

Forest of Bere Bowmen

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting

Held at Forest of Bere Clubhouse: 18:30pm Wednesday 8thth October 2025

<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Kevin Cassidy (Chairman) Megan Hird (Secretary) Lee Scott (Treasurer) Jonathan Barnbrook (Maintenance Officer) Mike Botting (Records Officer)</p> <p>Joseph Elliott (Ordinary Member) Lindsay Williams (Membership Secretary) Julliette Kite (Welfare Officer) Savannah (Communications Officer)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Jono Bunce (Ordinary Member) John Taylor (Tournament Officer)</p>		
Item	Notes	Action/When
Preamble		
Review of Minutes for Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin is still working on the Handbook and it will hopefully be finished and released in the coming months. 2. An update on the commitments for each role has now been finalised and is in the FoBB drive. 3. A new and improved membership database is currently being made so that information is easier to access and to add and remove members during renewal periods, this is set to be finished within the next couple of months. 4. The committee are keeping an eye on the current pro-rata AGB and soon to be pro-rata HAA fees to see how it performs and whether a pro rata membership would be beneficial for the club. 5. Lee-Membership invoices worked well for renewal and we will continue to use this method in the future. Invoicing for purchases over the least 3 years are still being collated but will be shared once they have been finalised. 	
Rural Grants Feedback	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The board were very complementary of the grant however, they were over subscribed and only had 7 grants to give out. There were over £700,000 in grant applications and a total of £100,000 to give out and the club were unsuccessful this time around. 2. The feedback we received from the grant was to look at all of the criteria on the brief as if we meet all of the points there is a higher chance of being approved. 3. The committee will continue to keep a look out for new grants for the club and we are hopeful that we will be successful in securing grants in the future. 	

Membership renewal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As of today there are 152 members that have renewed for 25/26. 2. The club currently has one honorary member. 3. 32 members have emailed to confirm they are not renewing this year with a further 17 that have not responded. 4. Overall membership upkeep is 71% which is a great start to the year. 	
Finances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership for the current renewal period has taken in £14,000 to date. This is up £4,000 from the previous year. 2. In total including assets the club around £60,000. 	
Outgoings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new company is being sourced to empty the portaloos as the current company is unreliable. 2. All agree that Ray Grant will be carrying out the financial audit for the club so he will have access to the clubs financial information. 	
Medals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After a very successful year of competitions our current medal stock is running low and we are looking to upgrade our medals. 2. Prices are to be looked at and brought to the next committee meeting. 	
Other club income	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gregg and Darrell have been hard at work running and organizing taster sessions and beginners courses for the club. This has allowed for our membership to remain stable and add to the income of the club. 2. A total of 4 taster sessions have been run since the last committee meeting totaling £80. 3. 12 beginners have finished their course and have brought in £800 with a further 4 currently on a beginners course at £200. 4. Out of the 12 finishers 10 have joined the club as full members. 5. The current course will be the last of the season and they will re-start again next year in the spring. 	
Any other business:		
Jonathan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential new field: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Currently speaking to owner of stanstead about a field within the estate, nice flat ground but still early days/ b. A potential option of the Cricket ground in Clanfield c. Few more contacts to look at that have been passed onto us over the coming months but the search is still active. 2. Maintenance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1st Maintenance Day - 22nd November 2025 b. 2nd: 21st February 2026 	

	<p>c. 3rd: 14th March 2026</p> <p>3. We are keen to have more archers participate in all styles of archery therefore we are looking at holding a have a-go 3D and field archery day at the club in January, followed by a club wand shoot in February.</p>	
Freedom of information for the field	<p>1. Planning permission people are on the club's side but it is highly likely the planning permission is to go through from the developers, but we have been advised to put in an appeal anyway.</p> <p>2. The committee is still waiting to hear back as to what the allocation of our grounds has been recorded.</p> <p>3. We have been told we still have at least another year at our current grounds.</p>	
Start archery	<p>1. Start archery week is a week in may that AGB have described as a good way to get new members to try archery. The club is looking at participating in this week during early May 2026 and will be looking for volunteers to help out with this.</p>	
Club champs	<p>1. There were approximately 20 members at the club championships however, the committee agreed it was hard to find a date in September that didn't clash with a local/national competition (this year it clashed with Hampshire championships).</p> <p>2. Therefore it was decided that we trail mid-summer club champs next year on a week day evening.</p> <p>3. All were agreed that this would be Wednesday 24th June 2026 @ 6pm.</p>	
Christmas Meal	<p>1. The annual christmas meal date has been set for the 13th December 2025 @ 7pm with more detail to follow.</p>	
Meeting Closed at 20:30		
Next Committee Meeting to be held: 3rd December @ 19:00		