

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

2020-2021 Committee

Saturday 27th March 2021

Attendees

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

Apologies: Sam Kitson-Platt

Summary of action points

- YX to investigate outdoor caterers, and send out a survey once we know about undergraduates returning to Cambridge
- AP to get back to the committee on the coaches' session
- RS to contact SC to ask for shortest notice for booking Wilberforce
- RS to tell CCB yes please, and to email the club once we have more practical details
- VH to sort out RTP paperwork for the SC
- VH to add AP/YX to sport80 portal as per AGB requirements
- RS to liaise with Callum at O*ford and set up a meeting for more committee members
- YX to organise a covid-safe outdoor picnic for those who are currently in Cambridge

Meeting started: 09:03 GMT

Annual Dinner

- SS due to regulations won't be able to hold the AD for us until after 21st June, based on current roadmap
- YX suspects other colleges will also have similar responses: no catering of indoor event until after easing of all restrictions
- Several alternative options from YX:
 - Hold the annual dinner after 21st of June, which will be tricky because exams are running until later this year

- Ask other colleges and see if they can manage it earlier, but this is highly unlikely
- Run an outdoor garden party style event, perhaps with an external caterer (allowed after 17th May)
- Run a more casual outdoor party event, such as a barbeque, perhaps even combined with Cuppers in May Week
- The question was raised as to whether members will feel comfortable or safe gathering
- It was noted that outdoor venues are subject to the delightful British weather
- RS and AP suggested that YX send out an email survey, perhaps after undergraduates know whether they're coming back, to see which option members would prefer

Return to Play

- RS reported that Churchill College are unwilling to have CUB onsite until after June, except to collect items from sheds if needed
- CCB appear to have Downing College
nalised as a venue, however, and are happy for us to join them for a monthly fee; they're offering us 4 bosses per session, for £50 per month
- CCB have asked for help in moving kit to Downing: LP, VH and YX volunteered almost before RS had
nished speaking
- CCB sessions will run on Tuesdays and Fridays (4pm-dusk) and Sundays (2pm-dusk)
- RS noted that this arrangement restricts our ability to do novice or beginner sessions
- LP and VH suggest we could do a once-a-week Wilberfortress session, should undergraduates be returning; this would cost around £500, which LC feels is reasonable given our savings this year
- RS pointed out that we could turn the
eld sideways to
t additional bosses as well, which VH mentioned could allow us to coach some novices as well
- LP asked about S&C, as the TTR should be open from the 12th April, but the committee decided this decision should be left until after we know whether undergraduates will be returning this term

Competitions/Varsity

- RS noted that we'll be unlikely to hold Varsity at St Johns, but there's a possibility we could hold it at Downing College
- CCB have already expressed some interest in a town vs gown competition
- The date of Varsity will have to move, as competitions aren't allowed until the 17th May; Oxford have proposed a postal Varsity as a last resort
- It's been proposed and largely agreed that all novices shoot the shorter round
- Oxford may pre-select a team, which would require us to do the same in the interest of fairness
- AP pointed out that the Varsity season runs til October, but RS argued that it's best to hold the competition in termtime to not disadvantage people who don't live in Cambridge
- For other competitions, our largest issue is now transport, as it appears that practice is now available to us
- Individual archers may wish to attend BUCS or county competitions; the committee agreed that CUB would cover the entry fee, but would not be able to provide transport
- BUTC remains nebulous and bewildering

Socials

- YX reported no explicit plans as of yet, but the committee was generally keen to start up some small in-person socials; the 10th of April was floated as a provisional date for a picnic
- Online socials have become less well attended, as lockdown continues to sap all sanity
- YX asked for suggestions for fun items or games that could be played during socials, e.g. croquet

Meeting concluded: 09:59 GMT.