

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Wednesday 8th January, 2020

Attending

- Robert Spencer (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Sam Kitson-Platt (Publicity Officer)
- Zhengao Di (Equipment Officer)
- Andrew Browne (Novice Officer)
- Abigail Pearce (Women's Officer)
- Alexander Kent (Equipment Officer)
- Yuhang Xie (Social Secretary)

Apologies

- Lukas Cincikas (Treasurer)
- Kimberley Callaghan (Development)

Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- Grudge match.
- Beginners course.
- Term meeting times.
- Cambridge BUTTS.
- Michaelmas term fees.
- Captain's report.
 - Meeting with senior treasurer.
 - Stash.
- Secretary's report.
 - New members.
- Tournament Officer's report.
 - BUCS Indoors preparation.
 - Target day schedule.
 - AGB January Challenge.
- Any remaining business.

Minutes

Welcome and apologies.

The meeting started at 19:07. The previous minutes were not ratified due to their late release.

Grudge match.

The Oxford University Company of Archers have been in contact to organise the annual grudge match. They have suggested holding it on Sunday 8th February, which is the day before our own county championships. They proposed that the round should be a frostbite followed by archery tag, which will cost £15 per person. The club will need to make transport arrangements for those attending.

Beginners course.

We will be running a shortened and more intensive beginners course in Lent. Unfortunatley, only 4 are interested in taking part, which is not a large enough number if this is to be sustainable in future years. This will require only one boss, and only two club members to coach.

Term meeting times.

Some committee members are unavailable for the proposed meeting times, so these may have to change. The schedule as it stands is:

- Jan 15th
- Jan 29th
- Feb 12th
- Feb 26th
- Mar 11th (end of term meeting)

Cambridge BUTTS.

RS has investigated multiple options for hosting Cambridge BUTTS, but nowhere in the local area was available for the times we needed. We will therefore be hosting on February 1st in the Elizabeth Way Rifle Range as originally planned. We will hold 3 sessions, so each team will be split across at least two sessions. It should be possible to fit 20 people in each session, though it's likely there will be little space behind the line.

ACTION, LP: Ask for sign-ups two weeks beforehand.

ACTION, LP: Send target list a week beforehand.

In preparation, we will have to ensure the bosses in the range are good enough and that we have sufficient unused targets (including compound tri-spots). When asking for sign-ups, we should check to ensure that archers placed on the right hand side of the hall can shoot without hitting the ceiling.

Michaelmas term fees.

The club must pay outstanding bills for travel and coaching. Though it requires further analysis, it appears that the bill for Enterprise car hire is roughly the same as those in previous years with CCVR.

ACTION, LC: Pay outstanding bills.

In addition, a number of members owe money to the club in coaching and travel fees. This should be requested as soon as possible.

ACTION, LC: Request fees from club members.

Captain's report.

Meeting with senior treasurer.

RS will be meeting with our Senior Treasurer on Thursday 9th January to discuss the changes to our constitution.

Stash.

RS has received the order form from PlayerLayer, and will be sending a completed version as soon as possible. There have been numerous delays even getting to this stage, so RS will liase with the Sports Centre to ensure our order stays on track.

ACTION, RS: Send in order form.

Secretary's report.

New members.

The club currently consists of 42 male-identifying members, 22 female-identifying, and 65 total. Of our members, 37 are experienced, 12 are novices, and 16 are recent graduates of the beginners course. It is expected that many more beginners will join in the weeks ahead, so LP suggested that CRSIDs be taken as people enter our Friday and Sunday sessions to ensure our members are all affiliated.

Tournament Officer's report.

BUCS Indoors preparation.

Those interested in competing at BUCS Indoors have been given advice regarding signing up via the BUCS app. We must ensure all are signed up by January 20th at the very latest. In the email sent, it was not specified whether we should compete in Bristol or Manchester; it was clarified at the meeting that Bristol should be our preferred venue.

ACTION, LP: Send email clarifying Bristol as the preferred venue.

Target day schedule.

The target day schedule for Lent term was decided as follows:

- Portsmouth, Mon 20th Jan
- Worcester, Mon 3rd Feb
- Bray I, Sun 16th Feb
- Bray I, Fri 28th Feb ¹
- Portsmouth, Mon 24th Feb
- WA18, Mon 9th Mar

The Bray I target days will be run concurrently with half-Portsmouth rounds to avoid alienating beginners.

AGB January Challenge.

The Archery GB January Challenge has been declared, which requires a Portsmouth score from the month of January. It is being advertised as a means to keep up competitiveness during the month of January, and it is recommended that as many members take part as possible.

¹This was originally decided to be February 7th, but it was later noted that the club does not have a session on that day

Any remaining business.

Our Clickers sale-or-return order has arrived, and is being stored at the Sports Centre in two small boxes. All seems to be in order, though we have been sent Avalon Classic tabs in place of Decut. It was suggested that we charge our members for this equipment at the end of term by bank transfer. We can return any unsold kit at our Clickers visit roughly two thirds of the way through term.

AP is now fully qualified as a Level 1 Coach. She suggested that we should try to get more people qualified, in case Archery GB follow through on rules insisting that only qualified coaches run beginners courses. RS is watching for any upcoming courses, but so far hasn't seen any that would be viable.

We have received a quote for a tripod, foot locator, tactile sight, and foot locator mat for visually impaired archers. The order would come to £106 plus shipping. The committee suggested that we source a mat and tripod ourselves.

The development scheme will be focused on integrating new beginners into the club, as well as supporting current efforts aimed at experienced archers. Mentoring at Sports Centre Sessions will be crucial, but it should be primarily concerned with giving advice rather than full-time coaching, as we need to encourage independent shooting from our beginners. We will be running equipment seminars as usual, and one boss should be reserved for arrow awards each Friday and Sunday. There will also be a special seminar on avoiding injury, and a yoga session during this term.

The committee discussed buying new arrow award badges, and decided that we should purchase 20-30 white depending on need, a small amount of black badges (around 5), and one or two blue if needed.

RS will be sending two start-of-term emails: one for beginners, and one for experienced members.

ACTION, RS: Start-of-term emails.

Annual dinner will be held on January 18th. It was suggested that we should also host a more casual event for our returning members, such as a pub dinner or trip to the cinema. YX will be looking into more swaps with other societies and sports clubs.

Percent have been having technical issues, and we are not sure if we can backclaim lost money.

There have been a large number of requests to join our members Facebook group, which requires SK to check with LP whether the request is from a legitimate member. SK requested access to the membership spreadsheet, but this was denied.

ACTION, LP: Send list of photography opt-outs to SK.

The new club logo has been finalised. SK will pass this on to YX so it can be used on our annual dinner menus. This logo will also be used for our social media and stash.

The meeting finished at 20:07.