Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting Return to Play

2020-2021 Committee, Meeting 3 Minuted by Vicki Hodgson

Tuesday 4th August 2020

Attendees

- Robert Spencer (RS)
- Lukas Činčikas (LC)
- Liam Pattinson (LP)
- Alexander Kent (AK)

- Abi Pearce (AP)
- Vicki Hodgson (VH)
- Sam Kitson-Platt (SK)
- Yuhang Xie (YX)

Summary of action points

- RS to contact Sports Centre about booking an additional 2 hour slot on the 18th August, for filming promo video
- RS to contact Churchill College and CSA about access for equipment collection
- LP and AK to review all equipment for use in the outdoor season (bosses, target faces and pins, bow loan)
- LP and AK to acquire hand sanitiser, cones, and adequate supply of target faces and pins
- RS to book a van for transporting equipment from Churchill to Wilberforce
- VH to edit the safety form to include a question about whether members are at risk/vulnerable
- RS to update the booking form with times/dates of slots
- RS to confirm with SC about use of shed at Wilberforce Rd site

Date of proposed return to play: 18th of August 2020

Meeting started 20:02

Report from senior committee

• RS received an email on Tuesday 28th July offering CUB the use of Wilberforce Road playing fields

- The same day, RS and VH met with Simon Cornish on site to evaluate it for use as an outdoor range
- Since then, the site has been registered as a range with AGB
- RS also submitted: Covid-19 RA, Wilberforce Rd site RA, Overview of Covid procedures, proposed safety form, certification of range registration, guidance for field party, and CUB's general RA for sign off
- Due to cost of the venue (£27 per hour offpeak, £36 per hour peak), the proposal is that every Tuesday 2-5pm and every other Saturday 3-6pm be booked, from late August to first week of October i.e. beginning of indoor season
- This will cost a total of £810, but for the sake of LC's blood pressure, the proposal is to charge a £10 one-off range fee for all members shooting at the Wilberforce Rd range, with this fee waived for those who pay for boan loan; this should reduce the cost to around £600 for the club, which is within what we can afford
- RS is still waiting to hear back from the groundsman of the site about the use of outdoor sheds for storing our equipment
- Committee agreed unanimously that the club should return to play given that a site has now been identified

Range layout (see figure)

- Wilberforce Rd site can accommodate adequate overshoot for up to 50m shooting distances, and complies with AGB rules of shooting
- No archers using release aids will be able to shoot at this site due to lack of appropriate overshoot
- Proposed range layout includes 6 bosses, which can accommodate 12 archers shooting double detail (including field party) at each 3 hr session
- Set up and take down to be done by designated committee members, known as the field party
- Set up and take down expected to take around 1 hour, leaving the remainder of the 3 hour session for shooting
- Bosses to be placed at distances of 30m, 40m and 50m
- SK queried whether it would be better to measure in imperial for the sake of specific rounds
- Particular concerns about the site: holes left in the ground due to use of the field by javelin/shot/discus, members of the public hopping the fence in the far corner, and damage from arrows to the surrounding track, which is expensive to replace
- Archers may be asked to retire if they regularly miss, and return at a shorter distance for subsequent sessions

• 30m boss placed on the far right side of the range, in order to reduce the likelihood of arrows hitting the low shed beyond



Equipment

- Request to be made that we can retrieve our equipment from Churchill College, as this is the only site with enough bosses
- Plan for moving equipment:
 - Equipment officers to have reviewed/checked all items beforehand
 - Van to be hired
 - Field party and/or committee members wearing appropriate PPE to help with this process

- If possible, equipment should be moved to the site several days in advance so that it can enjoy a mini-quarantine before first use
- Equipment officers to acquire:
 - Hand sanitiser
 - Sufficient target faces and pins
 - Cones for marking out lanes (AP recommends cones with low profile to avoid being blown away)
- Two faces needed per boss, will need to be 60cm in order to fit; equipment officers to assess whether the club has adequate stock
- Equipment officers to assess bow loan equipment, and prepare it for issue; including equipment at EWR (CSA must be contacted to request permission)
- Committee agreed that novice equipment should be loaned out, unless more than 12 club members request bow loan, in which case beginner equipment should be used instead, in the sake of fairness

Advertising and booking

- RS has created a booking form, which he will update with the timeslots and send out to club members once confirmation has come through from the SC of the booking
- Archers are asked to nominate which session(s) and distance they wish to shoot, and whether they are able to be flexible with this
- In the event of oversubscription for sessions, preference will be given to those who haven't already shot outdoors; when allocating slots, RS will ensure that members are able to attend a similar number of sessions (with the exception of the field party)
- LP asked about the possibility of creating a website-based booking system, which RS requested waits until after website updates/equipment checks are complete
- AP raised the question of how the club will film its promotional video, as proposed return to play date is after the video deadline
- RS agreed that we should attempt to book an additional session, proposed the 18th of August for 2 hours in order to get adequate footage

Meeting concluded 20:41