

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Thursday 18th January, 2018

Attending

- Jack Atkinson (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Ivana Yeow (Treasurer)
- Alex Guyon (Social Secretary)
- Andrew Browne (Novice Officer)
- Jeremiah Garsha (Novice Officer)
- Omar Sabbagh (Welfare & Publicity Officer)
- Yangci Liu (Tournaments Officer)

Agenda

- Welcome and Apologies
- Captain's Report
- Secretary's Report
 - Stash update
 - New sign-ups
 - Missing AGB cards
- Treasurer's Report
 - Update on accounts
 - Summary of recent grants
- Novice Officer's Report
- Equipment Officer's Report
 - Preparations for Cambridge BUTTS
 - Bowloan offer for beginner's course graduates
- Social Secretary's Report
 - Annual dinner
- Tournament Officer's Report
 - Upcoming competitions and travel arrangements
 - Cambridge BUTTS
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- Website and Publicity Officer's Report
- Other Business

Minutes

Welcome & Apologies

Meeting began at 19:16 at The Castle Inn. This was the first meeting of Lent Term 2018.

Captain's Report

Registration forms have been handed in to the Sports Centre, though the club is still waiting to receive confirmation.

The club has 97 members so far this year, of whom 38% are female and 48% are beginners or novices. We're expecting more sign ups over the course of this term.

While a lot of things are going well for the club, our performance in competitions has been disappointing. Only 2 experienced recurve archers are planning on shooting at Warwick BUTTS. This could affect the club's funding in future, and it isn't good for the team's reputation. It would therefore be good to see more experienced recurve archers getting involved in competitions.

Secretary's Report

Our stash order has arrived, and is now available for collection. Payments for all but one order have been received, though repeated requests for payment from this individual have been ignored.

New sign-ups are being added to the club's database and are being affiliated with Archery GB, though there have been difficulties affiliating those who have held previous accounts with Archery GB.

ACTION: LP: Finish affiliating new members

Archery GB cards were not received for our members who were included in last year's annual returns, though they have arrived for those who were affiliated sometime after the start of Michaelmas term. We expect more cards to arrive shortly.

ACTION: LP: Request new cards from Archery GB

Treasurer's Report

The club received a grant of £1000 from University of Cambridge Sport, and we received an additional £1000 equipment grant out of a requested £1500.

We are no longer planning to close the tournaments account, and will instead keep it in case of emergencies.

We have received approximately £200 profit from our bow loan scheme. £725 has been spent on new novice bows. £300 has been allocated to buy 2 new straw bosses, while £175 has been set aside for damage. EB has additionally requested £300 to spend on new equipment.

Equipment Report

Some former beginners are receiving bows under the bow loan scheme tomorrow.

Damage has been rotated at the range for a few bosses, but not all. Some new damage will need to be bought soon.

The club will need to buy new faces before our BUTTS leg, though to ensure they are not used beforehand they will be bought closer to the time.

ACTION: EB: order new faces

Some former beginners have asked to join the range. JA can't book more range sessions to accommodate them, and several committee members expressed worries of overcrowding at the range. However, a consensus was reached that we would be able to accommodate a few beginners on Wednesdays.

ACTION: EB: Move boss from Churchill, 3rd Feb

ACTION: EB: order straw boss ASAP, as one has been removed from the Sports Centre

JA claims we will need more than £175 of damage, so we'll need to use some more of the equipment budget.

ACTION: EB: order new damage blocks

Novice Officer's Report

7 novices have signed up for the BUCS team, though we only have space for 5 or 6. The current novice team is: Lin, Tanzina, Rayne, Cindy, Anh. JA asks the novice officers to focus on training these archers.

A coaching session with Philip and Mary has been arranged for the following week, in which the novices will be taught about various aspects of archery, including warm-ups, equipment, and proper shooting form.

Tournament Officer's Report

Warwick BUTTS match will occur this Saturday.

The grudge match against Oxford will occur in Oxford on February 11th, and will be a Frostbite round. This may be followed by a formal or a restaurant meal.

ACTION: YL: Email for interest in grudge match

The Cambridge BUTTS leg will occur on February 18th, at the range. We will need to organise a restaurant social for afterwards.

ACTION: AG: Organise BUTTS social

The range does not have wifi, but we will need a steady internet connection in order to use Tamlyn Score. Some people will need to lend their phones to make use of mobile data.

Our BUTTS leg will consist of 3 sessions, with 5 Cambridge archers and 1 other university at each. Nottingham will take the first session, followed by Derby, and finally Oxford. Each session should take approximately 2.5 hours, so the first will start at 9:30, the second at 12:00, and the third at 14:30. Results will be read out at 6:00, likely at the Castle Inn, and the social will begin at 6:30. This will likely be located at the restaurant 'Mee & I', as this has a large space available upstairs for social events.

We will need to find volunteers for judging, score taking, etc. We will need clipboards, new faces, damage replacements etc. JA has been in talks with CSA, and they have agreed to provide us with heating and electricity, and they will also take down the bollard outside to provide more parking.

ACTION: YL: Email for volunteers

Varsity will occur on May 12th, at St. Johns.

10 experienced archers will attend BUCS. Transport will be provided by JA, Adomis, and Kimberley.

Website & Publicity Officer's Report

A 'Meet Your Committee' series will be launched on Facebook soon. OS requested that all committee members submit a profile for this.

The club ladder will be restarting soon. Those who wish to take part should contact OS ASAP.

Photo of the week will also be restarting.

OS will now be putting photos from socials on the club's Facebook page.

Social Secretary's Report

The annual dinner will occur on February 3rd. 26 people have signed up so far, which is fewer than expected. This may be because the event has become more expensive than initially hoped.

The next club formal will be at Emmanuel College next Thursday. 17 have signed up, including a lot of beginners and novices.

Wrap-up

The next committee meeting will occur after the annual dinner, but before our BUTTS leg. A provisional date was decided to be Thursday 8th February, with a 19:30 start.

Committee meeting concluded at 20:07.