

# Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

2020-2021 Committee

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021*

## Attendees

- Robert Spencer (RS)
- Lukas Činčikas (LC)
- Liam Pattinson (LP)
- Yuhang Xie (YX)
- Vicki Hodgson (VH)
- Abi Pearce (AP)

**Apologies:** Sam Kitson-Platt, Alexander Kent

## Summary of action points

- RS to send out an email to members about Easter term shooting/Varsity/BUCS
- LP to liaise with CCB on a WA900 target day (currently planned for Sunday 16th)
- Ongoing Varsity arrangements
- Resource/Grant applications to be checked and submitted by senior committee
- AP/RS to liaise with CCB about a small number of beginners being coached during sessions
- AP to email beginners/novices to find out who is in Cambridge/interested in continuing archery
- YX to email members to survey them about socials/Annual Dinner
- LC to check on the status of equipment hire fees/deposits
- LP to email bow loan holders to begin the process of bow recovery

*Meeting started: 19:06 GMT*

## Previous Minutes

YX proposed, RS seconded.

## Varsity

- A date and venue have been secured for Varsity 2021, to take place on Sunday 6th June at the Downing College Sports Grounds

- CUB will use half the field for the entire day; CCB will shoot simultaneously on the rest of the field for some of the day
- OUCoA are planning to send 8 people - 4 experienced and 4 inexperienced (i.e. novices from the 2019-20 or 2020-21 academic years) - provided the university allows this
- The inexperienced team will shoot a shorter/junior round, designed to expose some archers to competitions
- The Cambridge team(s) will be decided on the basis of who expresses interest; RS will be sending out an email shortly
- RS unable to attend Varsity on the day as it currently stands; AP, YX, LP and VH all offered to help with the organisation
- Judges will be required as OUCoA plan to use the competition to satisfy blues criteria; RS reminded that gifts should be arranged for judges in thanks
- There's unlikely to be a formal social/social with the OUCoA members afterwards, but something casual for the Cambridge archers could be organised
- Outstanding arrangements:
  - Access to the CCB equipment on the day
  - Transport of CUB equipment to the site on the day

## BUCS

- Restrictions on transport to BUCS mean that the club will not be able to provide transport this year
- However, the club does want to support individual members who wish to attend, as far as possible
- It was agreed that the club would subsidise £40 per person (to cover £25 entry fee and partial transport/accommodation)
- LP would like to run a WA900 target day so members can get qualifying scores
- The committee will ask CCB for Sunday 16th as a target day (LP to organise) - ideally allowing us to set up at 11am - initial discussions with CCB's secretary had begun prior to the present meeting
- RS will also advertise these arrangements for BUCS in his email

## Senior Committee Report

- RS reported that the 2021-22 Resource and Grant applications are in progress
- All applications are very similar to the 2020-21 applications in terms of content
- One notable exception: facility hire will be a little more expensive going forward due to the removal of the Sports Centre's on/off peak pricing structure, and we are applying for the additional cost in our grant as per instruction

## AGM/New committee

- RS encouraged everyone to start putting out feelers to club members about incoming committee
- AGM should be run virtually again this year

## Beginners' Course

- The majority of undergraduate students now seem to be back or making plans to return, which means we can restart the beginners' course in some capacity
- One option is to run a weekly session at the Wilberfortress, but this is quite an expensive option
- AP reported on coaches: we are thin on the ground, based on current shooting session attendance
- An alternative option, which allows for fewer coaches and no additional cost, is to invite pairs of beginners to some of the CCB sessions, supervised by a single coach
- This should be discussed with CCB - AP/RS to do

## Socials

- YX plans to send out a form to find out who's in Cambridge and get opinions on Annual Dinner
- The biggest social question looming is still Annual Dinner
- If attendance is likely to be high, we'll need to wait til May Week
- The question of formal dinner versus garden party vibez also needs answering

## Equipment

- LP expressed concerns that bow reclaim is likely to be difficult and some bows may even be lost, due to members having unexpectedly left Cambridge during the pandemic
- LC to liaise with LP/Alexander about who has paid equipment hire fees/deposits
- Attempts should be made wherever possible to extract money owed, particularly if the bow is not retrievable
- After RS/AP/YX emails have happened: LP will email all bow loan holders and ask them for their status
- LP asked for help in collecting bows, and YX/VH/AP offered

## Sports Centre Grant: Mo' Money Mo' Problems

- LC brought it to the committee's attention that £1k of our grant has been held back by the Sports Centre, to be delivered based on how much activity the club puts on in Easter term
- Our financial situation remains healthy regardless

## Novices

- AP asked the committee's opinion on what should be done to help our novice squad get back to archery
- Some novices are in Cambridge, and have been shooting regularly; others have signed up for sessions but not attended; others we know are not in Cambridge
- So far, novices at sessions have had informal coaching on a session by session basis, which appears to be working well for the particular individuals
- Overall the consensus was to leave the situation as-is for now, but revisit if the number of novices wishing to shoot increases dramatically

*Meeting concluded: 20:03 GMT.*