

# Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019

## **Attending**

- Andrew Browne (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Nancy Chen (Treasurer)
- Kimberley Callaghan (Tournaments)
- Abi Pearce (Publicity)
- Alex Guyon (Social)
- Shivam Sheth (Novice)

## **Apologies**

- Jack Atkinson (Equipment)
- Fraser Waters (Novice)
- Robert Spencer (Web Officer)

## Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- Captain's report.
  - BUCS payment issue.
  - MBC Outcome.
- Secretary's report.
  - GDPR and Social Media.
- Treasurer's report.
- Equipment report.
- Novice Officer's report.
- Social Secretary's report.
  - Pub crawl.
- Tournaments report.
  - Grudge match.
  - Derby BUTTS.
  - BUTTS Ball.
  - Club ladder.
- Publicity Officer's report.
  - Women in Sport.
- Web Officer's report.
- Welfare report.
- Any remaining business.
  - Arrow awards.

# Minutes

## Welcome & Apologies

The meeting started at 19:12 at the University Sports Centre.

## Captain's Report

At the last meeting, it was mentioned that BUCS are asking the club for a missed payment, although we believe we have already paid. The issue has not yet been resolved.

*ACTION, AB, NC: Contact BUCS RE: Missing Payment.*

The Sports Centre have indicated that they wish to perform a safety audit of our club. They suggested 25th February, which is a Monday. AB is trying to have this rearranged to a Friday.

AB has contacted Clickers to organise a club-trip. They have offered to open the shop for us whenever we want, though we must meet an unspecified minimum number of attendees to justify the cost to Clickers. AB suggested February 18th and 25th as viable dates for the visit, and will soon send out a Doodle poll to decide this.

*ACTION, AB: Doodle poll for Clickers trip.*

AB and JA attended a meeting of the Men's Blues Committee to propose similar changes to our Blues status as those recently passed by the Women's Blues Committee. We expect to be informed of the results soon.

The MBC suggested that a Full-Blue should only be awarded to the top 10% of archers, which would require achieving scores between a Bowman and Master-Bowman classification. It was also suggested that Half-Blues be awarded to the top 4 archers on the day of our Varsity match as determined by classifications. This would likely prove to be controversial, as archers on the recurve team may be denied a Half-Blue by an archer with a lower score with another bow-style. They also may restrict the attainment of Full-Blues to only one of our BUCS competitions.

## Secretary's Report

Since the last meeting, no action has yet been taken to resolve issues with our social media policy and GDPR. This issue should be resolved as soon as possible.

*ACTION, LP: Rewrite privacy policy, accounting for social media issues.*

## Treasurer's Report

Our upcoming Sunday coaching session is still not filled. This will need to be advertised to make the sessions cost effective for the club.

The committee was unsure if we had enough bows left to advertise the bow loan scheme to beginners. NC suggested this could help the club offset the large amount we recently spent on equipment.

*ACTION, LP: Check this with equipment officers.*

NC is also still chasing up missing membership payments, though is making good progress.

## Equipment Report

Some new bosses will be arriving tomorrow morning at Churchill at 8:30. Committee members were urged to assist with moving these to our equipment shed.

ZD is currently in China, and will not be returning for a number of weeks. Committee members should therefore assist with any equipment-related issues in the meantime.

Some new bow-loans have been given out, and some novices have upgraded their equipment.

*ACTION, SS: Email equipment officers list of novice equipment updates.*

One novice has lost a limb bolt pin and riser screw, which will cost around £10 to replace. The committee agreed that the club should cover this as there is no sign of obvious neglect.

JA has planned to purchase a trolley for moving bosses outdoors, an Arojac, and a new metal detector. The costs of these will be approximately £120, £130, and £100 respectively. The committee approved the purchase of a metal detector and trolley, but not the Arojac.

JA suggested that the equipment officers should inspect the novice bows soon to check for damage or issues with tuning.

Equipment sessions will resume in due course once JA and/or ZD are available. These may be run in conjunction with the arrow awards scheme.

## **Novice Officer's Report**

Dohun and Kate have dropped out of the novice squad, though their bows will need to be recovered.

*ACTION, SS, FW: Chase up missing bows.*

Philip and Mary will be running a novice coaching session planned on February 12th.

It was also noted that our novices are not attending training sessions enough, and that they should be encouraged to attend at least their dedicated training sessions, and preferably sessions on Friday or Sunday along with strength and conditioning sessions.

## **Tournaments Report**

The annual Oxford-vs-Cambridge Grudge Match will start tomorrow at 12:00. 11 archers will attend from Cambridge, and 9 from Oxford. Competitors may attend brunch at 11:00am, while a formal has been organised at Peterhouse at 7:00pm. We will be shooting a Frostbite round, followed by a short break, and finally a head-to-head round. Oxford have indicated that they may not be able to attend due to inclement weather. If this occurs, the Frostbite will be held anyway, and the extra formal tickets will be cancelled.

The club has only been offered 12 spots for Derby BUTTS. 6 of these will be assigned to novices, while 6 will be assigned to experienced. This may place restrictions on attendees based on scores. One driver will stay for the social, while two will return earlier.

We have 17 sign-ups for BUTTS Ball, though we are expecting 1 or 2 more. Most of our novices don't want to socialise afterwards, but all of our drivers do. We may need to enforce that attendants go to the ball after shooting, or at least remain in the city for the duration.

## **Social Secretary's Report**

A pub visit will be organised next Wednesday after our shooting session. It was suggested that a pub crawl could be organised after a Tuesday or Wednesday session to make it easier for club members to attend.

## **Publicity Officer's Report**

AP has been investigating ways to improve the gender ratio in our club, and has contacted boxing/powerlifting for advice.

No club members have submitted profiles for our Women in Sport promotions, so SP has been contacting high-profile archers instead.

The club should send out a questionnaire to ask beginners for feedback on the beginners' course. A second should be sent later to ask to see why they haven't come back. This will help to inform the committee of ways to improve the experience offered by the club in future years.

Funding is available for level 1 coaching. There are currently 9 spaces left on an Aim4Sport course in April. As we may require level 1 coaches for the beginners' course next year, we should aim to send experienced archers with a high likelihood of returning for several more years.

## **Other Business**

### **Development Scheme**

LP has stepped down as a development scheme officer. KC and JA will continue in their roles.

So far this term 12 archers have signed up for the development scheme. Attendance at strength and conditioning has greatly improved, with around 10-14 attending per session. Those on the scheme have been set 'homework' on developing shot routines etc, and this appears to have been effective.

A recent development scheme coaching session was well-received by those who took part, though as it was organised last-minute very few were able to make it. This will likely impact the productivity of future sessions, as those who missed that coaching session will have to catch up. The next coaching session will be scheduled for a Sunday at the Sports Centre.

JA suggested that some development scheme activities should be showcased on social media.

*ACTION, JA: Coordinate development scheme posts with AP.*

### **Arrow Awards**

The club will soon be starting a scheme for arrow awards. It is hoped that this will encourage beginners and experienced archers to learn new skills and continue to advance their training. A document detailing the scheme is available on the World Archery website – this should be linked on our website. Ideally, the scheme will start next Friday or the following Sunday. Those who take part will need to fill in checklists, to be signed off by any committee member.

*ACTION, SS: Get arrow award checklists to distribute.*

The badges for this scheme are 3.20 Swiss-Francs each, with additional costs for fast shipping. KC is looking to buy 20 white, 15 black, 10 blue, 5 red, and 5 gold.

### **Unexpected Booking Conflict**

Our usual Friday shooting session was cancelled due to a double-booking by the Sports Centre. The committee was not made aware of this conflict ahead of time, and will be seeking to recover the lost shooting session.

*ACTION, AB: Seek compensation from Sports Centre.*

### **Wrap-up**

The meeting ended at 20:43.