

# Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Liam Pattinson

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

## Attending

- Robert Spencer (Captain)
- Liam Pattinson (Secretary)
- Lukas Cincikas (Treasurer)
- Kimberley Callaghan (Development)
- Abigail Pearce (Women's Officer)
- Mohammed Daudali (Webmaster)
- Sam Kitson-Platt (Publicity)
- Alexander Kent (Equipment)

## Apologies

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## Agenda

- Welcome and apologies.
- BUCS Proposal.
- Event Changes.
  - Avalon postponement.
  - Varsity cancellation.
  - BUCS cancellation.
- Grant application & resource allocation.
- Percent app deposit.
- UKSAA communications.
- Social media content during lockdown.
- Outstanding fees.
- Advice for training at home.
- Any remaining business.

# Minutes

## Welcome and apologies.

The meeting started at 10:15. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting was held remotely via Google Hangouts.

## BUCS Proposal.

The BUCS committee have suggested to change the format of BUCS Outdoors. As there is a tendency for people to attend the first day but not the second, it was suggested that each of the WA1440, WA70m, and head-to-heads should contribute points towards the final results. The committee was concerned that this could reduce overall attendance, as those who would normally skip the second day may decide not to attend at all. There were also worries that making it necessary for novice ladies to shoot at 70m might stop them attending (under the current rules, they only need to do this if they wish to attend both days, so many universities don't push their novices to learn 70m prior to BUCS). Overall, the committee agreed with the proposal, but their concerns will be sent to BUCS.

## Event Changes.

The field archery taster day with Avalon has been postponed indefinitely. They have offered to get back to us once business returns to normal.

In addition, our upcoming Varsity match has been cancelled, as neither club can practice and the shoot would be uninsured. It isn't yet clear whether Cambridge will host next year to make up for the lost match. It was suggested that we could host a friendly later in the year, but it would be difficult for most of our students to practice beforehand if it is set outside of term time.

Finally, BUCS Outdoor has been cancelled, and a number of county competitions have been put on hold and are expected to cancel shortly.

## Grant application & resource allocation.

Our grant application with the Sports Centre is due in 2 weeks, and our resource allocations are due next week. RS, LP and LC met with the Sports Centre to discuss this, and it was suggested that we should apply with the expectation that everything will proceed as normal.

RS asked if Sports Centre staff could help us set up and take down the hall, and while they made a concession that they should be moving the safety nets for us, they otherwise refused. They were asked if we could move from the sports hall to the studios, but found that the rooms are too small for this to be feasible.

RS also asked if there was availability for more hall bookings. The evenings are completely booked up throughout the week, so it is unlikely that we could move our Friday session or take up another evening session. However, it would be possible to book morning sessions on any day besides Tuesdays. After some discussion, the committee decided that we should try to move our S&C sessions to either Monday or Tuesday and book a session on Thursday mornings, or failing that, book a morning session on Wednesdays. The booking should be between 07:00 and 09:00, though the Sports Centre is flexible if we want to finish our booking early.

## Percent app deposit.

Our earnings from the Percent app were due to be paid on April 2nd. SK expects that we should earn £45-50 for the year. The committee was asked whether the scheme was worth running in future years, and it was decided to keep it in place. However, it should not be advertised very strongly, as it was a lot of effort for very little gain.

## UKSAA communications.

UKSAA have recently published several major announcements, including an Ianseo training session and feedback from previous events. However, this was missed by most committee members. They should be asked to communicate such updates by email, as some important details are being missed.

*ACTION, LP: Contact UKSAA about communication strategy*

### **Social media content during lockdown.**

The committee made some suggestions for social media activities during the ongoing lockdown. It was suggested that we could run an archery themed bake-off, or games nights. An archery themed pub quiz has been in development for some time now. For our Facebook outreach, we could showcase some of our members who are practicing from home. There is some activity on the club's Discord server, but it would improve if other committee members could use it more frequently.

### **Outstanding fees.**

We have yet to bill our members for coaching, travel, or badges. LP expects that some won't pay us back, and that it may prove difficult to chase up these fees. It was also noted that we need to refund bowloan deposits. If our members can't be contacted to get their bank details, we could mail cheques to colleges.

*ACTION, LP/LC/RS: Determine outstanding fees and email members.*

### **Advice for training at home.**

LP suggested that we should keep up posting advice for training at home over email and social media channels. It was suggested that we could run S&C or yoga sessions over a video chat service.

### **Any remaining business.**

The Gilbert & Sullivan society are currently storing things at the Elizabeth Way Range and paying us to rent the space. This is a holdover from previous years, and We are unsure if CSA are aware of this. As there may be associated legal issues, it was suggested that we should cancel this service.

We anticipate that the AGM will be held remotely, and we'll have to stress test some video sharing services. Votes may be held using the CUSU voting system.

*ACTION, MD: Look into voting options.*

There has been an uptick in requests for our beginners course. Committee members should tell those asking for info to get back to us closer to Michaelmas term.

The alumni funding drive was fairly successful, and it raised about 10% of the costs of arrows last term.

The meeting finished at 11:20.