

Minutes of Panda Bowmen Committee Meeting held 2nd September 2024, 8.00pm on Zoom

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

Apologies: Mark

The **minutes of the meeting 22nd July 2024** were proposed by Phil, seconded by Keith and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising

Rosemary suggested that once membership renewals are completed, she will circulate a list of members' names. As new members join, they can be welcomed. That way, we will all know who the club members are. This was agreed to.

Panda bank account

Sally informed us that the new bank account is up and running. It is a Treasurer's account with Lloyds Bank. The authorised signatories are Sally, Phil and Rosemary; we still have 2 person authorisation for payments. If anybody needs reimbursing they must submit receipts (either paper or electronic) to Sally first.

Mandy asked if there is a time limit for free banking; Sally said she has read the details and cannot see that we would ever incur fees. (Fees seem to apply mostly to international banking and unusual transfers.)

Fees for 2024-25

It was agreed that an email about membership renewal needed to go out as soon as possible, Rosemary said she would aim to send it the following day.

No new information was available about YAA/NCAS fees so we assumed that they would be the same as last year.

Anthony detailed the costs involved and we agreed the level of Panda fees:

Age 21 and over - £113; Under 21 - £50.10; Disabled - £67.60; Associate - £47

Following discussion about timing of payments and ease of checking the bank account, the deadline for payment was agreed as Wednesday 18th September (with the possibility of chasing people up on Saturday 21st).

Anthony commented that we should send a paper letter to Peter Wild as he does not do email; Mandy and Keith felt that he would not be renewing.

Mandy informed the meeting that she and Alan would not be rejoining Panda now; they will reconsider in the Spring. This means that her position on the committee will become vacant; as Welfare Officer is a required role this needs some thought.

Sally asked if we could call an emergency meeting of the club – this is possible, with 28 days notice.

Anthony said, with that timescale it is not worth calling a meeting before the AGM in November.

He wondered if anyone in the club has safeguarding knowledge and skills...

Paul thought it likely that people working in teaching or similar roles would be qualified for this.

Mandy commented that AGB do have specific requirements for certificates etc.

The 2 members that came to people's minds were Duncan and Adam.

We don't know what leeway there may be from AGB after 30th September. We could email members and ask for someone to come forward; if someone is interested but not qualified, we don't know how the club would stand.

Keith wondered if we were talking about only children and possibly vulnerable adults; Mandy felt it is a wider discussion that should include disabled people as well. The role is Welfare Officer, so more than just safeguarding.

Paul felt that if children are not able to join, he and Jacob would not be rejoining. Sally summarised, we must have someone as welfare officer, that is not up for debate; the question is what to do in the interim while nobody holds that position. It was agreed that Rosemary would contact our Regional Development Officer for advice. Anthony clarified to Mandy that if she and Alan rejoin in the Spring their fees will be the same as now and will be valid for 12 months. He hopes that it will still be possible to renew membership through the club.

Paul raised another question: Renewal of AGB membership is now on an anniversary basis (12 months from date of joining), but Panda membership is annual from a fixed date. Do we need to consider changing the way Panda membership works? Anthony commented there will be no problem with this September's renewals but we do need to discuss the matter. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for our next meeting.

Container maintenance

No progress has been made yet as the weather has not been favourable. The items needed for maintenance are available very quickly. Paul will watch the weather forecast carefully, pick a date to be a non-shooting day, give members as much notice as he can, and hope that a good number of people turn up.

Anthony explained that the midweek archers have arranged a work party to clear out the right hand container and list its contents. This is scheduled for Wednesday 11th September. Failing that, they will try for Friday 13th September. When the work is done they will get back to the committee with the information.

Mandy asked how bad the container roofs are and how much they might deteriorate further if left till after the winter. Paul had been up on the roofs Saturday 31st August to inspect them. They may be OK for this winter, but if we leave them the deterioration will speed up. The right hand container roof has some dents in where water collects and causes damage. Also, branches from the bushes drag on the roofs. Paul would really prefer to do the work this year before winter.

Club account at Quicks

Quicks need certain information in order to set up an account. Sally offered to supply her details so long as Quicks will not share them with anyone else. She would not be able to get over to the shop in person while they are only open Thursday and Friday.

Paul explained that because we are new customers we could not purchase on credit for the first 3 months, so payment would need to be settled on the spot.

The email address to be used is the club treasurer address.

Access will be restricted to committee members. If Quicks have a list of eligible people they can ask for ID – AGB membership cards seem a good option for this.

Sally will send her details to Paul and he will set up the account.

Club name

Mandy raised the idea of changing the club name in order to appeal more to a younger and more diverse range of people; Panda Bowmen sounds quite gender specific and archery is generally a male dominated sport.

Names suggested were "Panda Archery", "Panda Bows", "Bramhope Archers". None of these seemed right.

Although the name Panda can cause confusion/jokes about wildlife, it is a part of our history, being **Polio And Non-Disabled Archers**.

Anthony commented that a name change would need to go to the AGM as it would involve a

change to the constitution. Mandy felt that the AGM would be the best place to discuss it, and if everyone there is happy to stick with the present name, then that is fine.
It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the AGM.

Insurance of club trophies

The Chris Wright trophy and the Simpson Cup particularly need to be insured.

Our present club insurance covers the contents of the bunkers in terms of sporting equipment and general club possessions for £8750, but cover for cups & trophies is only £50. This is clearly inadequate!

Keith suggested that we could have the trophies in question valued at an auction house, sold, and then buy cheaper replacements; that way we would not have the expensive insurance.

Paul felt that, with the club logo engraved on the Simpson Cup, it was part of our history.

No-one on committee knew anything about Colonel Simpson, his family, or his link to the club.

Anthony said he would like the club to take responsibility for the insurance of the 2 valuable trophies. It is a big responsibility for the winner of the Simpson Cup to take it home and have to insure it on the basis of a single day's shooting.

Sally wondered if we could ask the rugby club to store our trophies in a cabinet; Mandy felt that if we did that, we would likely end up paying more to the rugby club in membership fees.

Paul offered to check his own home insurance as he is covered for quite a lot of sporting equipment, and if the trophies could be covered under that he would be willing to house them.

It was agreed:

Sally will check with our present insurer the premium details for cover for valuables in the bunker and off site. We would need cover for roughly £6.5K replacement cost for our trophies. We would need a proper valuation at an auction house, and photos on record to prove that we do possess the trophies.

All committee members will check their personal home insurance to see what they are covered for, and the cost of extra premium to insure the 2 valuable trophies.

We will find out as much information as possible and discuss further at our next meeting.

(The policy that we currently have is a cheap one that seemed adequate previously, but now needs an overhaul and rethink.)

Dates of future events

After consulting the YAA calendar and an email from Mike Bidgood concerning events at the rugby club, it was agreed to hold:

Pandamonium on Saturday 17th May 2025

Panda 70th Anniversary event 28th June 2025.

Arrangements for AGM

We need to give at least 28 days notice of the AGM; also, 2 weeks before that we should ask members what they would like to discuss. We would like this year's AGM to be face to face.

The financial books close on 31st October; the new online bank account will make it easier for the treasurer to produce the accounts.

It was agreed to hold the AGM on **Saturday 23rd November** after shooting. The meeting will include the presentation of awards for the Club Championship. If the rugby club committee room is available we will book it for 3pm.

Any Other Business

The question was raised whether a BLBS member who has BLBS (but not AGB) insurance would be able to shoot at Pandamonium. Rosemary had read recently that our insurance cover is invalidated

if we knowingly shoot alongside people who do not have AGB membership and insurance. Anthony explained that there has been a reciprocal arrangement between AGB and BLBS for 2-way shoots, but not for a one-way shoot. So the answer to the question was No. It was agreed that the Pandamonium entry form should in future ask for AGB membership number rather than BLBS number.

Date of next meeting

This was agreed as **Monday 14th October**, 8.00pm on Zoom. At that meeting we will need to agree the agenda for the AGM.

In conclusion, Anthony thanked Mandy for all her work on committee over the years, and expressed the hope that she would rejoin and we would see her again next year.