

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Monday 29th October, 2018

Attending

- Andrew Browne (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Nancy Chen (Treasurer)
- Robert Spencer (Web)
- Alex Guyon (Social)
- Fraser Waters (Novice)
- Shivam Sheth (Novice)
- Kimberley Callaghan (Tournaments)
- Abigail Pearce (Publicity)
- Jack Atkinson (Equipment)
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Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- Team selection for the BUTTS league.
- Captain's report.
- Secretary's report.
 - New members, payment issues.
 - Stash.
- Treasurer's report.
 - Setting a new budget.
- Equipment report.
 - Equipment seminars.
 - Beginner bows.
- Tournaments report.
 - E-League.
 - Transport for competitions.
- Novice Officer's report.
 - Novice progress.
 - BUTTS selection.
- Web Officer's report.
- Publicity Officer's report.
 - Sponsorship update.
- Social Secretary's report.
 - Annual dinner progress.
 - Upcoming socials.
- Welfare report
- Any remaining business.
 - CAA Records Update
 - CSA AGM report

Minutes

Welcome & Apologies

The committee meeting started at 20:25 at Alex's room. NC attended via Skype.

Team selection for the BUTTS league

Need a team of experienced recurve and a novice team, plus some experienced non-recurve. This year, we are limited by the 16 spaces available rather than car space.

It was suggested that we send 6 recurve, 6 novices, and to use the four remaining spaces for non-recurve or extra novices. Drivers would be guaranteed a place. KC suggested sending a ranked list to the Captain, Secretary and Treasurer so they could make the decision.

Captain's Report

The Women's Blues Status update was unanimously approved, and the Men's Blues Committee has been informed.

AB has been organising joint off-the-line coaching sessions with ARU, with more details to follow.

Secretary's Report

(Note: numbers updated for 13/11/2018)

We have 44 new members so far, of which 29 are male and 15 are female. There has been some confusion regarding the origin of some cash payments, which will need to be followed up.

ACTION, LP: chase up cash payments.

Details for the stash order are being collected, and an order should be placed on time.

Treasurer's Report

We have received £5735 so far in membership and beginner's course fees. We have already spent £1000 on equipment. NC suggested a cap of £2000 on equipment spending for the rest of the year. JA and ZD agreed. We aren't currently spending too much on coaching, so could increase this budget to about £1000. £2000 is reserved for travel.

It was suggested that the travel subsidy system should be updated. Under the current scheme, we charge £10 for the first two competitions per term, £5 for the next, and nothing after that. One potential new scheme, suggested by KC, was that travel fees should be capped at £5 for those who have driven in that term. An alternative, suggest by LP, was that we continue with the current scheme, though each time somebody drives, we consider them to have paid for that trip. For example, if an archer drives for the first two competitions in a term, though doesn't for the remainder, the first two payments of £10 will be waived, their third competition will cost £5, and it will be free from that point onwards. The final decision was deferred to a later date.

Equipment Report

There are some issues with novice equipment, especially pressure buttons, though otherwise it seems to be working adequately.

New strings have been made for the beginner's course to get up to 2 bows per boss. Would like to buy in some new armguards, which may cost £40 for 20. JA stressed that we need to make sure we get equipment back from beginners. JA would also like to buy in some Theraband, which could be sold on to recover costs.

JA will be running further equipment seminars, which may be extended to general archery seminars. Past sessions included about 10 members who learned how to fletch, and 8 learning about general maintenance.

We could use some kind of marker to denote shooting and waiting lines, as this has become confusing. On a similar note, JA requested that we tighten range safety at Elizabeth Way Range, as there have been numerous incidents of field captains calling 'shoot' or 'collect' at incorrect times.

Clickers may be coming to run a session like last year. They should be contacted to organise this.

ACTION, AB: Organise Clickers visit.

Tournaments Report

We recently hosted several target days, all of which went well. People have been using Archr, and some can soon obtain indoor classifications. The club ladder is going well, thought it would be good to get more novices involved.

Novice Officer's Report

The novices are progressing well. They have shot a half-Portsmouth, and will shoot a full one next Tuesday. Some are still getting used to their bows. S&C has been recommended for those who still need to build up a basic level of strength.

The beginners' course is almost full, though there have been some dropouts. 62 out of 63 have paid, and we are still waiting on some forms.

Web Officer's report

RS is currently working on his backlog. The mailing lists have been purged of former members.

Publicity Officer's report

AP attended a social media talk organised by the Sports Center. She asked committee members to keep sending things to put on our social media accounts.

ACTION, LP: send list of GDPR opt-outs

Social Secretary's report

Sidney Sussex cannot host the annual dinner, though there are plenty of options at Christs College on a Friday night next term. It looks like it will cost around £36. We will make our own menus and seating plan. February 8th was suggested as a possible date. We will need to find a fellow willing to host.

A beginners' formal should also be organised. It was recommended that we book at Emmanuel, since we can easily get a lot of tickets.

AG is looking to organise a pub crawl at some point, or maybe a college bar crawl.

AG will also organise a social event for bonfire night.

Welfare report

An error in the welfare policy has been fixed.

The welfare officers introduced themselves at the beginners' course, and will be sending out a follow-up email soon.

Alumni Officer's report

An alumni shoot at the range has been organised for November 18th. It will be first opened to committee members, and then to the rest of the club.

Other Business

In an update to CAA rules, we can claim county records from target days only if CAA are informed of the target day a week in advance.

LP attended the CSA AGM, with no major changes to report.

KC has joined Osprey's, and will be using this to promote women in sport. Some funding is available from them as bursaries.

Wrap-up

The committee meeting ended at 22:15.