

# Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

2020-2021 Committee

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020*

## Attendees

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

Apologies received from Sam Kitson-Platt (SK).

## Summary of action points

- RS and others to organise reversals.
- YX to organise weekly socials.
- LP to follow up with members about loan items.
- LC to follow up on bow loan and membership fees.
- RS to collect signatures for, and send, letter to MP regarding archery in lockdown.

*Meeting started: 20:01 BST*

## Senior Committee report (RS)

- Saturday evening (Oct 31st), senior committee made the decision following the UK govt announcement that there is no way archery can realistically continue indoors this term.
- At best, AGB might allow 4m/3.3m distancing between bosses, which given our space, makes this not financially viable.
- Shooting suspended from Thursday 5th Nov onwards. Wednesday sessions are cancelled for experienced members as this was deemed the fairest option.
- Anticipating issues with use of EWR, the novice Tuesday session will be moved to the Wednesday morning slot, to give novices one last shooting session before lockdown.

- Since Saturday: AGB has come out with a statement that says a statement is forthcoming, but they are fighting hard to ensure that outdoor archery can continue.
- Sports Service have also given a statement, but theirs gives the impression that they're going to try to keep going under the university banner, if possible.
- CSA have indeed said they are closing from Thursday 12am; we have requested access for equipment officers, for maintenance, but received an unfavourable reply; in compromise, we are allowed access until Thursday in our usual slots, if needed.
- Beginners' course will be carried over into Lent term, to resume ASAP.
- Reversals/skills and drills will be run remotely over video or Discord, as in summer. RS expressed willingness to run these, with help from other committee members as much as possible.
- YX plans to to run weekly socials during what would normally be the Friday sports hall session, beginning this week with more Among Us.

## Bow loans (LP & AK)

- Some members are now in the position of having just been issued loans that have barely seen any use; LP suggested that, as it seems unfair to charge £20 for this, that Michaelmas and Lent term loans be covered by a single £20 fee. The committee was in favour.
- Some loans still have outstanding forms and payments; LP is to get in touch with some members and check what equipment they have (including novices).
- RS requested that LC follow up with bow loan/membership fees.

## Reversals (RS)

- The question was raised of when they should begin. In order to give the responsible committee members a break from a stressful month of archery, the committee agreed that it would be appropriate to start next week (w/b 9th November).

## AOB

- **Revs deal (YX):** Wonderful timing: our cards have arrived. The deadline for activation has been waived.
- **Annual dinner (YX):** ST is onside with our plans. We are currently looking for a date in the week after Varsity, in late May, either 15th or 22nd (whichever weekend avoids Varsity). The committee expressed a strong desire to also avoid Ramadan, and to try to make the timing favourable for those with exams. YX will make a formal booking in January once the booking policy has been reviewed by SS College.

- **Sports Hall bookings (VH):** VH raised a question about our sports hall bookings. RS reported that the sports centre will be refunding us for the remainder of term, and will ask to extend Sunday sessions in Lent to allow for the beginners' course to continue.
- **MP letter from AGB (RS):** AGB have requested that clubs send a template letter to their local MP to petition for archery to be allowed to continue (particularly outdoor archery). Though not directly relevant for us right now, it could become relevant in the event of another wave during our 2021 outdoor season; therefore, the committee agreed that RS should collect signatures from club members and send the letter to our local MP.
- **EGM on name change (VH):** VH asked whether there were still plans to push on with this. There are ongoing plans, but the timescale of this has now changed due to lockdown.

*Meeting concluded: 20:32 BST.*