



Wymondham Archers Committee Meeting

5 March 2020 at 7.30pm – Wymondham Rugby Football Club

Minutes

1. Apologies

Chris Norburn, Dave Tonnison, Jo Tonnison

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dragons Trampolining have had contact with another farm which have a fully developed barn.

Gillian has offered to run a compound equipment course.

Minutes approved, subject to a couple of typos to be amended.

3. Matters Arising/Action Points Update

Please see attached excel form.

4. Secretary's Report

The email address for the insurance needs amending as it is currently Sarah's. Sarah agreeing to contact the company and amend this with them. Sarah is also to chase them for the new contents certificate.

Sandra is currently verifying documentation for club officials. She has also signed up for On Target to give us resources for developing the club. Sarah to be added as a secondary contact to assist with this.

5. Treasurer's Report

Report previously circulated. Daron thanked for his hard work during his time as Treasurer. He has now handed over to Mark and Pete. A new spreadsheet has been developed. Mark and Pete will ensure the file is shareable and work to find best way to get data out of the bank. Pete running through the new spreadsheet. This should be a more efficient way of working. Only Mark as Treasurer and Pete as membership secretary have access to member details. Full brief to be given at next meeting.

6. Records Officer Report

No scores for outdoors.

18 are scoring indoors, 3 badges awarded.

Sandra to look at the indoor classifications. Agreed these would be awarded at the fun tournament at the end of the indoor season. We have almost all badges in stock.

Sandra believes we will need to order around 5 at a cost of £15-£20. It was previously agreed that those who have moved up in classification would not pay for their new badge if they handed their old one back.

7. Tournament Officer Report

Sarah reporting that the tournament at the weekend went well. The Club made £229 profit. 7 WA award badges were awarded. Thanks, given to the field party and those who assisted.

The next tournament is the WA weekend on 13/14 June. The preparation for this is going well and the record status was submitted a long time ago. This has been circulated to all contacts and put on Facebook. Forms were also handed out at last weekend's tournament. 6 entries have been received already.

The WA record status for the Worcester in November has also been submitted as well but no confirmation it has been approved yet received. Entry form is in progress.

The record status application for the County Tournament in February 2021 has also been submitted. Judges are all lined up and the venue booked.

8. Website & Social Media Officer Report

Pete has made some amendments to the tournaments page. Tournaments section to be given a full menu. News section not really used anymore because of the blog.

There are 209 people on Mailchimp database.

Natalie now has admin access on Facebook and Sandra now has access to Facebook messenger.

9. Junior Officer Report

Jordon has spoken to all juniors including 2 newest members and all are happy and wouldn't change anything. They say there is a good atmosphere.

Damien confirming there is to be a handicap at the forthcoming Worcester tournament to make it fairer for all, including the juniors.

10. Safeguarding Officer Report

Damien has researched an anti-bullying and harassment policy which was distributed via email and at the meeting.

11. Coaching Officer Report

Lee reporting that there were 14/15 beginners in January.

There appears to be a feeling that beginners are taking away time from others on the line. Lee reminding that everyone was a beginner once and that all the coaches try to keep them in line with others on the line.

Damien raising, he is normally with the other archers at the other end of the line and that they have on occasion been shooting 3 details. At least 4 archers were complaining. It can be disruptive to rounds and does have impact further down the line.

Some delays can be caused by other new archers shooting at 10 because they are not comfortable shooting at 20. Some may not yet be capable. This could be alleviated by setting another smaller target up at 10.

Pete saying only 3-4 people regularly arrive to set up. We can use one of the new bosses, but someone will need to move it. Pete to add request for help to set up/take down to the blog.

The main issue appears to be the amount of time archers have to wait to shoot another end. Pete never wants to desist from welcoming beginners on any sessions. The moment we start saying no they will hear that more than yes. One of the successes of the courses is because we are always saying yes. There has been lots of examples where flexibility has been important to those on the beginners' courses.

Damien asking at what point we limit the number of archers as we only have so many targets. Pete explaining that we are currently the most expensive archery club to run. If we limit members would have to increase membership fees. 39% of members come from family groups, so this may not be financially viable for them.

Resolution of the problem raised comes down to management of the line. The line management is not always the best. It should also be raised with coaches that the line is waiting.

If numbers increase to the point where there are too many archers in the session, then we would have to implement a ticket system. We would also need to encourage Easton to allow us more hours in the hall. Extra support to set up and take down would also be required.

Daron commenting that 75 members is not sufficient to cover costs. 100 members would cover basic costs for venues, but the club could not do anything additionally. 125 members would give the club an extra £3000. Beginners courses are the core cost to work on to bring money in. We cannot rely on sponsorship, etc. Membership cap is not financially viable currently. Need 150 members before that can be considered. The Club would then be able to look at a permanent indoor range.

Pete confirming, we do not have a choice to reduce beginners' courses, but we do have a choice on discipline on the line. Range captains must shoot first and stay at one end of line, and tell the coaches if everyone else on the line has finished. Range captains should also manage the number of arrows people are shooting.

As an alternative buying shirt for the coaches, Lee suggesting that a whiteboard with the names of the coaches who are available to provide assistance in that session. Sandra raising that the NAA had previously said they would purchase shirts for coaches once they had completed their courses. It was decided that all coaches are to be provided with a t shirt by the Club to wear when they are coaching.

A trolley is to be purchased to move the new bosses from the container at the college. The college will not allow us to use the indoor store.

Lee confirming, we have signed up for the Big weekend on 17 May 2020 between 10am-4pm. He will need volunteers to help run it. We also need to think of things we could charge for to raise money such as fun shoots, beat the archer, donations bucket.

12. Chairperson's Report

Pete is to consider to harassment and bullying policy that Damien has distributed and discuss further at the next meeting.

The club continues to do well.

Pete had made a free ticket on try booking for Worcester shoot. Damien was upset this was sent without his approval first. Pete explaining it had already been posted on Facebook, but it was not fit to put on Mailchimp as requested, so he had amended it and provided a way he thought would assist in obtaining numbers of people who were interested. Pete acknowledging that this had not been appropriate for Damien.

It was not possible to email the wording from Facebook.

13. AOB.

Chris Norburn proposes the purchase of floor standing targets for indoors to allow junior archers to shoot closer targets without taking up additional target space. This will also allow less congestion during shooting. He has identified 2 options:

- i. Mybo £45 at full price;
- ii. Danage Domino - £123.90

It was agreed for the time being to continue using what we have, though we could purchase a new cassette for the beginner's target. Lee suggesting, the cassette is swapped over in the first instance, which should be possible by switching the legs round. He will do this in Saturday before the session. The Club will also purchase some of the repair foam suggested by Damien to see if this works.

The Committee agreed to pay for Sarah's course at Lilleshall for the online scoring system.

The Committee also agreed to the purchase of 2 more outdoor targets.

It was raised that when we have Level 2 coaches come to club sessions this needs to be better advertised as previously, they had not been utilised by archers.

Outdoor inductions need to be done for those who completed their beginners' courses indoors.

14. Date of the next meeting – to be arranged via email.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Cole' or similar, written in a cursive style.