

University of Birmingham Archery Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15th March 2010 20:00
Munrow Lecture Theatre

ATTENDANCE

Hannah Lake, Andrew Iles, Izzy Searing, Fiona Richards, Jonathon Malcolm, Michael W Spencer, Ben Fitchett, Chris Tombe, Mike A Spencer, George Bailey, Alan Lea, Sam Brooks, Jimm Taylor, Emma Whittemore, James Cram, Claire Rendell, Jeff Puckering, Sam Hall, Rich Jowett, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Hawes, Jack Bryant, Billy Gao, Paul Hawkins, Alison Cottrell, Lisa Tuckley, David Coghill, Kim Bogstrup, Steven Johnson, Zoe Hawken, Mark Newby, James Leeson.

APOLOGIES:

- Verity Flower
- Paul Morris
- Dan Greaves
- Greig Middleton
- Andy Scott
- Sarah Ahmed
- Will Partridge
- Nathan Cross

ACCEPTANCE OF 2009 AGM MINUTES:

Andrew informed of loss of previous years minutes. Suggested to be taken as read, AU agrees with this.

Accepted last years minutes

MATTERS ARISING:

Have a go fund raising – Raised by James Leeson.

- Fund raising previously handled badly, would like to change this. Would like to trial have-a-goes in the summer (details to follow) with other societies and clubs from the university. Charging £5 a head. This needs to be an annual thing, not just a bail out for this year.
- Time scale = first 2 weeks of the summer term, no exams and can market as “revision stress buster”
- Make clear is the whole clubs responsibility, not just responsibility of committee or of one person.
- Would like to know who has what contacts in other clubs, would like general dogs-bodies and people to run the sessions.

Points of action:

- Let Leeson and new committee know if you can contribute to this and if you have any other ideas (not involving children or food, because of hygiene and child safety)

- Has been noted, we need action to arise from this as soon as possible. There is an email ready to be sent out to societies, new committee needs to send this asap. (date 16/03/10 after Leeson has seen this)

REPORTS:

Coaches Reports: (Present Rich Jowett)

- Well done, novices doing well and experienced progressing.
- Facilities and resources – have now got effectively dedicated use of squash court, has the potential, need to be using this facility more next year. Also, found bows this year, they could have been utilised earlier on in the year.
- Development plan – Coaches follow the development plan, suggested review of the development plan next year (over a curry, drinks or even an AGM) Does the club want to go down this route? Do we want to review it as a club and change the direction.
- Ultimately, very good year, everyone put in a lot of effort, Thank you.

Development Plan:

- Feel the development plan needs to be reviewed, suggested discussion between new and old committee then presented to an EGM.
- Have achieved:
 - new sets of aluminium arrows (although could not buy the carbons)
 - two new sets of limbs (not full bows)
 - investigation into sponsorship, but no-one appears to be keen to sponsor.
 - Leeson questioned the steps taken into sponsorship
 - : Have asked quite a few small local companies but don't have a list (Secretary not present.)
 - Bryant questioned who had asked, put in point that need to pick a target sponsor who would be interested I.e. graduate employers.
- Could not get 4 sessions for this(2009-10) year, instead next year will have four sessions; 2 hours on Saturday & 2 hours on Thursday for Performance Team, 3 hour sessions remain the same on Wednesday and Sunday
- No BUCS results,
- Novice beat target & came 2nd in BUTTS league,
- Experienced not attained goal of 5th in BUTTS league (finished 6th)
- BUTC aim = top 10 and qualified 8th
- Sending a team to OUIT
- Aims for coming year = BUCS outdoors and number of sessions.

Outgoing committee:

Captain

- Have finally moved into Gillett Centre, feel apathy of club, need to move away from this next year.
- However, encouraging for novices, good results this year.
- Experienced need to shoot as well as coaching novices.
- Made good progress in development plan, must maintain this.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the running of the club and the coaches.

Treasurer

- Main issue with the budget has been membership. Were made to increase it by the AU and couldn't reach the target.
- Compounded by move to Gillett Centre and loss of free bus.
- £940 down on membership. Would have been £315 should the higher quota not have been enforced by AU
- Spring top up fee proposed at beginning of year, but not imposed, makes fund raising essential this summer.
- Budgeted fund raising (Agincourt and 5 for 5) successful.
- Have-a-goes this summer will cover the deficit and any extra can go towards equipment.
- Equipment budget all spent at beginning of year. Bosses need replacing, and that is a major priority.
- Budget for next year is increased (is following the development plan) If we push our contribution, then the AU will match this.
- Transport – issue with the insurance and claiming for petrol. The extra money has been used to cover the transport issues of BUCS outdoors 2009. Budgeted for 2 mini-buses next year for each competition.
- Other fund raising (selling badges, clicker counters etc.) has been going well, almost £100.
- Guild account, £200 still missing due to minibus tests not taken by the club. Currently unresolved, being chased.
- Minibus tests – Jon Malcolm taking test next week, club paying.
 - Leeson questioned Insurance & if we have looked into it.
Response = no way of claiming it out of the AU, it is personal insurance. We will investigate this further, as is the AU.

Secretary: (Dan Greaves not present, Isobel Searing gave report)

- Less hassle getting GNAS reports, as far as we know only one card missing, is currently being chased up. If you don't have a card please contact Izzie.
- Sponsorship, contacted various businesses and no positive responses, new committee take this up.
- GNAS proposal to change fees Steve asserted has been defeated, Leeson questioned when this had been done. Steven had an email from GNAS reviewing the changes.

Vice Captain:

- Shirts and hoodies have sold well. One hoody payment still outstanding.

Tournaments Officer:

- Good results this year.
- Most people attending appear to be using all sessions available.
- BUTTS league individual scores
 - Jack 6th, Steve 14th, Izzie 6th, Sam Hall 10th, Zoe 11th
 - Sam Brooks 1st, Mike A 2nd, Mike W 4th, Verity 1st, Lauren 3rd
- Teams
 - Experienced 6th,
 - Novices 2nd, (missed out by one point) put in highest total and average scores.
- BUTC
 - Qualified 8th,
 - Knocked out in 2nd round.

- Congratulations to Steve, Jack and Andy and thank you to James and Paul for training and organisation.
- BUCS
 - Final results not Available.
 - Experienced team score is best of year,
 - Novices have same score as BUTTS champs.
 - James Cram won Bronze
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 - Not been advertised very much, doing very well.
 - Experienced team at top of 2nd division & could be promoted into top league.
 - Novices in 1st division, second to Edinburgh. Can see that scores have been increasing steadily.
 - Individual - Mike A 3rd, Sam B 10th, Verity 3rd, Lauren 12th.

Equipment Officer (Chris Rakowski not present, Andrew Iles gave report)

- More effective storage facilities at Gillett Centre
- New arrows
- New Danage boss
- Two new layered foams, replacing straw in squash court
- Issue = large number of faces used, outside will resolve this but look to it next year.
- Equipment purchases should follow development plan.

Social Secretary:

- Successful socials – Agincourt, Harborne runs, bowling, BUTTS social.
- IOM and AU ball looking like they will be fantastic.
 - Summer social questioned, has been budgeted, is responsibility of new Social Sec.

Novice Captain (Verity Flower not present (ill), report given by Andrew Iles)

- Feels there has been committed core of archers, given a lot to club, happy with 2nd in league
- Brought back lots of medals
- Overall individual standards very high, good job!
- Has had a lot of fun and is proud of novices.

Press Officer:

- Re-design of amicable archer, another issue (will be out the end of this term)
- Redbrick coming down to session

Steve – Raised a thank you to this years committee.

Leeson – seconded. Special thanks to Izzie for doing more than expected this year.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

Captain:

Jeff Puckering - Wants it to be a club running, not a committee, thinks will be running smoother next year, just needs to follow the plan. Would like to concentrate on the archery side.

No questions asked.

31 votes
1 vote for RON
1 abstention

Jeff wins

Treasurer:

Zoe Hawken- Wants to contribute to running of club next year and feels experience gained this year will be invaluable.
No questions asked

28 votes
4 RONS
1 abstention

Zoe wins

Secretary:

Mike W Spencer - Has worked in admin, has experience, wants to contribute.
No questions asked

32 votes
1 abstentions

Mike wins

Vice Captain:

Mike A Spencer - Has helped with running the novices and is looking forward to continuing this into committee. Thinks is good position as a novice to represent next year.
No questions asked

32 votes
1 abstention

Mike wins

Tournaments Officer:

Jon Malcolm - feels has done a good job this year and would like to continue.
→ Leeson questioned if there will be committee support for external competitions.
Response: Has been added to the budget and there will be support.

32 votes
1 RON

Jon wins

Equipment Officer:

Chris Tombe - Willing to learn, and has the passion and commitment to do it.
No questions asked

32 votes
1 abstention

Chris wins

Social Secretary:

Lauren Bennett - Has enjoyed being on the team and would like to be more involved.
No questions asked

32 votes
1 abstention

Lauren wins

Press Officer

Billy Gao - Really enjoyed it this year and would like to continue and expand, keeping format of the amicable archer, get more involvement with Redbrick.
No questions asked

25 votes
1 abstention
7 RONS

Billy Wins

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Leeson → Congratulations to everyone elected, pleased with what heard in speeches. Remember club is given to you on trust, up to everyone in the club to help out. Build on this year.

Paul Hawkins → Echo James sentiment, noted local comps for April, outdoors, will post on facebook wall, want people to let know if they are interested.

Hannah → as far as we know, will be moving outdoors asap (with AU's help) if novice and want to shoot outdoors let an experienced know as it is preferable for you to shoot outdoors with the help and guidance of an experienced archer first.

Close of Meeting