

Minutes of Panda Bowmen Committee Meeting held 12th May 2025, 8.00pm on Zoom

Present: Anthony, Rosemary, Duncan, Sally, Phil, Paul, Keith, Mark

Minutes of meeting 7th April 2025

These were accepted by all as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising

Rugby Club fees: These have now been paid. Rosemary had informed the rugby club treasurer of the payment and he had emailed to acknowledge receipt of the money. Rosemary will forward the email to Sally.

Container roofs: Anthony had bought the paint recommended by Paul. On Bank Holiday Monday 5th May Phil, Paul, Anthony & Rosemary worked to scrape and brush the roofs and apply a first coat of paint. Anthony & Rosemary later applied further coats of paint until the paint was all used up. Some of the equipment bought was not used and Anthony returned the unopened packs to Screwfix. A refund for this would be paid into the Panda bank account and the club treasurer informed.

Beginners' courses: The first course has finished, everyone seemed to enjoy the archery. So far 3 beginners have signed up for Panda membership (2 cheques, 1 bank transfer). Anthony thought there would be more to come – James & Kerry seemed keen, also Hannah and Evan. Hannah's Dad has booked a place on the course starting 24th May. So far 6 people have signed up for this second course and others have made enquiries.

(During the meeting an email came in to say that Jon and Dexter were joining Panda as well.)

Paul asked Rosemary to send him the details of the new members once they have been registered.

Pandamonium

Sally has ordered cakes and will buy the sherry and cheese. (If the second cake is not needed, it could be put into the raffle.)

We have 14 entries from outside the club and 2 from within (Keith and Dave B.) Numbers are down on last year because we are requiring AGB membership, and some archers only have BLBS membership. This is an insurance issue. The only way round it would be to take out our own independent insurance to cover shooting at the club, and leave it to individuals whether or not to take out AGB membership.

Anthony had a checklist of tasks which he worked through to ensure that everything would be covered for the tournament:

We still needed a Lady Paramount. Keith suggested Sally; he explained what she would need to do and she agreed to carry out that role.

The field needs to be marked out on Friday evening; Anthony, Keith, Duncan and Phil agreed to meet at 6.30-ish to do this.

We need to email members asking/reminding them to provide raffle prizes and to come along to help on the day (9.00am onwards).

We have new target faces in the bunker.

We had already agreed to award prizes rather than trophies; Sally offered to buy a bottle of wine, box of chocolates and box of biscuits as prizes, also wine as a thank you for the judge.

Rosemary has contacted Tony at the rugby club, he has agreed to arrange toilet access for us for the day.

Paul agreed to provide medals for 1st and 2nd gents, and 1st lady archers.

Rosemary volunteered to bring tea, coffee, milk, juice etc.

Keith suggested having printed copies of the booking form for the Panda 70th Anniversary event available at Pandamonium. We agreed with this, Anthony will sort it out.

70th Anniversary event

Anthony had circulated a draft booking form for comment. A few typos had been found.

It needs a closing date for entries. Tony needs a few days notice for the food, we will give ourselves a few more days in case of late entries. We agreed a closing date of 2nd July.

Keith asked for consistency, that the entry fee should make mention of including the food in both places on the form.

Rosemary asked if we would be holding another raffle. It was agreed that we could hold one but it doesn't need to be specified on the entry form. We are hoping that most Panda members will attend and shoot, so there will not be many non-shooting people around to run a raffle. Sally suggested it could possibly be run differently; she was keen to make extra money for the club by having the raffle.

Paul asked about carbon arrows. We agreed to put on the entry form that pure carbon arrows are not allowed (they cannot be found using a metal detector, and it is a shared use field). This information is high priority.

(Keith queried and Sally agreed to triple check the bank details on the booking form.)

Paul asked if we should offer a shooting-only price (ie. not including food). We chose not to offer this. Sally commented that if anyone is really concerned about the food they can contact us to ask for a price reduction.

Anthony has put a space on the form for people to list/explain their dietary requirements; so long as they make things clear there shouldn't be a problem. Tony has said that he can accommodate allergies and different diets.

Date of next meeting

Agreed as **30th June 2025**, 8.00pm on Zoom. By this time, hopefully most of the entries for the anniversary shoot will have come in; but it still gives us time to sort arrangements out.

Immediately following this meeting, Rosemary emailed the committee with a list of who had agreed to do what for Pandamonium (as a reminder); and she emailed club members to ask them to provide raffle prizes, and come to help out on the day.