise transport.

ACTION, AB: Make contact with Graham to organise visit.

It was recommended that we arrange an additional visit via train, as a single visit would likely not fit in everybody's schedules.

JA offered to run a seminar next week to give advice on buying a first bow.

Last year, Clickers staff visited Cambridge to talk about equipment and take orders. As we are already close to the end of term, this will be deferred until next term.

Weekly Bulletin

Robert has created an online system for weekly bulletins, so any non-urgent mail can be collated into one email. This will hopefully reduce the amount of spam mail coming from CUB. We will need to include multiple items per week for it to be worth sending. We agreed it would be best to send out each Thursday.

ACTION, All: Submit items to the bulletin using the online web form.

Captain's Report

The sports mentality session with Philip and Mary (jointly held with ARU) went well. AB would like to organise additional sessions in future. He will request topics from people in the new weekly bulletin.

ACTION, AB: Ask the club for off-the-line coaching suggestions

Secretary's Report

Stash has been ordered from Clifton, and includes 29 polo shirts and 15 hoodies. Most has been paid for already, but some club members will need to be chased up. Delivery date is unknown, but is expected to be sometime in December.

ACTION, LP, NC: Chase up stash payments.

LP has managed to track down the origin of £167.50 in cash payments, leaving £97.50 unaccounted for.

ACTION, LP: Give Nancy access to membership spreadsheet.

ACTION, LP, NC: Track down origin of remaining cash payments.

Equipment Report

JA will buy in new faces for our BUTTS leg. Clickers may be willing to sponsor the event and to provide faces for free (or at a discount).

ACTION, JA, ZD: Order faces, ask for event sponsorship

Tournaments Report

We had a good turn-out and good results from Nottingham BUTTS, with 3 gold medals and a silver. Our novice team came first at our venue, and second overall. We also did well in the e-league, and were able to submit a team for each tier with good results in each.

We will be holding an alumni target day this weekend. Only a few alumni have expressed an interest in taking part.

The first BUTTS non-recurve competition will be held this weekend at Warwick University. We don't have enough experienced sign-ups for our second BUTTS leg at Birmingham, though we have 20 spaces

to fill. This may be because a number of experienced archers will be coaching the final week of our beginners' course on the same day.

Our Christmas fun-shoot hasn't been organised yet, though AB offered to run it.

ACTION, AB: Organise Christmas shoot.

Novice Officer's Report

We have at least 5 coaches for the final beginners' course sessions, which should be sufficient as it'll be a free shooting session. We will need to ensure beginners receive membership forms and certificates.

ACTION, SS: Create certificates, send out beginner membership forms.

We previously discussed running tests for white Arrow Awards in the last session, but may have to defer that until next term.

Philip and Mary will be coaching the novice squad this coming Tuesday.

The novices have been sent information on the Warwick open novice tournament, which is not officially part of the BUTTS league. Organising transport for this could be a problem.

Social Secretary

Several committee members requested more social events. It was recommended that the club could go to a movie, or watch a classic Robin Hood in somebody's room.

AG will organise a pub crawl for the last week of term.

ACTION, AG: Organise pub crawl.

Other ideas floated included a Christmas curry, or a potluck.

Alumni Officer's report

Some alumni have been asking for more details about the alumni shoot.

ACTION, IY: Email further info about alumni shoot/dinner.

Other Business

The next WBC meeting will occur on Novemeber 22nd. Whoever attends will need to bring 50p for Nancy's half-blue certificate.

ACTION, All: Decide who will attend

Those running the development scheme expressed an interested in buying in some Theraband and/or Foremaster training aids. It would be helpful if this could be funded by the club in a bulk order. The money would be earned back as club members pay for the equipment. We would need to gauge interest from the club before ordering. As we would be buying only training aids, it was suggested that this could come from the coaching budget.

ACTION, Dev: Request funding from Nancy

Wrap-up

The meeting finished at 20:35.