

Minutes of Panda Bowmen Committee Meeting held 4th September 2023, 8.00pm on Zoom

Present: Mandy, Paul, Phil, Keith, Anthony, Rosemary

Apologies: Mark

The **minutes of the meeting 24th July 2023** were accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no comments.

Matters arising

Mandy asked for an update, if Rosemary had contacted people who had enquired about corporate events or have-a-goes. Rosemary said she had contacted two people who had enquired the most recently, but had heard nothing back from them.

CMS/Stripe payments

Mark has done the basic registration of Panda on CMS, but not got much further yet.

Rosemary explained that she keeps receiving emails from Stripe asking her to update our account with the club bank details so that we can receive payments from Stripe. Anthony explained that Stripe is a payment facility which could be used to receive fees from beginners' courses; it charges commission, so we would need to set fees at a level to cover that. But we don't have to use it, we can continue to take payment as we have been doing.

It was agreed that Rosemary will ignore the emails until such time as we may wish to use Stripe.

Re-instatement of webpage offering corporate events and beginners' courses

It was agreed that this page will be put back up on the website. Mandy commented that it is a good idea to advertise ourselves and get people on board. Rosemary will contact Mark to ask him to sort this out.

Anthony commented that he needs to start thinking about dates for a beginners' course next year so that they can be put on the website.

Member numbers

Rosemary reported that she has renewed people's memberships. From 1st October we will have 18 senior members, 2 juniors, and 1 senior member with disabilities. This is a reduction in membership from 27 to 21 people. (Every year the numbers go down.)

Two members had said definitely that they were not renewing, and the remaining 4 members had not responded to Rosemary at all.

Indoor shooting. The venue under discussion is Old Pool Bank Village Hall

Paul reported:

He had received responses from 10 people who would be interested in it all the time. Some members are interested if the weather is bad. Potentially, there is enough interest to cover the hire of the hall on a regular basis. There would initially be extra expenditure to transport our equipment.

We are possibly looking at Saturdays, 2-5pm. The lady who showed Paul and Mandy round was keen for Sunday to be used. Nothing is set or decided yet.

Anthony thought it is worth taking further, and commented that we would need to register a new range with AGB. Paul agreed, and said there was a lot of legwork to be done before shooting could take place – getting the bosses and stands there, agreeing dates and times... When we left St Edmund's, Tim Mahony volunteered to bring our stuff back to Panda. We don't know if he would help us again, or if we would need to hire transport.

The hall is roughly two thirds the size of St Edmund's hall, and measures just 14m from the back wall to the back of the stage; there is only room for 3 bosses to be used. We would have to shoot in 2 details.

Mandy suggested we put this to a vote – **those present agreed unanimously that Paul should pursue the use of this hall.**

Paul asked if we would want to stay at the village hall as long as possible, or be looking for another larger venue? Mandy thought that we should see how it works this year, but also keep our eyes open for a bigger place. It is a nice hall with good facilities, it's just the distance that is not ideal. We did look at Crawshaw previously, which had better facilities but was also more expensive. Given the reduction in member numbers, Paul doesn't want to push the club too soon into a more expensive venue.

Anthony said that the hall has a capacity for 12 archers, so if the numbers interested grow to more than that, then we will need to look elsewhere.

The committee thanked Paul for all the work that he has put in, and is still putting in to this.

Frequency of committee meetings

Mandy suggested reducing routine meetings to once every 2 months. After a brief discussion, everyone was happy with the suggestion that we should meet routinely every 6-8 weeks, but extra meetings could be called if necessary, for example to discuss arrangements for a tournament or other event.

(This will need to be brought to the AGM as a change to the club constitution.)

Date of AGM

This was agreed as Monday 27th November. Supporting documentation will need to be sent out by **30th October.**

An initial email giving members the date, and opportunity to raise matters for the agenda, will have to go out maybe 10 days earlier than that.

End of season shoot/club championship

Anthony commented that we can only hold this if everyone can shoot together, at the same time so that we all have the same weather conditions.

Keith felt that we should not hold the shoot this year, but put on the AGM agenda to discuss returning to normal shooting. Mandy and Phil agreed with this.

Date of next meeting

After some discussion, this was agreed as Monday 2nd October, 8.00pm on Zoom.