

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Saturday 23rd May, 2020

Attending

- Robert Spencer (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Lukas Cincikas (Treasurer)
- Alexander Kent (Equipment)
- Zhengao Di (Equipment)
- Kimberley Callaghan (Development)
- Abigail Pearce (Women's Officer)
- Yuhang Xie (Social)
- Sam Kitson-Platt (Publicity)

Apologies

- Mohammed Daudali (Webmaster)

Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- Outdoor shooting.
- UKSAA BUCS feedback.
- BUCS EGM decision.
- WBC & Extraordinary Blues.
- Insurance update.
- Preparing for the AGM.
- Any remaining business.

Minutes

Welcome and apologies.

The meeting started at 11:00 over MSTeams. The previous minutes were proposed by SK and seconded by KC.

Outdoor shooting.

Due to a slight relaxation of the UK government's covid-19 lockdown rules, some sports such as archery, golf and tennis were deemed safe to reopen, with some caveats aimed at minimising disease spread. A subcommittee consisting of RS, LP, AP and YX was formed to draw up new rules for shooting, procedures for handling club equipment, and associated risk assessments and safety forms. These procedures were presented to the Sports Centre and Churchill College, though unfortunately the Sports Centre seemed reluctant to give us permission and Churchill refused on the basis that the college is not yet open.

It is likely that we will have a second chance at reopening in a month's time, so the supporting documentation should be passed on to the next committee following the AGM. The suggested new procedures were as follows:

- The club would open only twice per week, and only for three hour sessions. Each of these sessions would be broken into two time slots of 1 hour and 30 minutes, and archers would be expected to arrive, set up, shoot, and leave within this period. Archers would be discouraged from hanging around to socialise.
- Sessions would be booked in advance using a Google form, and spaces would be distributed fairly to club members.
- At each session only 5 bosses would be set up, and only 1 archer (or archer-household) could use a boss at a time. The bosses would be set up at fixed distances, spaced 5m apart, with 1 at 50m, 2 at 40m, and 2 at 30m. Lines would be marked on the field or with cones, and archers should not stray from these lines.
- The range would be set up by the same two volunteers each time to minimise the number of people handling club equipment and coming into close contact. If permission were forthcoming, we would leave bosses on the field to avoid having to handle them each session.
- Archers would provide their own target faces and pins (though these could be loaned from the club), and no equipment sharing would be allowed, including the sharing of tools, and regardless of whether equipment is owned by the club or individuals.
- Hand sanitiser would be provided for each boss, and a station would be available behind the line. This should be at least 70% alcohol.
- Only those who own their own bows or have one loaned from the club would be able to take part.
- No spectators would be allowed, nor would any have-a-go sessions take place.
- Archers should shoot a distance at which they are confident they would not miss the boss, as they would have to look for any missed arrows themselves without help from other club members.
- Should anyone come down with an illness, the club would suspend activity for 14 days after the last session, and notify all who were present.

A more detailed document was circulated to the club. A concern was raised that it would not be easy to get loaned bows to beginners in a safe manner, and this could be especially problematic as 7 beginners had expressed interest in loaning a bow. A further 12 experienced members expressed an interest in shooting under the proposed restrictions.

UKSAA BUCS feedback and EGM decision.

UKSAA have published a collection of feedback and responses regarding BUCS events. This was circulated to the committee.

They are also putting their BUCS Outdoors proposals to a vote, with clubs having only a single vote each. CUB's main objection was that it would necessitate novice ladies shooting at 70m on the second

day, but it was clarified in a circulated FAQ document that they would instead shoot a ‘cadet’ round at 60m.

The committee broadly voted in favour of the new proposals, with only one voting strongly against. Their complaint was that UKSAA hadn’t explained how the second day would be organised in sufficient detail, to which the committee disagreed, and that the whole event would be rendered meaningless.

WBC & Extraordinary Blues.

AP attended a meeting of the Women’s Blues Committee, in which many topics were discussed, including:

- Procedures for athletes who wish to compete in both men’s and women’s events.
- Whether part-time students are eligible for Blues. It was decided that they should be, provided they meet the same sports commitment criteria as full-time students.
- Rules for trans and non-binary athletes who do not wish to compete under their gender assigned at birth. It was decided that it would be allowed provided both Oxford and Cambridge captains agreed six weeks in advance of their Varsity match, and in case of a disagreement, the Joint Blues Committee would adjudicate.

A new honorary Blues award has been devised for those clubs who have not yet held their Varsity matches. They may be awarded to the Varsity team provided there are no performance criteria required in that match. Unfortunately, CUB will not be eligible as we do not decide on a Varsity team before the match. It was stressed that honorary Blues are not equivalent to the full awards. If any athletes depend on Blues awards for college funding, but can’t earn Blues awards this year, they should write to the Joint Blues Committee.

Extraordinary Blues will be awarded as usual this year for athletes who meet exceptional performance criteria but fail to meet the Varsity criteria for some reason. This may be a possibility for some of our athletes, but committee opinion was divided as to whether they would count.

Insurance update.

LP has been contacted regarding an update in our insurance provisions. It is hoped that we can reduce our premiums this year by excluding any equipment stored permanently at the Sports Centre. AK and ZD have provided an equipment inventory for this purpose. LP should also ask to have our contact details changed to include the whole committee.

Preparing for the AGM.

Our constitution requires us to hold our AGM during Easter term or May Week. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would hold our AGM on June 18th using a digital conferencing tool. It should begin sometime around late morning to accommodate members joining from other timezones. AP suggested that we may use an online tool ‘Mentimeter’ for voting. We will need to select a Returning Officer, preferably somebody who won’t be a member next year, and MD was suggested.

Nominations should be sent to the club by June 4th, along with any nominations for purple badges and lifetime membership, and any suggested changes to the constitution. The date and time should be publicised on the same day, and an agenda should be circulated a week in advance of the meeting.

Committee members were urged to review and update role descriptions.

Any remaining business.

RS was asked to follow up on our stash order.

The meeting finished at 12:07.