



# Wymondham Archers Committee Meeting

2 June 2020

Minutes

## 1. Apologies

Chris Norburn, Lee Meacock, Jo Tonnison

## 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

## 3. Matters Arising/Action Points Update

The main action point arising was the monitoring of the effectiveness and performance of the measures imposed to open the outdoor range. See 4. Below.

## 4. Outdoor Range Performance

Pete had collected the data from Try Booking and had produced a spreadsheet and graphs outlining when the busiest times were. It has not been as busy as we thought it would be. The busiest session is 10am. An error was identified in the data for 30 May 2020.

Since the range has been increased to 11 lanes, we have not reached capacity on any occasion. Mark commenting that this reflects what it was like before the booking system was in place, it is the usual people that are regularly turning up to use the range.

Opening the range up to other clubs, specifically at this stage Hingham Bowmen, was discussed and ultimately agreed. Pete had been in contact with Hingham Bowmen and they believe that 15-20 of their members would be interested in using the Club's range. They estimate that 5-6 would attend during the day, with the rest attending in the evenings during the week.

With regard to the booking system for Hingham's archers, Sarah confirming that this can be either through the same system that had been set up for the Club's archers currently, or that we can make only certain lanes/times available for Hingham's archers. It was felt that having Hingham's archers mix in with our archers supports club relations.

It was clear that there is space to accommodate more archers, but Dave firstly asked whether there was any information about whether the rules were being adhered to by our own archers. Pete reported that there had been a few teething troubles, mainly about the code to access the range and there had been a miscalculation over the number of pins that would be required. More have now been ordered. Target faces gave also now been replenished.

Some archers have said that they prefer this system as it allows them to have a lane/target to themselves to shoot. Sessions can also be booked at the last minute.

Dave raised whether the Rugby Club would be content with having non-members on their grounds, and how Hingham would be funding the pins and target faces. Pete confirmed that he had spoken with the new chairman at the Rugby Club, Paul Wooten, who had agreed that he was happy for the Club to encourage use of the range and was content for us to manage the system as we see fit.

With regard to payment, various options were discussed, and it was agreed that we would charge Hingham Bowmen's archers a fee per session. A fee of around £3 was felt to be reasonable. Whilst this is lower than the £5 agreed at the AGM, it was felt that as the session was not as long it was reasonable to lower the fee in the circumstances. There was further discussion about whether to also charge Hingham a fee as a club to cover our outlay in setting up the range, e.g costs of pins, faces, sanitiser, etc. Sarah would manage the tickets through Try Booking. If any of Hingham's members wish to join, they will be asked to pay the usual joining fee, i.e. £25 up front and then £10.50 per month. Pete will go to Hingham with an offer.

90 of our own archers had indicated that they wished to shoot and all of them had been sent an email. It was felt that maybe some had not realised it was as social as it can be, even with social distancing but this could not really be encouraged by way of a blog post given the current guidelines by the Government. Some had been arranging to attend with others through Facebook. Pete confirmed he had now contacted all club

members and only 1 or 2 had indicated they were unable to attend due to health issues. Sarah would like to get back to having Club sessions again as soon as guidance allows.

In the future Pete would like to open up to other clubs, but this will be reviewed once the system with Hingham Bowmen has been in place for a few weeks. This also helps our own club to stay strong during this time.

Sandra suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding is drafted, so it is clear to Hingham's archers what is being offered to them. This will be drafted by Pete and/or Sarah. All Hingham's members will also be required to complete our questionnaire to ensure they have read and understood the rules and guidance of using the range. This will be sent to them as soon as possible. It will be for Hingham to advertise this to their own archers. A Trial period of 2 weeks was agreed. This will run from the date they start shooting at the range. It was suggested that Hingham's archers should print their tickets to be produced to any Club members who may challenge their attendance at the range.

Pete had received a letter from Mark R, expressing his gratitude to the Committee for their work in setting up the range for use again. Other archers had also expressed their thanks.

## 5. Easyfundraising

We have received our first payment from Easyfundraising of approximately £56. A further £37 is pending payment.

Pete thanked those members that were using the scheme to raise funds for the club.

## 6. 300 Club

The draw was conducted using a random number generator on Excel.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Neil Tosdevin.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Louise Dye

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Dan Parnham

The 300 Club is currently running for this year, and payments have been maintained by all those involved last year.

## 7. Lapsed Membership Payments

3 members had stopped making payments due to the situation caused by Covid-19, but all those members have now been spoken to and all have now resumed payments and are shooting again.

## 8. New Members

Pete has been contacted by 2 people who wish to become members of the club. Both are already competent archers. It was agreed that those individuals, would be welcomed. Both would need to undertake assessments and inductions at the range. Pete stated he had already undertaken one of the inductions at the range this morning in anticipation that the committee would agree to taking on new members. That individual subsequently joined the Club.

## 9. Friendly Quiz

Dan has devised a quiz for his walking group and thought it would be good for the committee to do as well. He proposed a date of next Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at around 7.30pm. Pete is to email the committee.

## 10. A.O.B

Mark asked about the frequency of the grass cutting at the range. It was confirmed that the range had recently been cut but because the grass was so long, they will come again shortly to cut again.

The next meeting will be arranged in the next 2 weeks to review the use of the range by Hingham Bowmen.

Meeting Ended at 21:30

The next meeting will be arranged by Club Secretary.

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