

Panda Bowmen Committee Meeting 27th April 2026, at 8.00pm on Zoom

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

Apologies: Mark

The **minutes of the meeting 23rd March 2026** were proposed by Phil, seconded by Duncan, and approved by all as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

Indoor venue. Paul reported that Pat had a couple of ideas for places in Headingley, which she would look into herself and then discuss with Paul.

No-one else had any suggestions, and Paul had not found anywhere either.

Payment system for badges. This is on Sally's to-do list, she aims to make headway this week.

Randamonium

So far we have 14 entries – 5 from Panda and 9 visitors. We agreed that this is viable, given that we are not doing much for the entrants.

Sally asked if we had any offers of prizes for the tombola – John Pelham had offered to bring something, Rosemary and Phil said they would too. We felt that we didn't need a lot of prizes for a small number of entrants. Sally will figure out how best to run the tombola!

Anthony commented that we have not yet asked members to help out at the event, he needs to email them.

Keith asked if everybody will be shooting at 60 yards? Anthony checked the spreadsheet and found that 6 people want a starting distance of 60 yards, and 8 want 30 yards. Sally asked if we are doing the random scoring, Anthony confirmed that we are (though he has not yet decided how random!). Paul offered the slips from last time, Anthony said he would produce his own.

Sally asked about prizes for the winners: Paul is sorting them out, they are not the ones from the link that he sent out to the committee, but are a design he has used previously. He will bring them tomorrow for people to look at.

Rosemary offered to bring tea, coffee, milk, sugar, squash or fruit juice. She and Anthony will bring back the airport that is being used for beginners.

The club probably has some disposable cups left over from last year's event, Anthony will check on that tomorrow.

Beginners' course update

The current course started with 9 people. Two of them have transferred to the later Saturday course, and one was ill the second week and did not return for the third week.

We need to contact her and see if she is available for either of the other 2 courses.

The second Saturday course has 9 people listed, of whom one has booked just the first week as a taster session.

The Wednesday evening course has 10 people listed for the full course.

Rosemary asked if Anthony has any helpers? So far there will be Anthony, Nick, Matthew and Ian present. Generally beginners courses have been on Saturdays because that's when members are available, but the numbers this year show that a weekday course can be popular.

Coaching

Anthony reported that Nick had said he hopes to retire in around 5 years time and then move away. So we will need to look for someone else to be trained up in the next 5 years; we should look amongst the newer members to see who seems helpful, which members encourage one another.

Duncan said that he will likely train as a coach in due course, now that he has experience of shooting. However, he is not available Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings because of his karate teaching! Anthony pointed out that the times of courses are set by the coaching staff available!

Paul asked Anthony how long he intends to continue coaching; Anthony's feelings on this are very up and down! His licence expires just before the end of this year's courses and he does not yet have any CPD points. He thinks he will renew, but it will be a bit late.

Paul suggested mentioning the need for coaches to members now, so that if anyone wants to take it up they will have Anthony and Nick still here to help and guide them. Sally felt it would be good to mention it sooner rather than later, to let members know that we are succession planning, and sound out interest. Anthony does not want to ask people yet because a lot of our members have been shooting less than a year; he thinks it better to mention it next year, when it's time for the next beginners' courses, and we can see who is willing to turn up and not only help with setting up the field, but also to engage with the beginners.

Any Other Business

Paul and Nick had talked together about the set-up of the field. It is generally arranged so that the juniors and novices are on the left hand side of the field, and the more experienced archers are on the right hand side; this means that (on the whole) the experienced archers have their backs to the novices and so can't see if they are struggling or need any help.

Sally commented that it would be good to mix people up a bit. Anthony responded that from a safety perspective it is better to have a single angled line of targets, so that the field captain can see everything easily. He suggested that a first response to the issue could be to simply reverse the field layout left to right, so that the experienced archers are near the drive, and the novices and juniors on the other side of the field. It was agreed to try this out at the next opportunity.

Date of next meeting

This was agreed as **Monday 22nd June 2026**, 8.00pm on Zoom. This is just after the end of the last beginners' course, so we may have an idea how many beginners have joined or intend to join the club.