

Cambridge University Bowmen
Annual General Meeting Minutes

19th June 2015

Captain's Report

- The club successfully ran one of its biggest beginners courses to date.
- The club acquitted itself well in the indoor BUTTS league with a 5th place finish for senior and novice teams.
- The club performed well at BUCS events with an individual novice medal at BUCS Indoors (Alex Chen, novice male recurve, 3rd place) and both individual and team medals at BUCS Outdoors (Maryia Karpiyevich, senior ladies recurve, 1st place; Maryia Karpiyevich, Lydia Sinnet-Smith and Karen Habermann, senior ladies team, 2nd place). This is the first team medal at BUCS Outdoors for the club since 2007.
- Unfortunately the club lost the Varsity match to a strong Oxford team but we feel the club is in a good position to challenge for victory in future years.

Treasurer's Report

- The start of academic year balances of the club's accounts were: Tournaments account - £722.44, Bow Loan account - £294.92 and Treasurer's account - £1,300.54. The balances of the Tournaments account and Bow Loan account have remained unchanged while the Treasurer's account current balance is £2,421.99.
- A ~£500-600 profit is predicted by the start of the next academic year (This offsets a ~£500 loss which was reported in the 2014 AGM minutes, mainly as a result of the new shed).
- This will result in the club having in the region of ~£3,000 total monies at the start of the next academic year.

Secretary's Report

- The club had 35 experienced members and 68 non-experienced members giving a total membership of 103.
- This year the club registered 35 experienced archers with Archery GB before the start of the academic year.
- The club brought a proposal to Cambridgeshire Archery Association (CAA) to change the fee structure from £2 per member to an *en-bloc* fee for university clubs, which would bring it in-line with the national body and most other county bodies with large student archery clubs. After three annual meetings this proposal has still not been brought to a vote. Archery GB has stated they would be happy with the club affiliating with a neighboring county archery association (some of which offer *en-bloc* fees) if all parties agreed.

Discussion of Changing the Club's Account System

- It was felt that the three club's accounts should be merged into one account.
- The Bow Loan account was previously paid into with money from loaning novices equipment and the money used to purchase new equipment to loan. Due to the increasing cost of archery equipment and the resulting cash flow problems with this scheme, this will no longer be the case. All relevant transactions which would previously have occurred in this account will continue to be recorded for the future account should it wish to be analysed.
- The Tournaments account contains profit belonging to the club after hosting BUCS Outdoors many years ago. This money will be used under the discretion of the new committee to advance the club.

Discussion of BUCS Outdoors Format Changes

- UKSAA are currently carrying out a consultation on changes of the BUCS Outdoors format. The number of student clubs and archers mean the current format is not sustainable for the future.
- The three offered options are raising qualifying scores, splitting shooting categories of the WA1440 over two days (removing the current H2H day) or offering spaces to clubs based on their previous performance. Individuals in student archery have also proposed removing the WA1440 and replacing it with a H2H format for all BUCS awards.
- The third option was widely condemned at the meeting, all other options were discussed with some support though no overall consensus was reached. The new committee should form a collective opinion to push for the resulting club's preferred option.

Discussion and Vote on Changing the Wording in the Constitution Regarding the Setting of the AGM to Make it Clearer

- It was proposed that the wording should be changed to explicitly state that May Week is counted as part of the 'academic year' with reference to Point 9 of the club constitution. [*'9. An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the academic year...'*]
- It was proposed that Point 14 which sets the size of a quorum should be changed to better reflect the active size of the club. The proposed new quorum size is *'1/3 or 10 of the subscribing members of the Club, whichever is the smaller'*.
- These changes were collectively voted on at the meeting and were unanimously supported (16 present and 6 proxy votes).
- Possible further consultation and implementation of the meeting's recommended changes remain undetermined.

Election of New Committee

16 club members were present. Richard Whiter and Jack Atkinson held two proxy votes each, Sophie Mathias and Isobel Hitchin held one proxy vote each.

The following people were elected to the corresponding committee roles:

- Captain - Rob Littlechild (supported by 15 present + 6 proxy votes)
- Treasurer - Sophie Mathias (supported by 13 present + 5 proxy votes, 1 abstained)

- Secretary - Aiden Ang Ding Jun (supported by 14 present + 6 proxy votes, 2 abstained)
- Equipment Officers - Eleanor Brug and Alex Chen (supported by 13 present + 6 proxy votes, 1 abstained)
- Tournaments Officer - Karen Habermann (supported by 13 present + 5 proxy votes, 3 abstained)
- Web Officer - Jack Atkinson (supported by 14 present + 4 proxy votes, 1 abstained)
- Womens Officer - Lydia Sinnet-Smith (supported by 14 present + 5 proxy votes, 2 abstained)
- Social Secretarys - Isobel Hitchen and Vamsee Bheemireddy (supported by 13 present + 4 proxy votes, 2 abstained)
- Novice Officer - Nancy Chen (supported by 14 present + 6 proxy votes, 1 abstained)
- Alumni Officer - Heather Reynolds (supported by 15 present + 5 proxy votes, 1 abstained)

Any Other Business

- Richard Whiter, Tak Ho, Maryia Karpiyevich and Heather Reynolds were all given honorary lifetime membership of the club in recognition of their contributions towards its success.