



CROESOSWALLT ARCHERS: COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue and Date: Held at Morrisons Community Centre. 27/07/23 at 19:00.

Present: Bob Batts (BB), Alan Jones (AJ), Colin Chapman (CC), Jill Hollingshead (GH), Alex Hollingshead (AH), Tony Faulds (TF), Kathryn Tatham (KT) + Daniel Francis (DF)

Absent: Svet Panov

Notes: 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.

Daniel Francis was present and attended as a membership representative without voting rights.

Discussion:

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome to new committee members	Apologies from Svet who was unable to attend. Welcome to Jill and Alex in their new committee positions.
Minutes of last meeting	BB begins the discussion with ascertaining that the minutes from the last meeting - the AGM - were read, reviewed, and accepted, as those present confirm they were, BB is happy to mark them as such.
Rent for the British Ironworks Centre Field.	This topic was an addition to the original agenda BB sent out prior to the meeting, but events transpired that this subject needed prominence. BB has had a meeting with Clive, the owner of the British Ironwork Centre (BIC). The artisan shops have been asked to pay a contribution to their services/rates etc going forward; as a consequence, a rent will now extend to the archery club for use of the field. BB has asked for the amount desired, but no figure has been put forward as of the time of meeting, but both BB and Clive are aware of the financial situation of the club so hope to keep rent low.

BB notes that the main revenue is from the beginner's courses, the fees of which were already increased this year, BB continues that if payments are required there is no recourse other than to put costs onto the membership fee, however this could be affecting the membership rate.

Both CC and TF note that there is no water/electric or ground maintenance so the rate should be low.

CC raises to the group that if rent is paid, then the club is entitled to request a lease from the BIC. All those present agree that a lease would be the best option to request funds/grants.

DF puts forward that revenue could be generated with collaboration with the BIC for events they put on such as the festivals etc, and the club could put a have-a-go event on for the public.

AJ suggests that it would be best to use the 'normal revenue' (such as beginners courses/membership fees) for the club, then external events such as have-a-go, hosting competitions etc. to then pay for the rent.

BB comments that enquiries for the beginner's courses are less compared to last year, TF adds that many associates from Bowbrook did not take up membership resulting in loss of revenue. AJ reported the following figures for both these incomes as follows:

	2020	2021	2022
Membership:	£2,236	£3,354	£6,310
Beginners :	£1,135	£1,525	£3,360

KT puts to the group if there is a necessity for more advertising for beginner's courses as it is only identifiable by the public actively looking online rather than anything the club has put forward. TF however does respond that virtually no enquires have ever been made when the club has hosted events/given leaflets etc. GH asks if we could put banners on the outside railings to advertise the club and DF suggests free advertising such as Facebook/Instagram etc to help boost interest.

AJ suggests that discussion should be halted for the time being until we learn the rental rate.

Review of events:

- **24 Hour Shoot**
- **Heritage Shoot**
- **St Oswald's Cup**
- **Other Shoots**

24 Hour Shoot:

DF and KT commented that they enjoyed the 24-hour shoot and CC notes the obvious raised atmosphere the event caused. Those present lament that it was a shame that not more members helped overall.

TF suggests making this a yearly event, rather than having raffles to support local charities but KT notes that there may be an issue in that the club may rely on same nucleus of members to shoot/donate which may impact future turnout.

KT notes that fundraising for charities would also be free advertising by linking with these groups. DF suggests more charity work, and that it would not necessarily entail just 24-hour shoots, he also suggests a 'go fund me' page to help raise funds for the club as well.

TF suggests if such events took place in future participants would require sponsorship forms – and clarification on the sponsorship e.g., number of arrows shot, or time spent shooting etc.

As of the time of meeting, £1115 was received via bank deposits, £330 was donated on the day and £87 was raised at the heritage shoot. Mark Phelan's Just Giving site totalled £1600 and the clubs Just Giving page received £747, totalling £3462. AJ suggests putting the £38 to make it £3500 and split money evenly.

Heritage:

Those present agree that it was a very successful shoot, and the group offers thanks for the food donated to the shoot.

Comments were made from all the attending on the judge with the timings, as there was confusion with 4-minute time to shoot on a rotating detail.

In total, there were 66 entrants, best so far this year, £356 was raised from entry fees. Expenses include £12 for the judge and the wine donation, BB and AJ are waiting to see if the judge is claiming petrol allowance to attend the event. Received since meeting = £24
48 medals were given out at £1.50 cost resulting in a cost of £72.

CC suggests no sandwiches for next year as so many were left over, and people bought their own.

TF notes the positive turnout to arrange the targets and AJ expresses gratitude for the increased number of members who are helping the club.

BB is aware of the delay between the shooting and the delivery of the results, as there were issues with the scoring spreadsheet as it was not connecting to the internet. KT suggests putting in the first round of scores before second round begins to start the counting and expedite the process if having to score manually.

TF clarifies to those present the confusion over the age categories, as after a response from AGB, any archer shooting should not have had their category class birthday, For instance the category for under 16's should not have had their 16th birthday. AJ comments that clubs can make own rules for the Heritage Shoot as it is not a recognised AGB event.

	<p>DF points out that in LongMynd Newbie National competition, scoring was helped due to an overseer to help with the tallying of scores which could assist in the timing to calculate for future events, however it was conceded that the club would unlikely have enough people to help set this up and still shoot etc.</p> <p>TF notes parking went well but needed a tent line.</p> <p>St Oswald Cup: 25 people attending. It has been decided to hand medals out to best in category.</p> <p>Other Shoots: Discussion on monthly shoot and if one will take place in August as TF, CC and AJ all away.</p> <p>TF hopes to start Clout shooting practice on Sundays from September 24th and following 2 Sundays, more to be reviewed. KT notes that reaction to clout is mainly positive and members want to shoot it, so may wish to start earlier/do more practice if possible.</p>
<p>Overview of club finances and charity sponsorships</p>	<p>AJ provides a brief overview of finances in regard to the current account only. £10,837 in account but £2,715 is for the charity, giving a running total £8,123 in current account. £200 to come in for field hire which covers the flag costs from AGB. Mower repayment £1100 (2 years left to pay after this). Running Fund of £7000 to cover for rest of the year. AJ notes usually get up to £800 from outside funds such as Mary Hignett fund etc.</p> <p>DF asks the plans for money, AJ and BB commented most goes on items such as bosses, field maintenance, archery equipment etc..</p>
<p>Generator</p>	<p>CC does suggest using some funds for solar panels etc to provide electric to all containers. TF suggests that for around £100 could get a leisure battery to power both containers running LED strips.</p> <p>The generator from Bowbrook costs £1,100 to buy. CC asks those present how much use would you get out of the generator that could not be performed by a cheaper battery powered source. DF notes good bonus would have been for heater or refrigerator etc. however those present point out the generator would need to be running for an extended period and therefore raising energy costs. TF suggests that generator may not be used by members for the hassle of just lighting the equipment container. With those comments BB will decide to send generator back.</p>

Courses and coaching

BB states the need to formalise any courses and coaching. CC would also like to host a developmental course. CC hopes to work with Howard Pimborough for these developmental courses and there is a coaching template online which can be adapted to individuals. This allows a set end aim, but adaptable to the teaching style of the coach.

With any developmental coaching the committee feel a need to formalise a curriculum and set time frame to have a plan in place for 1 to 1 coaching to get to a desired result from the trainee. TF suggests a course that is measurable and achievable with a list of points in levels of competence.

KT suggests that coaches could train any new members that were taught by that specific coach in their beginner's course to start conversations of further development as they would already know you as a coach and be comfortable discussing their progress further.

BB suggests informal discussion when on the shooting line to see if there is an uptake.

TF happy to host a bow set up course in the autumn for maximum of 6 people and for it to take place after the clout shoot. TF to look at a date.

AJ asked DF and KT if they have applied for a coaching grant available from SAS & WMAS. AJ to provide details.

Additionally, the club would support a level of funding when agreed.

AOB

No AOB were put forward.

Meeting therefore closed AT 21:15.