



CROESOSWALLT ARCHERS: COMMITTEE MEETING


Venue and Date: Held at Morrisons Community Centre. 30/01/23 at 19:00.

Present: Hannah Mosford (HM), Howard 'H Pimborough (HP), Alex Hollingshead (AH), Gill Hollingshead (GH) Tony Faulds (TF), Colin Chapman (CC), Bob Batts (BB) Alan Jones (AJ), Kathryn Tatham (KT).

Absent Daniel Francis and Svet Panov.

Note: Comments made by attendees are noted by their initials. Minutes are typed by Kathryn at the time of discussion and subsequently reviewed by Alan to verify accuracy before distributing.

Discussion:

Agenda Item	Discussion
Matters Arising	<p>Welcome to Hannah who has agreed to take on the role of Social Secretary, KT to assist HP in this if required and continue admin duties.</p> <p>The committee announces that sadly archery member, Mike Baker, passed away, the Committee extends their sympathies to his family on behalf of all the club.</p> <p>No matters arising so meeting moves onward</p>
Club Finances  2023 Accounts Short.pdf	<p>Please see attached treasurer's report for full details.</p> <p>Increase of £3084.04 in club funds, the income raised was £11598.08 but expenses totalled £8514.04.</p> <p>Main income was from member subscriptions and tuition (including Beginners Courses and HAGs). The main expenses include field rent and new foam bosses. HP does ask if the account is taxable, AJ confirms it is not.</p>

HP also asks if Sports England could provide funds, but BB notes we cannot apply as we do not own the land.

TF does put to the group what would the club do with the money if the club did receive a large grant, BB responds that ideally would be put to the creation of indoor range but unlikely as we do not have tenancy agreement at BIC.

AJ offers that there is room to buy equipment with the amount of money the club has raised.

AJ has applied to Oswestry Sports Forum to replace 4 bosses (£700) but unlikely we receive the full amount, but if any money is received the club can replace just the middle of the bosses rather than the entire piece to save on costs.

Beginners Courses

The 2024 dates are on the website. At the time of writing there has not been much response – Enquires are as follows: 1x for Course 1, 3x for Course 2 and 2x for Course 3 and 1x for Course 4, however, of these just the 1 person on Course 1 has paid.

HP has spoken to some passers-by who have expressed interest. KT notes likely the weather and lack of people outside might put people off, so perhaps it will get better as the year goes on, BB agrees that enquiries pick up after there has been a break after Christmas.

HP will advertise on social media and the Llangollen notice board.

Currently DF does not have valid DBS so until this has been obtained, he would be unable to coach.

Agreed with all coaches that course length to be 10 hours minimum.

Also agreed that the club should encourage taster sessions to see if beginners like archery before going through the entire course, this should help with membership uptake.

CC raises that an enquiry was made to have one on one tuition as the beginner was unable to take 4 consecutive Saturday's off. The club would be happy to offer this but perhaps offer a taster session first and make it clear to all enquiries that it would be demanding on both coach and beginner.

	<p>All those present agree though not to charge extra in these cases as club believes the courses are at the higher end of session costs.</p> <p>HP believes coaches should be reaching out to the beginners after their courses, offer a personal email etc to offer to be at the range on their first day to introduce them to the range and people, KT agrees as coaches could then be a point of liaison to initiate beginners into the club.</p> <p>Courses are as follows (Subject to change especially if DF becomes qualified)</p> <p>CC to do the first course HP to do second course (KT to be assistant) KT to do the third course (HP to assist) CC to do fourth course (BB to potentially cover if any issues) HP happy to cover 5th course if required.</p> <p>AJ happy to help on the courses as an assistant. HM happy to help be an assistant and AH as well. Potential for AH to be a coach if he would like to pursue in future.</p>
<p>HAG/Taster Sessions</p>	<p>Oswestry showground have offered us to pitch for £20 to host a HAG over 2 days and offered that we can charge what we like, however, we would be unable to leave equipment so TF comments that this may not be worth it to set up each day. AJ suggests meeting the organisers to ascertain the size of the car show, footfall, size of the area to see if this is viable.</p> <p>West Felton have asked the club to also come down, but the size seems inadequate.</p> <p>Consensus not to do the Cae Glas Park this year.</p> <p>BIC has an event on 29/03/24 : Good Friday (Homemade Easter festival) plus query on Saurday 30th also; additionally 20/07/24 (Vintage Car festival), the club will host HAG's and promote the sessions on the board to coincide with these events. Any HAG's to take place at 13:00 or after if events coincide with Beginner's courses, yet so far, the aforementioned events do not.</p>

	<p>BB agrees to advertise on these dates and expresses that there should be a message sent to members requesting help if they are able.</p> <p>BB puts to the group to find something to replace Cae Glas but at the BIC. HP suggests hosting an open day at the range showing all our bows etc where members can discuss archery.</p> <p>TF confirms that club competitions to take place on last Sunday of each month ending in the St Oswald's cup as per last year.</p> <p>TF hopes to do a summer clout for an informal shoot which can be open to other clubs. TF requests to coincide the Summer Clout with the Heritage Shoot as the range needs to be stripped for both events, thus saving man-power.</p> <p>TF suggests pre-empting SAS dates of the heritage by stating which date the club wants, allowing us to have both competitions, he suggested having 14th July for the Heritage allowing the 21st to be free for the clout as this would mean the range is also stripped for the HAG the day before for the Car Festival.</p> <p>It is reiterated that any taster sessions need to be booked in advance so unable to add to the board outside.</p>
Record Status Shoot	<p>Some people have asked if we would host a Silver Dollar shoot, BB notes fees can be anywhere up to £25 to enter. BB comments if we do wish to host, we would need to register ASAP and find judges.</p> <p>BB to contact AGB to request breaking categories down (into juniors/ladies/men) etc. rather than all on the same category. BB comments it had been a popular shoot. TF suggests running it in September.</p> <p>There is agreement to host but enquires need to be made if the club can secure judges and proceed from there, updates to follow.</p>
Club Position	<p>BB has looked into future proofing the club, has tried to liaise with Clive to discuss an indoor range as this can be mutually beneficial, however nothing yet to report.</p> <p>TF suggests always being on the lookout for alternate venues although BB has maintained that Clive at BIC has indicated there is no cause for concern to vacate the centre.</p>
AGM (30th April 2024)	<p>To be hosted at Morrisons Community Centre</p>

AOB

AJ reports that indoor shoot going well, modification of stands went very well and helps with clear up time.

Light in the cabin also well received and useful to members.

Rats appear to be in the clubhouse, the sofa's need to be removed and cleaned, Clive will need to be informed as the container is not ours. The clubhouse will be investigated to establish the best action going forward to eradicate.

HP raises progression course but has put on hold due to busy year but to discuss with CC. HP has three people on development course and open to one more but then that will be the most undertaken for the year.

BB has obtained a benchmark online of skills the archer should have so to grade against a standard, or the club creates their own manual.

CC suggests reaching out to member's who may have been very keen and absent for a while to maintain contact and this may stop drop offs in memberships when renewing.

No further business to discuss so meeting concludes at 21:10