

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

2020-2021 Committee

Thursday 10th December 2020

Attendees

- Robert Spencer (RS)
- Liam Pattinson (LP)
- Yuhang Xie (YX)
- Vicki Hodgson (VH)
- Alexander Kent (AK)
- Abi Pearce (AP)
- Sam Kitson-Platt (SK)

Summary of action points

- LP to check in with members about bow loan equipment.
- RS to follow up with LC about fees.
- VH to create RA(s) for Varsity.
- YX to explore alternatives for Annual Dinner venue.
- AP to contact coaches to determine Lent term availability for beginners' course.
- RS to ask the Sports Centre about a Saturday shooting session in January.
- LC to process refunds for CSA fees.
- LP & SK to work on the alumni section of the website.
- LP to put out a call for half-Portsmouth December scores, to maintain our blistering lead in the e-league.

Meeting started: 20:04 BST

Previous minutes & action points

- AK proposed, RS seconded.
- Outstanding action points:
 - LP to ask members about bow loan equipment.
 - LC to follow up with fees.

Varsity (RS)

- We have heard back from St Johns; they're being cautious, but they've pencilled in the 16th May (our preferred date) conditional on us providing an appropriate risk assessment and safety documentation. In particular, they want to know numbers (archers and spectators). This will of course depend on AGB guidance, which we expect to change by then.
- Callum (of the Other Place) wants us to consider a back-up date, as he is concerned that two years without a Varsity is highly problematic. There was some debate over whether it would be fair to hold Varsity during a holiday when undergraduates may not be able to attend, however, this may be better than nothing, and undergraduates may be able to travel back for the competition depending on restrictions in May. We would need to check whether St Johns or Churchill would be able to host on any alternative day that we chose.

Annual Dinner (YX)

- Sidney Sussex only have availability on the 15th May, with the additional caveat that this is subject to their Covid review (scheduled for January).
- As it would not be ideal to have the dinner the night before Varsity, the committee agreed it would be worth considering an alternative venue.
- SK also pointed out that Sidney Sussex are currently holding their formals in a marquee outside.
- The 22nd of May would still be our optimal date for the dinner.

Beginners' course

- The plan remains to resume in Lent term, as soon as we can, and run for 4-5 weeks (4 minimum, with a likely 5th required for refreshing knowledge).
- This is complicated by the lack of guidance from the university/sports centre/etc. about the state of play in January. Of particular concern is the possible staggered return, which could have some undergraduates returning as late as mid-Feb, and with the vast majority of taught students unlikely to return before the 25th of January (NB: term would otherwise start on the 19th January.)
- The committee debated whether it would be better to push back the start of the course until as late as possible, or to try to start it as soon as possible.
- AP expressed concern that coaches' availability might be reduced in Lent term; RS requested that AP ask coaches for their availability across the term (which may aid in scheduling too).
- Provisional start date is Sunday 31st January; 5 weeks would then take us to the 7th of March, which leaves one buffer week at the end of term, should we have a Covid case and need to stop shooting for a fortnight.

- We have already requested to extend our Sunday bookings by an hour.

Additional December/January sessions

- For the w/b 14th December, we now have two final confirmed sessions: Monday 4-6pm and Wednesday 5-7pm.
- We had originally asked for Friday and Saturday, but there was only one hour available each day, which wouldn't suit our purposes.
- These two sessions will be run as the sessions w/b 7th were run.
- The remaining question is around January, i.e. whether we can book any additional sessions before term in the new year. As we are unlikely to be able to use the EWR (as the CSA have closed it until further notice), this may mean a long Christmas break from shooting without an additional session.
- Based on calculations from a senior committee meeting, we had funds for 5 additional sessions (4 of which have now happened in December); this would leave us funds for a January session.
- Ideally, this session would be on a Saturday, to suit those who have to work (with Wednesdays, then Mondays, as alternative days, in order of preference).

CSA fees (RS)

- Some good news: CSA have decided to halve their fees for this year (now £14.50 for students, £29 for non-students).
- This is a double-edged sword, as it does mean that LC now has to work through some reimbursements.

AOB

- **BUCS (LP):** We have had some further info about BUCS Indoors; it appears that we are unlikely to see qualifiers or head-to-heads, but a single Portsmouth round instead. On a brighter note, due to being the only university that submitted scores, we are now smashing the half-Portsmouth e-league, and are virtually uncatchable, provided we continue to submit scores. AP plans to create an incredibly dry publicity post about this.
- **Alumni webpage (SK & LP):** SK and LP still to touch base on the alumni section of the club's website. RS keen to put a date on this, e.g. by 2021.

Meeting concluded: 20:31 BST.