

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Friday 16th March, 2018

Attending

- Jack Atkinson (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Ivana Yeow (Treasurer)
- Alex Guyon (Social Secretary)
- Yangci Liu (Tournaments Officer)
- Andrew Browne (Novice Officer)

Apologies

- Eleanor Brug (Equipment Officer)

Agenda

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- Captain's Report
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Minutes

Welcome & Apologies

Meeting started at 18:14 at the Sports Centre.

Captain's Report

CUB came 7th out of 8 at BUTTS Champs this year. This was a fairly disappointing result, likely caused by low competition attendance from many of our experienced recurve archers. Our competition performance this year has been generally poor, and it may cause problems in future when the club requests additional funding.

It isn't clear what is causing the lack of enthusiasm for competitions, though it was suggested that the club should focus more on the sporting side of archery from now on. For example, the club could start running internal competitions, giving members a chance to earn badges and become more accustomed to the competitive aspects of the sport. It was also suggested that the club could introduce a new classification of archer – something along the lines of 'CUB Team Member' – as the possibility of attaining this higher status could provide motivation for archers to compete and train more regularly.

A further suggestion was to introduce guided training to Friday sessions. The first hour could be dedicated to practicing a particular skill, while the second hour would remain an open session. This could be especially useful for those graduating from the beginners course, as some have reported that they don't know how to progress to an experienced level, and that some even feel intimidated by the skill-level of the club's more competitive archers. These ideas will be trialed during the next term.

ACTION: JA, arrange training timetable for outdoors.

IY and AG expressed concern for a lack of technical knowledge within the club, except for a few people who are nearing the end of their courses, and suggested training up new members. They suggested that JA could run a series of seminars next term, which will focus on the technical aspects of archery (fletching, changing nocks, rotating damage, etc). This will be in addition to a training week at the start of next term to help people acclimatise to outdoor shooting.

ACTION: JA, organise seminars and training week.

Turnout remains low for strength and conditioning, and as a result the sessions have not been good value for money. Several committee members attributed this to the early timeslot, while others blamed an infectious sense of negativity regarding the difficulty of the sessions. These issues will be looked at over the summer.

JA plans to organise a field archery day on the 14th or 15th of April. Invitations will be extended to alumni. A field shoot organised last year was highly reviewed but poorly attended, so there will be more effort directed at convincing members to give it a try.

ACTION: JA, organise field shoot

AB has compiled an outdoor archery guide that will be distributed throughout the club at the start of the outdoor season alongside an 'Introduction to Outdoor Archery' email.

ACTION: JA, send outdoors introduction email

Secretary's Report

With the upcoming implementation of stricter data protection laws throughout the EU, CUB will have to update its policies for the collection, storage, and sharing of information. In order to comply with these new laws, members in future will need to provide explicit informed consent for data usage that was previously assumed to be unproblematic, such as posting names on target lists and uploading images to social media. The CUB membership form has already been updated to reflect this.

CUB will need to implement new data storage policies. Currently, members' personal data is stored in a Google spreadsheet, which is shared with almost all committee members upon request. At the end of each year, previous committee members retain access privileges, increasing the risk of data leakage. LP plans to roll out dedicated Google accounts for each committee member, which will be passed on at the end of each year. The Captain will have access and sharing rights for all club documents, while the Secretary and Treasurer will have access rights to the membership spreadsheet and club accounts spreadsheet respectively. Similar arrangements will be made if necessary for other committee members.

ACTION: LP, implement new data protection policies.

Some beginners have still not handed in membership forms, and hence represent an insurance liability for the club. If these people do not hand in forms soon, they will have to be turned away from the club's outdoor shooting sessions.

Treasurer's Report

The club is currently on budget, with no financial problems to report.

There are plans to subsidise BUTC entry costs. BUCS indoors final travel costs will be covered, and accommodation costs heavily subsidised.

Equipment Report

The frame of a boss has broken recently, and will need to be repaired.

ACTION: EB, repair damaged boss.

Bow loans will continue next term. Most people currently on the scheme will be continuing. Bosses will be moved this weekend, and has already been organised.

An email will be sent out explaining how to set up the field.

ACTION: EB, send outdoor setup email

A van has been booked for Varsity. We have normally needed 8 bosses, but have capacity for 14 if needed. EB will need to know how many we'll need a few days in advance.

The club should replace its clipboards, as those at the range are in a poor state of repair.

We should have enough outdoor faces for Varsity, as well as general outdoor shooting.

Novice Officer's Report

The novice squad has been doing better than last year's cohort, though some haven't been entirely committed. They will be pushed to continue shooting and competing next term, and to continue next year. Hopefully this will prevent the usual attrition in Easter term.

Throughout next term, Tuesdays will continue to be advertised as novice and beginner training sessions.

Tournament Officer's Report

Varsity will take place on May 12th. Johns have confirmed that everything can go ahead as planned, and Eleanor has already booked a van to transport bosses.

ACTION: YL, let Oxford know about our Varsity plans.

Another Town vs Gown shoot will take place May 20th or May 27th, though Cambridge City Bowmen haven't replied to our email to confirm this.

(Update: CCB have now confirmed May 20th.)

Some club members will need a chance to earn qualifying scores for BUCS outdoors, so a friendly St. George shoot will be organised on St George's day. Members of local clubs will be invited.

ACTION: YL, organise St. George shoot

BUCS outdoors will take place on the weekend of June 16th. This overlaps with the County Champs.

Social Secretary's Report

There have been many requests for archery tag, so this will be organised next term at Bury St. Edmunds once the weather improves.

After the success of the recent CUB pub crawl, another may be organised next term.

CUB has been offered discounted tickets for Wolfson May Ball, at £95 each. A fair number have been sold already.

A club BBQ will be organised as usual to coincide with Cuppers.

Other Business

ARU would like to shoot with us again. We're expecting up to 5 regulars. It was agreed that they should be charged £25 for the term, or £35 for the full outdoor season.

There was a consensus that Alina and Lydia should be removed from the committee, as neither have contributed so far this year.

A preliminary date for the AGM was decided to be Tuesday 19th June, during May week. It is likely that Cuppers and the club BBQ will take place the following Thursday.