

# Forest of Bere Bowmen

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Committee Meeting

Held at Tabelek Systems: 19:30pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

<p><b>Present</b>                  Vince Ibbs (Chairman/Treasurer)                  Jessie Robbins (Secretary)                  Pete Hulme (Records Officer)                  David Jones (Ordinary Member)</p>	<p>Dave Revell (Equipment Officer)                  Adele Hulme (Welfare Officer)                  John Taylor (Tournament Officer)</p>	<p><b>Apologies</b>                  Shaun Walsh (Social Secretary)                  Wayne Goble (Ordinary Member)</p>
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Item	Notes	Action/When
Preamble	<p>Minutes of last meeting – to look at getting the lane/driveway surfaced (cost for supplies and delivery);                      contact scout groups – To look at how we can run sessions for scout groups (who would have responsibility/numbers we can work with);                      New years day shoot ‘n’ soup – we had a good turnout of 20-30 people and good weather                      Beginners – The club has had a lot of interest from potential beginners’ courses and have run our first indoor beginners’ courses over the past few weeks.</p>	
Matters arising	<p>Field party – It was mentioned at our WA weekend to make our field party at competitions more visible such as providing hi-vis vests for members helping – To check with Neil Locker (supplier of club shirts) for designs and prices.</p> <p>Fresh water supply to field – Fresh water in the area is provided by Portsmouth Water to have new pipework installed we will have to contact the developments team. We cannot run off the pipe by the gate due to it not being classed as ‘potable water’. We will require plans of the field and confirmation/permission from the trust to install the line.</p> <p>Shelter – A shelter to shoot from was proposed at a previous meeting and voting on the idea was held. Vote result was negative to the shelter but it was discussed to look at updating the longbow hut and or investing in another bus shelter for the far end of the field.</p>	<p><b>Vince by WA weekend</b></p> <p><b>Jessie</b></p>
Chairman’s/ Treasurer Report	<p><b>Indoor Shooting</b> – In the ten weeks since our last meeting in December, there has been continued support for indoor shooting. The average number of archers during the period is 17 per night.</p> <p>There have also been many improvements to the equipment, thanks to Roger Spicer. He has made several modifications to the backstop netting, both making it more secure and easier to set up. Roger and I have been discussing the boss stands, many of which do not comply with the Rules of Shooting and are not as secure as they should be.</p> <p>Roger has come up with a very good design that meets the RoS requirements, takes up less storage space and makes the stands much more stable and secure. He has, so far, built two stands and we will replace all of the bosses with the new stands. Another club member, Chris Holdsworth-Swan, has agreed to build some stands and is currently making two, so thanks also to Chris.</p> <p>It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the Indoor Season, with only two more sessions to go. Next week is the Indoor Championship tournament, which of course we have been unable to run for the last few years. Hopefully we will get a good turn out and some keen competition.</p> <p><b>Beginners</b> – It is very gratifying that we can now run indoor courses during the winter at Clanfield. In my last report I stated that we had two courses booked for January and February. The first course finished on the 13<sup>th</sup> February and the second is ongoing, due to end on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Thanks to Dave Revell, who was the lead coach on the first course, and to Nigel Cam who is currently leading the second course. Also, thanks to all those that helped to make the courses run smoothly; Charlie Birch, Aaron Marsh, John and Gill Merrett, Wayne Goble and David Jones.</p>	

Some new equipment was required to run indoor courses, in particular ground quivers and bow stands. Clearly, the ground quivers that we use at the field could not be used indoors. Nigel Cam and I discussed a few different designs and he made seven of the chosen design, with Roger Spicer producing some decals to make them look professional, so thanks to them both. I also purchased ten bow stands at a reasonable price from Quicks.

**Membership** – Clearly there was a concern over the numbers of members we could have lost during the pandemic, but we have done remarkably well during that period. At the end of the 2014/15 season, we had 146 paid up members, but this dwindled year-on-year to a low of only 95 members at the end of 19/20. However, that went up slightly in 20/21 and our current membership stands at 144.

We have several people on the current courses and with another 7 months of this season to go, I suspect that the membership figures will show more improvement by the end of the year.

**Have-a-go** – As you know, before the pandemic, we attended many fetes and events to allow the public to Have-a-Go at archery. While these events do not make much in the way of financial reward for the club, it does get our name around and hopefully brings in new members.

I have had requests to do the Droxford Country Fair on the 4th June, the Soberton Fete on the 25th June and the Swanmore Fete on the 9th September. We have in the past done both Droxford and Swanmore, but not the Soberton Fete. Of course, we can not do any of these events unless we have enough members who are willing to assist. I have already written to members and received offers of help for Droxford, so I have agreed that we will do that one, but I have yet to ask members to help on the other two events. Even so we still need to have transportation for the equipment.

I have added this to the agenda for further discussion.

**Club finances** – As far as the club's finances are concerned; we are still in very good shape. The attached breakdown gives brief details of our position in terms of finances and membership.

It is very difficult to compare exactly like for like, but if you consider that we ended last season with just over £33k and we currently have £39.5k, that seems to indicate that we are still in a stable financial position. Equally, you will see that the membership subscriptions are up about £3k.

Cash In Hand	£271.45	<b>As at 01 Mar 2022</b>
Current Account	£18,577.98	
Business Reserve Account	£20,652.03	
	<b>£39,501.46</b>	

**Outstanding Bills:**

**£0.00**

**Members Subscriptions:**

Last Year	£6,575.50	Year end To Date
This Year	£9,341.00	
Increase	<b>£2,765.50</b>	

<b>Members not renewing for 2021/22</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>New Members since 1st October 2021</b>	<b>29</b>	Note: Number of shooting members as at 1st Mar is 144
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Secretary

Number full members are as follows: (under 18s F= 9 M=11)(18-24 F=6

Report	M=2),(Senior F=24 M=91) we currently have 143 shooting members and 11 social members We gained 7 full members from our winter beginners' courses and 2 probationary members. Scouts – to write up email for AGB to be able to run sessions for scouts etc.	Adele/Jess
Equipment	After looking for bows for beginners it was found that 'bow number 23' was missing which has now been returned to the container, some tubes for club arrows were found to be empty. Broken or missing club equipment to be reported to the equipment officer or a committee member so that it can be fixed or replaced. Many new pieces of equipment for the indoor shooting have been made for the club by members including stands for the bosses, arrow tubes and bow stands, netting poles. Many were provided by Rodger Spicer.	
Records	Summer programme – Has been drafted and after discussion with the committee at end of the meeting it will be distributed via Bere Facts and the website, Medals – It was discussed last meeting to think about the medals we provide. The cost was investigated for inscribed medals and whether it was worth the club getting our medals inscribed for all awards. The potential to have a 'glass trophy' inscribed was looked into but currently seems to be an unrealistic price. Winter programme – Discussed later in minutes	
Tournaments	Entries for tournaments – There is currently a steady number of entries for the WA weekend, John is planning to talk to Pete to ensure that the medals are ready for the upcoming tournaments; There currently does not seem to be as much interest in the Longbow tournament compared to previous years. This might be due to other local longbow tournaments changing their usual date and those who would travel and then shoot at FoBB as well are finding the gap too long between the shoots. We require to select a team for the team shoot approaching Tournament Chefs – We need to organise food/catering etc. for our tournaments. There is a potential to spread it among a number of willing club members so that it does not always fall to one person to cook/barbeque.	Vince by May Shaun/Vince/John
ETC; other reports	NO Welfare officer report	
<b>Summer Program:</b>	Beginners Course – 2 courses, 1 <sup>st</sup> on 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Skipped for 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Brian Williams 'Founding Members' memorial shoot – National and barbeque 26 <sup>th</sup> June, Trophy for memorial to be acquired Committee meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> May Committee meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> July AGM 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> change to 16 <sup>th</sup> August Club Championships Monthly medals – shorten to nationals or alternate with westerns? Indoor shooting starting – 19 <sup>th</sup> September Discipline before shooting – help set up, introduce etc.	
Work party	work party, the lane – 9 <sup>th</sup> April 10AM Work party planning day – open air meeting. 4/5 people to plan what needs to be done, Members will be informed of jobs that need to be completed and volunteers will be asked for.  Work Party – Longbow hut issue – storage of old equipment – Painting, markers, container roof, lane, mezzanine floor, 50yrd hut shelves,	Committee – areas to assess
Open day	Open Day Main 28 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday Reserve 11 <sup>th</sup> June Saturday Layout of field will be decided (look at previous layouts), Equipment will be checked and maintained before the open day.	Vince
Rain shelter	Rain shelter, unanimous decision not to build the rain shelter to shoot from. Proposed idea -	

	Get a second bus shelter for far end of field (by line 20) Update and repair longbow hut as it is currently tilting.	
Beginners courses:	Family discount? – The potential introduction of a family discount was discussed and the decision to the cost was finalised below: (A = Adult, C = child) Adult/individual £45, 1A1C =£80; 1A2C =£105, 2A2C=£130 Three beginners courses were proposed, It has been decided that two will go ahead due to scheduling issues with bank holidays, open days etc. Monday nights Dave Revell, Starting 11 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday night – Nigel Cam Volunteer members will be required to help with Juniors and larger numbers,	
Indoor have a go	Indoor have-a-go Spring Fair (at the Clanfield centre), Date to be decided, Tennis courts were proposed for running a have-a-go, risk assessment and feasibility need to be assessed.	Vince – to visit the site and check if the tennis courts are suitable.
Spring/summer fairs	Fairs at Droxford/Soberton/Swanmore have approached us about running a have-a-go session: Distance to FoBB – transport for equipment, and volunteers would be needed. There is little potential income from these events but do raise community awareness of our club. We decided not to run a session at Swanmore & Soberton due to distance from FoBB	Vince
Business continuity:	Job descriptions of committee positions have been written up and are to be finalised. Webmaster and records to be split in description (though both positions are currently held by our records officer.	Committee – all to review the descriptions of their position
Any other business	Team medals for WA weekend (£2.46 per medal, £177) Can they be for all competitions. Potential for unengraved medals, engraving for free currently. Yes to team medals, No to engraving  Winter shooting –It was discussed why we start at 11am. Keep it at 10am start to encourage more people to attend as they would still have most of the day available. There were very few score sheets submitted for the indoor championship. Next indoor season, more scoring to be encouraged,  Sweeping machine for the grass at the field - £300 – to be purchased to help maintain the field  Potential purchase of more foam bosses. Buy in April – currently have 9, Tenzone have previously supplied our bosses. Cost for various options to be investigated. The long-term benefits of more bosses will be, lower cost of tournaments due to us currently renting bosses, the longer time between maintenance due to damage and wear on bosses will be spread over them.  Crookhorn Availability – to look at potential venues for the Crookhorn  4 new table cloths for shoots/competitions etc. stored in cabinet at clubhouse,  Potential new backstop netting, £225 reasonable price, good size for indoor and Crookhorn, committee agreed to purchase.	Pete - For next competition  Pete – to adjust the winter program  John – to get prices  Vince – to get prices Committee to decide best option  Vince – to purchase
<b>Meeting Closed 9:45</b>		
Next Committee Meeting to be held on 10 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday, 7:30pm venue to be decided		