

Panda Bowmen Committee Meeting 20th October 2025, 8.00pm on Zoom

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

Apologies: Mark

The **minutes of the meeting** 15th September 2025 were accepted by all as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising

Anthony reported that the 3 beginners' courses planned for 2026 had been publicised, and so far 4 bookings had been received.

There was nothing new to report about On Target. Paul had spoken to Darren from Adel, who said that Adel are not joining the On Target programme. So if we want to go ahead, we will be doing it on our own.

Paul also reported that he had received all the badges that he had been able to order. Deborah (from Quicks) is going to supply a sample of the other style of badges.

Arrangements for 2025 AGM

Booked to take place in the Barry Harrison Bar at 3.30pm on 22nd November.

Reports will be received from the secretary and treasurer, as standard. After a brief discussion it was agreed that all committee members will report on their area of responsibility (even if it is only very brief). It is good to inform the club membership of what is happening, costs incurred (eg. new bosses) etc.

This year the rugby club will not be having a bonfire, so we won't be able to dispose of our old bosses on it.

The election of the committee for 2025-26 will take place as usual – all members resign and are then re-elected. No-one indicated any intention to stand down from their committee position, so the AGM agenda will not need any specific information about that.

Two members have asked for discussion at the AGM about indoor shooting; Stuart had particularly mentioned the YMCA at Lawnswood. Duncan said that he and Nick Beech do their karate there; Nick has offered to make contact with someone to enquire about using the hall for archery. Duncan asked how much storage space we would need – it would be enough for 3 or 4 targets plus stands and backstop netting. It was left to Nick and Duncan to make enquiries and report back, with a view to a full discussion at the AGM.

In response to a query from Keith, Anthony confirmed that the AGM business will be followed by the giving out of certificates and badges, and awards for the Club Championship. Paul commented that there are a lot of certificates and badges to hand out, we all agreed it's a good thing that the AGM agenda is only short!

Set dates for 2026 events

Pandamonium will be on **16th May**, sandwiched between 2 beginners' courses.

The Chris Wright shoot is nominally due on the anniversary of his death; but no-one now knows on what date he died! Anthony suggested that we fix it for the third Saturday in August; that way people can look ahead and plan around it if they wish to. So in 2026 it will be on **15th August**.

The Club Championship takes place on the last Saturday in September, so in 2026 it will be on **26th September**.

The AGM is generally the 3rd or 4th Saturday in November. The date for next year's meeting was provisionally set as **21st November**, to be confirmed at this year's AGM.

Any Other Business

Keith wondered if we should contact the rugby club in writing to express our concern about the state of the hedge. Rosemary said that an email had been sent. On the morning when Keith and Anthony were looking at the hedge and discussing it with Mike Bidgood, Rosemary was at home emailing Mike about the hedge! So Mike has received our concern both verbally and in writing.

Rosemary checked what documentation she should send out in preparation for the AGM: include the agenda, minutes of 2024 AGM, accounts (once they have been prepared); and the link to the On Target article in the Archery UK magazine, which Duncan had sent out when he first raised the programme with all members.

No-one had expressed any intention to stand down from committee, or any interest in standing for committee; so it's likely the committee will remain unchanged. We agreed a provisional date of **12th January 2026** for the next meeting, where we would follow up on what has been discussed tonight and at the AGM – hopefully by then there will be some progress on indoor shooting and On Target.

Rosemary had read somewhere that if we ever need to make a claim on our insurance, the insurance company would want to know who had been present when; the recommendation was that we keep a register of who attends each shooting session. The benefits and difficulties of this were discussed. If there is ever an incident, it can be hard to remember retrospectively who was there.

Duncan expressed the hope that if there was ever an incident on the field, services would be called and a committee member would take charge of things, including making sure that things were properly logged and recorded. Paul pointed out that there might not be a committee member present.

An incident could be an injury or some other incident on the field; or it could be theft from the container. In the case of theft it would certainly be useful to know who had accessed the container when.

We don't need actual signatures of all the people present, a list of names is sufficient. A notebook can be left in the container for recording names, in the same way that we had one to record attendance following the covid lockdowns.

It was agreed that we will introduce a record of attendance. This extra requirement should be put on the AGM agenda, so that we can explain it to members and show them the book. It can then be used from the AGM onwards.

(The meeting finished unusually promptly, we still had several minutes left before the Zoom session was due to end!)