



## Wymondham Archers – Covid-19: Special Committee Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Minutes

1. Apologies – Daron March, Damien Lewington
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Agreed.
3. Covid-19 Club Response
  - a. Letter to Club Members – Everyone was happy with the letter drafted by Pete, save for the mentioning of fees. It was agreed that possible pausing of membership fees would not be mentioned unless and until members began asking. Anything to do with economic considerations was to be removed. Jo later raising that it should perhaps be added that we are not experts when it comes to Covid-19.
  - b. Pete reporting that if they close WRFC completely they have finance to keep it running for 28 months with no income.
  - c. Mark, Sarah, Pete and Sandra confirming they are happy for their email addresses to be circulated for contact by club members. Pete is to provide the password to Mark for Treasurer's email account.
  - d. There is the potential for meetings with club members through Zoom. Pete has paid for a Zoom account to allow larger group meetings for longer. It was agreed that the club should purchase a similar account for £148 for the year. A link can be put on the website for any club meetings to invite members to join. There is also the potential to do club lunches via this method. Chris commenting that it also has a group chat facility, which could be used rather than emails. There is also the facility to share documents, which could be useful for the action log.
  - e. Pete has updated the Twitter account.
  - f. Potential for calls to those feeling particularly lonely.
  - g. Carole Thornhill has suggested a virtual quiz. There is no reason why this should not be weekly. The entry fee is set as £1 and a percentage of this goes to the club. Pete to look into the percentage the club will get and provide details. (Dan researched this point during the meeting and confirmed 60% of the fee goes to the club)
  - h. There are concerns that members don't realise they are not covered by Archery GB insurance when shooting at home. Mark advising that there are schemes that cover shooting at home. He can provide details to share with members. Archers are to be told that if they shoot at home they do so at their own risk. The Club has no liability. Guidance on what AGB would expect to see on home range can be provided to members. Jo raising that this information should be provided as an

addendum to membership in any event, during the induction or post beginners course.

- i. Pete had to address an issue with an archer who had posted on a personal facebook page about what he had put on some land for other people to use. After this it was immediately taken down. Mark had raised it with that archer via private messaging as well.

Pete also noting that someone had also been using the range between the 2 containers whilst the range is closed to shooting. Pete to remove the boss so it cannot be used as it is not clear yet if or when the Rugby Club gates will be locked.

Kev Taylor had posted about shooting at home, which was good to see. Dan confirming that a YouTube account could be set up for videos for the website, as this would not use up space on the website itself. Dan and Pete to discuss further.

Alexander Tonnison agreeing to do videos of archery exercises that can be put on the website for others to follow. Other videos such as tutorial for bow maintenance, etc could also be filmed.

All of these videos are to be added to the revamped news section as the Club's Covid-19 response section. In due course the news section is to become used for tournaments when these are back up and running. The videos could then be placed in a coaching section once this time has passed.

#### 4. Finances

##### a. State of Club Finances and Prospects

- i. It was agreed that the Club should continue paying for the rental of the field and the purchase of the container, which amounts to £200 per month in total. No fees were or will be incurred for the cancelled June tournament. If the situation changes about the Club's ability to continue paying rent, then we can approach the Rugby Club about this.
- ii. It was also agreed that some of the money in the revenue account was to be moved to the savings account, leaving around £2000 in the revenue account.

##### b. Completing Purchase on Bosses. It was agreed that the Club would continue with the purchase of the new bosses and keep them in the store.

##### c. Club Memberships

- i. Possible freezing of memberships had been discussed earlier and it was decided at this stage that this would not be mentioned.
- ii. Pete has begun the negotiation of terms with WRFC.
- iii. Supporting Members – discussed earlier.

- iv. The introduction of voluntary contributions via the website on GoCardless is not currently valid but this could be introduced when we are back shooting.
- v. A refund of £608 has been received from Easton College.

## 5. Website

- i. Public Health England guidance is to continue to feature on the website and in the blogs. Chris is to send links to helpful articles from government website about how to end a period of self isolation.
- ii. Jo suggesting that the Covid-19 response page could be called Avoid Archery Absence Angst. This is to be reduced to Archery Absence Angst.
- iii. Chris suggesting that we could have 1 or 2 virtual coaching sessions a month. All coaches should be included in this. Sarah has seen that some are doing this via Zoom as well. Pete is happy to use the usual club session times to offer virtual coaching.
- iv. Pete has still had an enquiry about a beginner's course!
- v. It was agreed that the June tournament should be cancelled. It is not feasible to move it to July/August. It was suggested that we could do a social tournament once everything is back to normal.

## 6. Date of the next meeting – to be agreed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

# Wymondham Archers Member Update

Dear Archer,

Thank you all for being so patient with us while we get ourselves in order to deal with the ramifications of the Covid-19 virus and how this is affecting our Archery Club.

Whilst we are a successful Archery Club, we are not unaware of how this crisis may affect us as a Club and you are one of our members. You are our lovely community of archers and we want to continue to provide you with the best we possibly can; even if that isn't archery right now. With our continued patience and tenacity I am sure that we will come through this stronger and we are excited about what the future holds.

We understand there is a large amount of uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 developments. Even with the Archery Club field and indoor ranges are closed we will continue to be here for you our Archers. We recognise that we all face difficult times and our intention is to maintain contact with you albeit in a different way.

Your Committee Team and Coaches have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are working hard to put together some fun and challenges in our efforts to support you while you may be self-isolating or indeed struggling with how life is right now.

- We will be endeavouring to remain connected with you via our website and Facebook pages.
- We will provide all our important email addresses just in case you would like to contact us.
- We will call you who find yourselves struggling with loneliness and we'll do our best for those most in need to do a little shopping and get this to you as best we can.
- We will introduce on a regular basis a weekly Virtual Quiz game, introduced to the Club by one of our archers.
- We will provide resources in our newly revamped page on our website providing advice on keeping archery fit, what to do for while you are away from archery, how you can go about shooting at home – and the liabilities you have and don't have.
- We will provide tutorials to teach you how to make a centre serving, repair nocking points and make other string repairs.
- We will keep you up to date on the Covid-19 status messages issued from Archery GB.

- And... we'll introduce items as we go along to keep you up to date and may be even entertained – one or two of our archers have already agreed to write some entertaining stories for our pleasure.
- And for those who are computer savvy, we'll introduce to you 'Zoom', a computer to computer video link, where we can enjoy a face to face chat and even share a meal together. This may even be able to be had with larger groups. A Club Lunch when we are all at home.

We are mindful that we are not the only ones facing challenging times and, whilst we are doing all we can to support you, we understand that our members are confronted with different scenarios. Due to the huge amount of uncertainty we all face, we only think it fair to present all options for members in the current climate.

### **Pause Membership**

- For any of you who fund your archery using the Archery Relief of Costs Scheme (ARCS) or pay via Direct Debit, if you wish us to, we will suspend your membership, placing it in a paused status. We ask that for any of you who do this, that you make only a token contribution so that we can continue to pay for our field, orders previously made, and the Storage container we are purchasing.

### **Cancel membership**

We would rather you didn't cancel your membership as your funds support the field, future equipment and other facilities we provide. If, however, you feel you need to do this we completely understand. We will obviously love to welcome you back to the club once we return to normality.

### **Economic Considerations**

Given the uncertain economy we hope to keep our Club Subscriptions the same but are unable to specify the price and joining fee commitments that will be required when we resume our Club in earnest. We will of course keep you informed of any changes that may be imposed up on us.

### **The Future**

We would like to keep our beautiful community alive and will try and ensure we are in the best position to continue with our little archery club; and hopefully in the not too distant future. During this time, we will continue to communicate with you through Facebook and email, via our website and by telephone, but of course only if you ask for this. We'll do our best to ensure there is plenty happening for you to be involved with.

Please be safe: Kindest Regards

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