

Cambridge University Bowmen Committee Meeting

2020-2021 Committee

Thursday 17th June 2021

Attendees

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

Apologies: Sam Kitson-Platt, Alexander Kent

Meeting commenced 17:01 BST.

Purple Badge Proposals

- This year, due to an unusually high number of purple badge nominations received, the committee elected to discuss these ahead of the AGM as per the constitution
- The committee decided to cap the number of proposals this year to three (note that the AGM will vote subsequently on whether to cap the number of badges awarded each year to two), over concerns both of financial viability, and maintaining that the purple badge be awarded under exceptional circumstances only
- The committee made the following decisions about proposing purple badge nominations at the AGM (note that individuals recused themselves from discussing/voting on proposals concerning themselves)
- Liam Pattinson - committee voted to propose a purple badge
 - Proposers: Abi Pearce, Vicki Hodgson, Kimberley Callaghan, Robert Spencer.
Liam has put countless hours into the club, going above and beyond the call of the many committee roles he has held over the years. At times, he shouldered the entire administrative burden of running the club, and we owe him its continued existence. His knowledge has been invaluable, his reliability unmatched, and his quiet, unwavering enthusiasm for archery is infectious. This enthusiasm has translated into inspiring newer archers into sticking with the sport and even trying their hand at barebow. Liam has also been an exceptional representative of the club, the university and the recurve barebow style at competitions, winning more medals than I suspect even he can count; his

achievements include medalling at BUCS outdoors, and attaining a half blue by representing the club at Varsity. All of this has made him a central pillar of the club and it is hard to imagine CUB without him. He deserves to be formally recognised for his contribution and commitment, and with a Purple Badge in hand, will hopefully be persuaded to visit us often in future!

- Proposer: Andrew Browne. *Liam joined the club even before I did, and has shown huge dedication far above and beyond what most members do in the same time frame. He served as secretary from 2017 to 2020, and the efforts he put into organising the club, ensuring all paperwork and deadlines were met, invariable contributed not just to the ease of running of the club, but the positive relationship further built with the sports service during this time. Following his time as secretary, and despite needing to diversify his skillset greatly, which many would not have done, Liam stepped up to fill additional committee positions, serving as tournaments and records officer from 2019 to 2021, equipment officer from 2020-21, probably putting the single largest contribution by a club member in these years to making sure the club ran as best as it could. Outside of committee positions, Liam frequently helped the beginners' course and offered advice to beginners and novices in Sports Hall sessions, contributing to a supportive and friendly environment in the club. I can't think of anyone whose contributions could better be called exceptional and deserving of a purple badge this year than Liam, and hop he will receive it!*
- Robert Spencer - committee voted to propose a purple badge
 - Proposers: Abi Pearce, Vicki Hodgson, Kimberley Callaghan. *Robert has led the club through one of the most unexpected and difficult periods of its entire existence. During a global crisis, the club has been able to coach beginners and novices, host a Varsity competition, and increase its experienced membership, all under his guidance and due to the many hours of additional work he put in - the club has more than survived the last 18 months thanks to him. This goes above and beyond what could have been expected of a sports club captain under the circumstances. Much of this has been done whilst overseas, emphasising his commitment to us all. But it is not just under these exceptional circumstances that his leadership should be recognised. Robert has put his entire being into improving the structure of the club, improving coaching at the beginner level and also helping to establish development programs for experienced archers, such as providing opportunities for a senior squad, all of which will carry forward to future years. He has dedicated far more time to coaching than required, taking on a mentoring role that for recent newcomers to the sport, was formative in their early experiences of archery. On top of all of this, Robert has remained one of the club's most competitive archers, representing the club at regional and national level many times, and firmly keeping the flame of competitive Olympic recurve alive in the club.*
- Kimberley Callaghan - committee voted against proposing a purple badge
 - Proposer: Liam Pattinson. *Kimberley has been an enthusiastic and high-achieving competitor with CUB ever since she first joined the club. She was instrumental in the creation of the development scheme, which unfortunately*

has not been feasible during the pandemic, but will surely inform future committees as they try to build a core of strong, competitive archers. Kimberley's other achievements include earning a large collection of medals, setting all experienced ladies barebow club records, introducing a number of club badge schemes, and shooting for the county on several occasions.

- Eleanor Brug - committee voted against proposing a purple badge
 - Proposer: Liam Pattinson. *Eleanor has been shooting with CUB for a number of years, and has proven herself to be an incredibly talented archer. She has earned BUCS medals, achieved GMB status, and set a number of formidable club records. On the committee, Eleanor has served as secretary, treasurer, and equipment officer. Eleanor has a clear passion for all aspects of the sport, and is always willing to offer her expertise to club members.*
- Stuart Fraser - committee voted to propose a purple badge
 - Proposer: Liam Pattinson. *Stuart has been a familiar face with CUB for as long as most of us can remember. Though he graduated long ago, he has continued to shoot with us and assist where he can. Stuart serves as secretary of the alumni club, Cambridge University Alumni, and has regularly volunteered to coach at our beginners course and judge at CUB competitions. Stuart is a great asset to the club, and I believe his Purple Badge is long overdue.*

Annual Dinner

- Due to new govt guidelines, the date has now been moved to Saturday 24th July, still taking place at Sidney Sussex College
- All other details of the event (menu, timings etc.) will remain unchanged
- The deadline for signups is now the 16th of July, and the deposit date is also likely to be moved back
- We are expecting smaller numbers due to the dinner now being held during the long vacation, but expect to hit the minimum number of required attendees of 10

BBQ

- A BBQ social is planned for the original Annual Dinner date on the 26th of June, so that all original attendees can still join for an event
- YX proposes to hold this on Jesus Green or Sheep's Green, in line with council guidance
- There was some debate over whether we would be competing with others for space to put a BBQ; AP volunteered a Boy Racer BBQ solution (i.e. bringing her non-disposable BBQ along)
- Shortly prior to the event, all attendees can donate money, which will be used to buy food/drink/disposable BBQs as necessary

Post-Cuppers Social

- Following Cuppers, taking place on Tuesday 22nd June, YX would like to host a social
- YX hopes to book outdoor tables at the Red Bull, but will explore alternative venues if necessary

AOB

VH hopes that she is permitted the indulgence of using the final minutes of the 2020-21 committee to express her gratitude and fondness towards her fellow committee members. Archery has been a bright point during a truly ridiculous year, and it has been her privilege to work alongside a group of lovely, dedicated people who've helped keep it going. She will miss eating biscuits comically during zoom calls and including jokes in her minutes to make committee members laugh.

Meeting concluded 18:26 BST.