



Bowmen of Rutland

Meeting on 14th December 2022

19.30 via Teams

Present: James Williams, Chairman
Chrissie Mortlock, Secretary and Public Relations Officer
Debbie Hill, Treasurer and Minute Secretary
Gordon Parker, Equipment Officer
Charlie Haynes, Deputy Safeguarding and Junior & Disabled Rep
Ian Jones, Coach
Peter Fox, County Representative
Nigel Murray, Social Media Representative (from 8.40pm)

James welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Chrissie announced that both Jeff Walklate and Kathryn Andrews had resigned from the committee with immediate effect for personal reasons. Both were thanked for their huge contributions during their time on the committee.

Apologies: Carl Harding, Vice Chairman
Kate Goodwin, Safeguarding Officer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November were approved.

Matters Arising

James reported that he had seen a container load of archery equipment for sale on e-bay and wondered if it might be Glen's stolen equipment. He agreed to forward the link to Chrissie so that she could share with them.

Debbie confirmed that she had sent an invoice to Grimsthorpe for their members day. The missing arrow jack had not been found. It was agreed that Charlie or Nigel would try to bring the indoor one to any outdoor shoots, but that a new one would be purchased for the outdoor season in April.

Chairman's Update

James advised that all matters he wished to raise were included elsewhere on the agenda.

Treasurer's Update

Debbie reported that there was not a lot of activity on the bank, other than bow hire receipts and some indoor shooting fees had been received.

Secretary and PRO Update

Updates continue to be sent out to members.

The members Fun Shoot had been postponed due to the extremely chilly weather, but two people who attended the taster session had booked onto the beginner's course.

Postal league results continue to be sent in each month.

New Ground Update

James reported that he had called Tim in respect of setting up a long lease for the club on his land and it was a positive conversation. He then went on to read the e-mail he had received from Tim following that call which stated that once the sugar beet crop had been harvested in January, a crop of barley would be planted followed by seeding with grass in the Autumn. Rent would be in the region of £1,500 to £2,000 per annum and he would cut the grass. He is happy to put in double gates if we take the ground on a 10-year lease, with the option to renew thereafter, but he did not want large areas of the ground infilled with mill waste and would prefer boards being used for parking.

James felt it a good time to ask RCC for their view, in principal, for change of use of the land, and Chrissie and Charlie noted that the crop of barley would give us time to really plan what we can have at the new ground (e.g. would the toilet block need linking to a septic tank), without us having to pay duplicate rent. It was felt that there was sufficient in place to ask members at the AGM if they wanted the committee to move forward with this opportunity. James agreed to write a proposal document.

Archery GB, Midlands, and County Update

Neither Chrissie or Peter had attended the County AGM on 12 December, nor had they received any information since, so Chrissie assumed she was still on the committee as she had not specifically stepped down. Chrissie had sent her report to Eddie, as she hears little from the County Secretary. It was not known if there would be county year-bars for 2022.

Chrissie advised that the Midlands group were asking clubs to register on the CMS as soon as possible to register their Start Archery plans.

AGB have online training for coaches and people considering becoming coaches.

Outdoor/Indoor Review of Shooting & Guests

Outdoor: not many are shooting outdoors, but attendance at the December Frostbite was good.

Indoor: shooting ends on Friday 16th December until Friday 6th January 2023.

Charlie advised that the Boost course he was running may have to roll into 2023 and agreed to let Chrissie know if this were the case so she could register this.

During covid we have not been accepting guests either outdoor or indoor, however, there have been some requests recently. It was agreed that guests known to club members could shoot as guests, subject to approval by James/Chrissie, at a cost of £5 per session.

Coaching and Taster Sessions

The next sessions will be held on 29th January and 12th February.

Bow Hire

Kate was thanked for collecting Martha's bow, and two others had been returned with MT's due back shortly. He has also paid all outstanding hire fees due, and thanks was given to Chrissie and Jenny on this successful outcome.

Working Group Update

A further meeting needs to be set up early in the New Year.

Ground Maintenance

Gary had submitted a claim for fuel, which Debbie agreed to pay through the bank. Charlie had tested a cheap solution for repairing damaged damage frames and agreed to make a stock of replacements. He thanked Peter for the great idea.

AGM

Debbie advised that she was no longer available on 20th January so it was agreed that the AGM would be moved forwards to 13th January. Chrissie advised that nominations needed to be in by 30th December, and all agreed everything would be conducted online.

Chrissie was concerned that the Golden Records software was so out of date it might not be recoverable. If that is the case, club records will have to begin again.

Any Other Business

Toilet Block at Ground: Sean had contacted Chrissie to advise that water had been pouring out of the block – they had, therefore, turned off the water supply. James had thought he had done this, but it was perhaps frozen when he did so. James asked Chrissie if she could contact Nick to see if he could investigate the leak. The club was happy to pay for this, as he is a plumber.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th January pre-AGM via Teams

Proposed future dates: -

Friday 13th January AGM via Teams

Wednesday 25th January post AGM via Teams