



Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night

7.30pm, Wednesday 18th November 2020.

Via Zoom

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

	<p>Present</p> <p>There were 26 members present on the Zoom meeting: Dawn Breward, Christine Bridger, Sara Brooks, Heidi Carruthers, Louise Follner, Claire Frogley, Kelly Llewellyn, Deborah Payton, Karine Peter, Rachel Prior, Julie Waller, Michael Bishop, Julian Chronicle, Adrian Crookes, Stuart Coomber, Max Follner, Alan Smith, and the following committee members: Ian Marriott [Chair], Natasha Berry, Nicola Crookes, Chloë Plester, Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell, Sarah Scott, Serge Daval, Christopher Noble, Richard McMahon [minutes].</p>
1.	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Ian Marriott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Club's AGM. This was the first, and hopefully the last, AGM to be held virtually over Zoom. Ian requested that all attendees remain on 'mute' unless speaking during the meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Maxine Sutton.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous AGM (15th November 2019)</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes, and on that basis they were agreed.</p>
4.	<p>Committee Officer Reports</p> <p><u>4.1 Chair</u></p> <p>Ian Marriott commented that this has been his third and final year as Chairman. In many ways due to the Coronavirus pandemic it had not been the year he had wanted, but that having completed three years he felt it was time for someone else to take over. He paid tribute, and gave his thanks, to the other Committee members who had been fantastic; it had been a good and strong Committee that he had enjoyed working with. In particular Serge Daval as Race Secretary had kept members motivated with the various virtual competitions he had organised. Sadly, it had been necessary to cancel the Chicken Run but he hoped it would return in the future. Ian rounded off by thanking the Club Secretary for his support and making the Chairman's job easy!</p> <p>Ian went to report on behalf of Claire Frogley, Head Coach. Fifty-six sessions have been run since reopening at the end of June 2020, made up of 15 different session</p>

types. Most highly attended session was Hinton out and Back on 4th August with a huge 28 attendees, closely followed by Evenley routes (XC and road) on 8th August with 27 attendees. The main sessions tended to be most popular with an average of 14 participants, whilst the alternative sessions attracted on average 6 participants. For the ladies; Jane Rymell has attended the most sessions since reopening – 25 in total - closely followed by Sue Torrence with 23 sessions and Rachel Prior with 20. For the men, Chris Noble and Michael Bishop both attended 16 sessions, whilst Gareth Meade and Stuart Coomber attended 15. Seventy-four participants have attended at least one session. In total there have been 557 routes run by all attending members, totalling an approximate session mileage of 2881 miles.

The Club has 11 trained leaders and coaches, with Maxine Sutton heading up GPG arrangements. The Committee has given permission for Chloe Plumber to enrol on a leader's course which she will do as soon as a course is scheduled locally. Any other members interested in doing the leadership or coaching courses please speak to Claire. Future plans involve updating coaches / leaders section on the website and adding information regarding warm ups and cool down activities for members to follow outside of the scheduled sessions.

Ian reported on behalf of Serge Daval, Race Secretary. Between November and February the Club took part in five races in the Chiltern Cross Country League. Twenty-three members took part and the Club came 17th in Division 2, with Shaun O'Gorman coming third in the M50 category. A number of members raised money for Mind by participating in RED January. Before lockdown 15 races from the Championship and Handicap calendar took place, with 37 members racing. In May 55 runners took part in Miles for Mind and covered 4,830 miles, of which 500 miles were by Club minis; similarly, in October 34 runners covered 2,945 miles in Leave Nothing but Footprints. Twenty-seven members took part in the Virtual Championships, of which 11 qualified. In the Virtual Handicap 174 5k loops were run (870kms). Other virtual madness included several marathons (Deb's garden, Mini Max's Humphries and Mad Max's mile loops) as well 'one mile each hour for 24 hours' (Our Kelly and Chezza) and many other virtual marathons and half marathons by solos and duos.

Finally Ian presented the report from Chloë Plester, Social Secretary: we have no social life!! However as soon as pandemic rules permit, we will have a social event to make up for those that had not occurred in 2020.

4.2 Treasurer

As Maxine Sutton was unable to attend the AGM Richard McMahon read out her reports.

The BDRC accounts are still looking healthy even after a very tough year. With the Chicken Run being cancelled it means we have not made any money this year but in the grand scheme of things we haven't actually lost that much, considering we didn't get our usual £3,000 sponsorship money from Avara.

The Club actually made a very small profit on the Chicken Run from sales of t-shirts and those who didn't want to have their entry fee refunded. This covered the costs that we had already paid for the race licence, park fee and toilet hire deposit. Sale of kit was also down due to few members actually needing it.

Bank accounts as of 30th September 2020:

Main account - £2206.84

Down £224 as of the same time in 2019.

Chicken Run account - £7023.41

Down £937.75 as of the same time 2019.

(A transfer of £1000 was made from the Chicken Run account to the main account).

Julie Waller asked if the Club intended to make a charitable donation this year. Ian stated that this had not been discussed and would be a matter for the new committee.

Richard then reported on behalf of Chris Noble (Merchandise Officer).

Total items sold: 50 (compared to 80 in previous year) made up of 30 ladies' and 20 men's. These were 14 vests, 15 T-shirts and 21 hoodies. Total sales - £732 (compared with £1087.00 in previous year). Stocks are getting low and new kit will need to be ordered soon.

ON behalf of Nicola Crookes Richard gave the Webmaster's report. The website has been updated when needed with the relevant information. The BDRC E-newsletter is published every couple of months.

4.3 Club Secretary

Richard McMahon reported that the Committee had had to cope with a year like no other. With the advent of the pandemic, the Committee took to Facebook Messenger to make some unprecedented decisions, including: suspending all Club sessions and events from 17th March, cancelling the Chicken Run, and extending the membership of all the members until 31st July. In July, a Zoom meeting was held to confirm that the Club had in place all the paperwork and arrangements necessary to restart Club sessions in line with England Athletics guidance. As a result, Club sessions recommenced on 31st July only to be suspended again on the 4th November.

A number of other important decisions were made by the Committee, including to appoint a Head Coach and to undertake the work necessary for the Club to meet the new EA Club Standards. Richard also informed the meeting that he expected to hear in December what the arrangements would be for a Club entry to the 2021 VMLM.

On behalf of Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (Membership Secretary) Richard reported that we currently have 89 members and went on to note that the rise in

	<p>registration fees reported at the last AGM from £15-£16 was dropped by EA due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Richard concluded by thanking: Club_members for being patient during the pandemic and adhering to the Club guidelines, fellow Committee meetings for adapting to social media, Serge Daval for organising all the virtual competitions, Claire Frogley for stepping up to be head coach and taking leadership on the re-opening of the Club, all the session leaders and coaches, Maxine as GPG lead, Julian Chronicle as Captain Muddylugs, Mark Torrington for work early in the year on the Chicken Run and Ian Marriott for his wise chairmanship over the last 3 years - he took on the role at short notice and has been a steady hand on the tiller during his tenure.</p>																																												
5	<p>Questions from Members to the Club Committee</p> <p>No questions were put to the committee from the members present.</p>																																												
6	<p>Resignation of the Committee</p> <p>The Committee resigned en masse, as required by the Club constitution.</p>																																												
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>Nominator</u></th> <th><u>Secunder</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Julian Chronicle</td> <td>Kelly Llewellyn</td> <td>Dawn Breward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Maxine Sutton(R)</td> <td>Nicola Crookes</td> <td>Chris Noble</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Club Secretary</td> <td>Richard McMahon (R)</td> <td>Deborah Payton</td> <td>Heidi Carruthers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Race Secretary</td> <td>Serge Daval (R)</td> <td>Heidi Carruthers</td> <td>Julie Waller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td>Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (R)</td> <td>Nicola Crookes</td> <td>Chloë Plester</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td>Chloë Plester (R)</td> <td>Natasha Berry</td> <td>Julie Waller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Webmaster</td> <td>Nicola Crookes (R)</td> <td>Dawn Breward</td> <td>Claire Frogley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchandise Officer</td> <td>Christopher Noble (R)</td> <td>Heidi Carruthers</td> <td>Sara Brooks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Member</td> <td>Natasha Berry (R)</td> <td>Christopher Noble</td> <td>Serge Daval</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Member</td> <td>Sarah Scott (R)</td> <td>Julie Waller</td> <td>Claire Frogley</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Secunder</u>	Chair	Julian Chronicle	Kelly Llewellyn	Dawn Breward	Treasurer	Maxine Sutton(R)	Nicola Crookes	Chris Noble	Club Secretary	Richard McMahon (R)	Deborah Payton	Heidi Carruthers	Race Secretary	Serge Daval (R)	Heidi Carruthers	Julie Waller	Membership Secretary	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (R)	Nicola Crookes	Chloë Plester	Social Secretary	Chloë Plester (R)	Natasha Berry	Julie Waller	Webmaster	Nicola Crookes (R)	Dawn Breward	Claire Frogley	Merchandise Officer	Christopher Noble (R)	Heidi Carruthers	Sara Brooks	General Member	Natasha Berry (R)	Christopher Noble	Serge Daval	General Member	Sarah Scott (R)	Julie Waller	Claire Frogley
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	(R) denotes re-elected.
8	Any Other Business No other items of business were raised.
9	Date and Time of Next Meeting The date of the 2021 meeting will be announced in due course.