



Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night

7pm, Friday 10th November 2017.
The Red Lion, 11 Market Place, Brackley.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

	<p>Present</p> <p>There were approximately 23 members and three guests present at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>That number included the following Committee members: Gareth Bowden (GB)[Chair], Julie Waller (JW), Adrian Crookes (AC), Claire Frogley (CF), Nicola Crookes (NC), Christopher Noble (CN), Natasha Berry (NB), Richard McMahon (RM)[minutes].</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Stuart Coomber, Diane Geatch, Christine Bridger, John Russell, Alex Bailey, Brad Hook, Dawn Breward, Keely Weir.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Review of Minutes of Previous AGM (11th November 2016)</p> <p>RM thanked Eoin Tweeddale for preparing the minutes of last year's meeting. RM stated that those minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, and that hard copies had been provided to those in attendance. There were no matters of accuracy or clarification raised so the minutes of last year's AGM were approved without amendment.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Constitution</p> <p>RM commended previous Club committees for maintaining and developing the current Club constitution, which could be found on the Club's website. In developing the new constitution, the aim had been to retain and build on that good work.</p> <p>RM stated that Sports England had urged all sports clubs to be clear of their legal status. BDRC has the simplest status (an unincorporated association) and as such there are requirements for what should, and should not, be in the constitution. The proposed new constitution meets those requirements. In addition, the new constitution had been formatted into individual paragraphs making future amendment easier. RM continued that the proposed new constitution focused on the 'governance' of the Club, and that previous items relating to the operational running of the Club, such as policies and rules, had been removed. This meant that such operational issues could be set and adjusted during the year by the Committee, rather than having to wait until the AGM (or an extraordinary</p>

	<p>general meeting) to amend the constitution. As well as these key structural changes, RM emphasised that there had been numerous changes of detail in the new constitution, such as the period for the Club's financial year.</p> <p>No questions were raised about the new constitution, and it was approved by the meeting.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Committee Officer Reports</p> <p><u>5.1 Chair</u></p> <p>GB expressed his thanks for the support provided to him by the present and previous committee. He went on the note the contribution of the session leaders and congratulated Claire Frogley and Michael Bishop on completing the Leadership in Running Fitness course and becoming session leaders. GB also thanked Keely Weir for co-ordinating the Gentle Pace Group and all the members who had supported the Group during the year.</p> <p>GB reported that the Club has 64 members (45 renewed, and 19 new, members), which he believed to be the highest membership since the Club began. GB commented that the Club has an active membership, with most members attending at least once a month.</p> <p>GB stated that the new kit looks fantastic, and that the hoodies had been very popular. Twenty of the new hoodies had been sold, even though it was less than a year since the previous order.</p> <p>With regard to the Club's social activities, GB stated these had been well received and well organised. He highlighted the Summer picnic, the tapas evening, and the many drinks evenings. The upcoming Christmas party has sold 38 tickets to date.</p> <p>Alongside this, the Club's website had attracted more than 4000 hits. The most popular pages were those relating to the Chicken Run (with 1500 hits the week of the race), the weekly sessions and the Club championships.</p> <p>This year's Chicken Run had attracted 270 entrants and had 232 finishers. The day had been well managed in very hot conditions and had received very positive feedback. The 2018 Chicken Run will be held on 17th June, with a slightly later start time of 10.15hrs.</p> <p>GB noted that the cross-country season has started, and that there are more runners than ever taking part.</p> <p>GB completed his report by thanking everyone and stating that he is proud of the welcoming and friendly atmosphere in the Club, and of how supportive members are to each other.</p> <p><u>5.2 Treasurer</u></p> <p>JW provided a summary of the 2016 accounts to the meeting. These had been prepared by the previous treasurer, Suz Meacock, but only became available to JW 10 days prior to the meeting. JW commented that the change of financial year that would now come in place with the approval of the new constitution would lead to more timely information being available at the AGM in the future. JW stated that the Club is in a healthy financial position, which was mainly due to the Chicken Run, the costs of which are covered by the sponsorship of Faccenda. This year's Chicken Run had attracted entry fees of £3276. Normally some the</p>

	<p>surplus from the Chicken Run is transferred to main account, but that is still to be done due to the delay in handover from the previous treasurer.</p> <p>The Club principally spends money on subsidising entry of members to the MK Festival of Running, covering the cost of entry of teams to the cross-country races and the Hilly 100. This year the Club kept membership fees the same for existing members, despite an increase of £1 per member for affiliation to England Athletics. In addition, the Club had paid for Gareth Bowden and Ian Marriott to attend coach training, and for Claire Frogley's and Michael Bishop's Leadership in Running Fitness courses.</p> <p>The accounts for 2016 were received by the meeting.</p> <p><u>5.3 Club Secretary</u></p> <p>RM stated that there had been five committee meetings since the last AGM. The developing of the new constitution had been a significant part of the role, along with liaising with England Athletics as required.</p>																				
6.	<p>Questions from Members to the Club Committee</p> <p>Ewoin Tweeddale asked if the support from Faccenda to the Chicken Run was expected to continue in light of the recent merger of Faccenda with another company. GB stated that all the indications were that sponsorship will continue, but that he is due to write to Faccenda in the coming week to seek written assurance. It is believed that our contact and advocate at Faccenda still has a senior post following the merger. We may need a different process in future years.</p> <p>Ian Marriott asked, on behalf of Andy Howe who could not be present, if the Club maintains a record of honorary life members. GB confirmed that the Club does, and RM stated that it is also apparent on the EA Secretaries' Portal.</p>																				
7.	<p>Resignation of the Committee</p> <p>The Committee resigned en masse, as required by the Club constitution.</p>																				
8.	<p>Election of New Committee</p> <p>All committee positions were filled, as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1442 1362 1924"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Appointed</u></th> <th><u>Nominator</u></th> <th><u>Seconder</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Ian Marriott</td> <td>Gareth Bowden</td> <td>Christopher Noble</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Julie Waller (R)</td> <td>Christopher Noble</td> <td>Claire Frogley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Club Secretary</td> <td>Richard McMahon (R)</td> <td>Gareth Bowden</td> <td>Nicola Crookes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Race Secretary</td> <td>Adrian Crookes (R)</td> <td>Eoin Tweeddale</td> <td>Natasha Berry</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	Chair	Ian Marriott	Gareth Bowden	Christopher Noble	Treasurer	Julie Waller (R)	Christopher Noble	Claire Frogley	Club Secretary	Richard McMahon (R)	Gareth Bowden	Nicola Crookes	Race Secretary	Adrian Crookes (R)	Eoin Tweeddale	Natasha Berry
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	Membership Secretary	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell	Gareth Bowden	Nicola Crookes
	Social Secretary	Claire Frogley (R)	Julie Waller	Michael Bishop
	Webmaster	Nicola Crookes (R)	Gareth Bowden	Ian Marriott
	Merchandise Officer	Christopher Noble (R)	Adrian Crookes	Nicola Crookes
	General Member	Natasha Berry (R)	Claire Frogley	Adrian Crookes
	General Member	Nikki Jenkins	Julie Waller	Maxine Sutton
	(R) denotes re-elected.			
9.	<p>Expressions of Gratitude</p> <p>On behalf of the committee, GB thanked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Torrington for taking photographs at so many Club events during the year, and making these freely available to the Club. • Rachel Prior (and Michael) for hosting runs at Tusmore, • Keely Weir for introducing and running the Gentle Pace Group over the past two years • Dawn Breward for her role as membership secretary, her contribution to the running of the Chicken Run and for organising the teams for the Hilly 100 for three years. <p>Gifts were presented to each person or their representative as a token of the Committee's appreciation.</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, AC thanked and made a presentation to Gareth Bowden as he would not be standing for re-election as Chair. AC noted Gareth had been on the committee for three years, two of those as Chair. AC stated that Gareth's contribution as Chair would be greatly missed.</p>			
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other items of business were raised.</p>			
11.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>GB closed the AGM at approximately 19.50hrs.</p>			

Record of the Presentation Evening

Draw of Ballot for Entry to Virgin Money London Marathon

The draw was made by Gareth Bowden.

Winner: Brad Hook

First reserve: Claire Frogley

Second reserve: Natasha Berry.

Presentation of Awards

Before introducing the awards AC gave a review of the year.

- In the Handicap Chase 18 men had taken part, with five of them qualifying having undertaken six or more races. Fifteen women participated, with eight qualifying.
- In the Championships, 25 men took part, with 12 qualifying whilst there were 16 women with eight qualifiers.
- For the Time Trial, 33 members undertook at least one qualifier, with 22 runners taking part in the July heat. Twenty-seven members qualified for the final and 20 took part.
- The largest single event in the race timetable was the MK Festival of Running with 20 runners, with the Helmdon Hurler being the largest single race with 18 participants from the Club.

AC gave a special mention to Claire Frogley, Natasha Berry and Richard McMahon who had completed the most races overall.

The following Awards were then presented:

2017 Ladies' Championship

Champion: **Nicola Crookes**

2nd place: **Dawn Breward**

3rd Place: **Heidi Lewis**

2017 Men's Championship

Champion: **John Russell**

2nd place: **Mark Torrington**

3rd Place: **Gareth Bowden**

2017 Ladies' Handicap Championship

Champion: **Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell**

2nd place: **Nicola Crookes**

3rd Place: **Maxine Sutton**

2017 Men's Handicap Championship

Champion: **Michael Bishop**

2nd place: **Adrian Crookes**

3rd Place: **Eoin Tweeddale**

2017 Time Trial

Champion: **Eoin Tweeddale**

2nd place: **Richard McMahon**

3rd Place: **Julie Waller**

Members' Awards

Club Person of the year: **Nicola Crookes**

Club Achiever of the year: **Pete Faulkner**

Chairman's Award

A special recognition award from the Chair to a member of the Club; this year's recipient was **Michael Bishop (AKA BBB) - for being 'Michael Bishop'**.

