



Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night

7.00pm, Friday 10th November 2023.
Brackley Rugby Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

	<p>Present</p> <p>Julian Chronicle, Louise Follner, Kim Fox, Nicola Crookes, Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell, Richard McMahon, Frances Edwards, Michael Bishop, Claire Frogley, Amanda Hallam, Heidi Carruthers, Christine Bridger, Mary de Frates, Louise Honeyball, Dave Herring, Kate Capps, Eoin Tweedale, Melissa Turner, Christie Lines, Adrian Crookes, Loren Wright, Sarah Connolly, Chris Noble, Caroline Bennett, David Griffiths-Allen, Anne-Marie Coomber, Stuart Coomber, Dawn Breward, Andrew Gardner, Nichola Harman, Natasha Berry, Charlotte Brown, Sara Brooks, Keith Fox, Max Follner.</p> <p><u>Committee members:</u></p> <p>Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Julian Chronicle (JC) [Chair], Nicola Crookes (NC), Richard McMahon (RM), Louise Follner (LF) [Minutes], Kim Fox (KF), Frances Edwards (FE), Michael Bishop (MB), Natasha Berry (NB).</p>
1.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Sarah Scott, Derek Boughton, Ali Young, Julie Waller.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous AGM</p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on the 25 November 2022 we approved as a correct record.</p>
3.	<p>Committee Officer Reports</p> <p><u>4.1 Chair</u></p> <p>JC welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explained the importance of the AGM for selecting the club committee and associated roles for the coming year.</p> <p>JC began by thanking the committee for their hard work in the last year. He commented on several successful parts of the last year which have encouraged participation including the time trial, the parkrun takeovers and the members survey.</p> <p>JC noted that this would be his last year as chair and reflected on his time in the role. During this the club has moved through Covid back into normality. He noted that he had not been as involved as he would have liked recently due to injury.</p>

JC noted that his personal highlight of the year was the Chicken Run, which returned to his traditional June slot.

4.2 Social Secretary

LF read out the report from KF.

KF noted that there have been a few coffee mornings with different venues trialled and Esquires in Buckingham used for several success meet ups following parkrun.

We had two curry nights in March and October which both went down well, although attendance at the October one dropped significantly.

There were various pub trips following club sessions, the TT final, Chicken Run and a spring marathon celebration.

A club rounders game was also planned during the summer, having been unable to plan one last year as originally hoped. This took place in Turweston park, followed by a trip to the Stratton Arms and was enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, the attendance was lower than hoped.

KF also noted that the Christmas party is due to be held at the football club, with a local DJ and catering arranged. However, as with several other social events this year, so far interest has been low and so KF noted that we will need to reconsider social events in the coming year.

KF noted that next year she intends to put out a poll to gather some feedback about the type of social events that members would enjoy. She also welcomed ideas from any members.

4.3 Treasurer

LF noted that the accounts were currently with an accountant for independent verification and would be circulated once this had been completed.

4.4 Membership Secretary

SPYBT reported that the club's membership has shrunk from 111 to 85 members this year.

Last years numbers had been boosted by running the C25k programme which we have unfortunately not been able to run this year due to having insufficient session leaders.

4.5 Welfare Officer

JC read out the report from SS in her absence.

She noted that no safeguarding issues or concerns had been reported this year. SS commented that her and Nichola had attended sessions where possible but

	<p>reminded members that they can be contacted via the welfare officer email is preferred.</p> <p>SS commented on the content provided in the newsletters regarding safety and asked for feedback on this information. She also asked for any general feedback on the welfare officer role.</p> <p>4.6 <u>Secretary</u></p> <p>LF provided a brief report on tasks completed this year, including normal day to day tasks such as arranging committee meetings, general admin with England Athletics, the TCS London Marathon club ballot place and co-ordinating two parkrun takeovers with a third unfortunately recently cancelled due to weather conditions.</p> <p>LF also noted that she had been involved in MBs recent members survey project and had arranged a food bank collection on behalf of the club.</p>
4	<p>Feedback from Member's survey</p> <p>MB provided feedback from the recent member's survey.</p> <p>He noted that session attendance has recently dropped off a bit but general feedback has been very positive.</p> <p>The main ways people engage with the club is by attending sessions, the Chicken Run, time trial and races.</p> <p>On the issues of session times, the most popular days remained as the club's usual session days of Tuesday and Thursday, along with informal weekend runs. There was plenty of interest in earlier session times so this is to be reviewed.</p> <p>Popular sessions included the Tusmore run and so we will look at re-introducing this, along with providing alternatives in Brackley when sessions are being offered out of town and session leader availability allows.</p> <p>It was also discussed that it would be great to see members engaging more on the Facebook page.</p>
5	<p>Questions from Members to the Club Committee</p> <p>Christine Bridger queried whether the club should have a male in one of the welfare officer roles. JC agreed that this would be ideal but didn't want to force someone to step down/into the role. He commented that he would be happy to take any concerns which members felt were best addressed by a male in the interim.</p> <p>David Griffiths-Allen raised the idea of a club trip, with some different options being mentioned. This is to be reviewed.</p> <p>Louise Honeyball mentioned the idea of having a closed Facebook group for arranging social runs from a safety point of view of not disclosing potentially sensitive information on the usual public page. It was agreed that this was a good idea and would be looked into.</p>
6	<p>Resignation of the Committee</p>

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7	<p>Election of New Committee</p> <p>All committee positions were filled, as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Appointed</u></th> <th><u>Proposer</u></th> <th><u>Second</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Louise Follner</td> <td>Julian Chronicle</td> <td>Nicola Crookes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Frances Edwards</td> <td>Richard McMahon</td> <td>Louise Honeyball</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Club Secretary</td> <td>Christie Lines</td> <td>Kim Fox</td> <td>Max Follner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Race Secretary</td> <td>Richard McMahon (R)</td> <td>Kim Fox</td> <td>Sara Brooks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (R)</td> <td>Claire Frogley</td> <td>David Griffiths-Allen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td>Kim Fox (R)</td> <td>Eoin Tweedale</td> <td>Frances Edwards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Webmaster</td> <td>Nicola Crookes (R)</td> <td>Adrian Crooks</td> <td>Michael Bishop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Head Coach</td> <td>Michael Bishop (R)</td> <td>Louise Follner</td> <td>Heidi Carruthers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welfare Officer</td> <td>Sarah Scott (R)</td> <td>Christie Lines</td> <td>Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Member</td> <td>Natasha Berry (R)</td> <td>Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell</td> <td>Max Follner</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(R) denotes re-elected.</p>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>	Chair	Louise Follner	Julian Chronicle	Nicola Crookes	Treasurer	Frances Edwards	Richard McMahon	Louise Honeyball	Club Secretary	Christie Lines	Kim Fox	Max Follner	Race Secretary	Richard McMahon (R)	Kim Fox	Sara Brooks	Membership Secretary	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (R)	Claire Frogley	David Griffiths-Allen	Social Secretary	Kim Fox (R)	Eoin Tweedale	Frances Edwards	Webmaster	Nicola Crookes (R)	Adrian Crooks	Michael Bishop	Head Coach	Michael Bishop (R)	Louise Follner	Heidi Carruthers	Welfare Officer	Sarah Scott (R)	Christie Lines	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell	General Member	Natasha Berry (R)	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell	Max Follner
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8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Membership Fees</p> <p>FE noted that a large number of members paid their membership fees late this year. She reminded people that it is difficult for the club to provide funding for events (either social or races) unless we know the level of funds available to us in good time.</p> <p>TCS London Marathon Draw</p> <p>The draw took place for the club's place in the TCS London Marathon. Heidi Carruthers was drawn as the winner, with Max Follner as the reserve.</p>																																												