

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Wednesday 26th February, 2020

Attending

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

Apologies

- Zhengao Di (Equipment Officer)
- Sam Kitson-Platt (Publicity Officer)
- Mohammed Daudali (Webmaster)
- Andrew Browne (Novice Officer)

Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- Arrows for novices.
 - Alumni funding.
- Captain's report.
 - CADMuS.
 - Clickers trip.
- Secretary's report.
 - Safety risks at Sports Centre.
- Development Report.
 - Upcoming seminar.
 - Arrow awards.
- Tournaments report.
 - BUCS Indoor report.
 - Upcoming target days.
 - Archr email.

Minutes

Welcome and apologies.

The committee meeting started at 19:00. The previous minutes were proposed by YX, and seconded by AK.

Arrows for novices.

RS and AB have determined an ordering for which novices should obtain new arrows first. We will purchase as many arrows as possible for those on the list, though we will ignore those who buy their own equipment at the Clickers trip. They have also determined which arrow lengths are suitable for each novice, and hope to have an order placed by Monday of next week. Within current budget constraints, we should be able to purchase 6 sets of 8.

ACTION, AK, ZD: Place order for novice arrows.

Alumni funding.

RS discussed equipment funding with both the chair of AGB and staff at the sports centre, and both have suggested asking our alumni for donations. There are likely many former club members for whom a donation of a few hundred pounds wouldn't be unreasonable.

ACTION, SK: Send out funding request for alumni

Captain's report.

CADMuS.

The planned CADMuS taster session will take place on Saturday 7th March. RS has put out a call for helpers on the day, but there have been few responses.

ACTION, RS: Send a second call for CADMuS helpers

Clickers trip.

We have arranged to visit Clickers this Saturday. Most will be going by train, but AP has also offered a space in her car. There has been limited interest from our novices, with only one wanting to buy their own equipment. Meanwhile, 2 beginners will be attending. The trip will also provide an opportunity for us to return unsold items from our sale-or-return scheme.

Secretary's report.

Safety risks at Sports Centre.

There was an incident last Friday in which the door to the strength and conditioning room opened during training. This represents a significant safety risk as the door is situated between the targets and our usual shooting line.

ACTION, LP: Email Sports Centre Safety Officer to discuss the issue

Following a previous complaint about members of other sports clubs jumping the dividing fence in the middle of the Sports Hall, we have been provided with signs forbidding access. These have been well received by the club.

Development Report.

Upcoming seminar.

A seminar on archery-related injury prevention and care will take place this Friday, delivered by Paula from Peacock Archery. It was agreed that she can shoot with us that night for a target fee of £3. KC requested a specific call to the novices to encourage their attendance.

The yoga seminar will likely be postponed until next term. It was suggested that we could run it at Churchill during the outdoor season, and even that it could be run outdoors by our usual field.

Arrow awards.

We will be setting up bosses for the purpose of attaining arrow awards this Friday. KC asked the committee to join in.

Tournaments report.

BUCS Indoor report.

It looks likely that 5 of our archers will progress to the next round of BUCS Indoors, which is a significant achievement. Several archers who attended BUCS Indoors Southern Qualifier noted the poor training of novices from other clubs, with many seeming unsure how to behave at an archery competition or not knowing how to score. Those training our novices were commended for their work this year. Unfortunately, the novice scores were not as high as in previous years, and Cambridge placed 7th out of 20 eligible clubs.

Upcoming target days.

A planned Portsmouth on Monday 24th February was forgotten, but due to significant upcoming competitions it was decided not to reschedule, for concern that it may interrupt training. A Bray I planned for this Friday will be pushed back a week to make room for arrow awards and give our archers a chance to sign-up.

ACTION, LP: Advertise upcoming target days, inform CAA records of the changes.

Archr email.

The long awaited Archr email has yet to manifest.

ACTION, LP: Send the Archr email.

Any other business.

It was suggested that we could run an end-of-term shoot to finish off the indoor season, though it could be difficult to manage as it's the day before BUCS Indoor Finals.

YX has investigated paintballing near Cambridge, and it appears that with the student discount it will barely be any cheaper than most other companies. The cheapest local option is near Royston, a 20 minute train from Cambridge. It will cost £35 to take part all day or £25 to take part in half of the day. This price includes paintballs, but reviews noted it may not include enough for some. YX will send out an email to gauge interest.

YX would also like to run an archery pub quiz. It was suggest to do it at Churchill College bar after our first outdoor session of Easter term. This would give us the Easter break to prepare.

SK needs a write-up from BUCS Indoors. In particular, the number of attendees is needed for our funding requests to corporate sponsors. KC was nominated to write this.

LP suggested it may be wise to begin preparations to run a field archery taster at Avalon sooner rather than later. In previous years it has proven difficult to organise, but it was very well received by the club. A weekend near the start of Easter term would be ideal.

The meeting finished at 19:30.