



Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night

7.00 pm Friday 15 November 2024

Brackley Rugby Club

Minute of the Annual General Meeting

1.	<p>Present</p> <p>Louise Follner (LF), Christie Lines (CL), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass Twitchell (SPYBT), Nicola Crookes, Michael Bishop, Kim Fox (KF), Richard McMahon (RM), Frances Edwards (FE), Adrian Crookes (AC), Max Follner, Eoin Tweeddale, Rachel Prior, Alan Smith, Graham Weir, Mary de Frates, Louise Honeyball, Nicola Gardiner, Anne-Marie Coomber, Stuart Coomber, Charlotte Brown, Eleanor Downer, Melissa Boulton, Kirstan Boynton, Dave Boynton, Charles Gray, Martin Percival, Toby Cartwright (TC), Jay-Louise Ellerby, Katherine Bower, Christine Bridger, David Dillow, Maxine Sutton (MS)</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Julian Chronicle, Sara Brooks, Sarah Righetti, Heidi Carruthers, David Griffiths-Allen</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of previous AGM</p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on 10 November 2023 were approved as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p>Committee Officer Reports:</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>LF welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She then went on to speak about the survey regarding the session times and said that it was great to receive so much feedback on this.</p> <p>LF then spoke about the parkrun takeovers the club did during the year. She mentioned that it was the first time the club had pacers at parkrun which were really popular on the day as well as the parkrun takeover being successful in promoting the Chicken Run and increasing entries. LF also commented on how successful this year's Chicken Run was with the club making money from the event which was fantastic. She also said that earlier in the year the club's storage locker was cleared out and handed back which has saved the club a considerable amount of money in storage costs.</p> <p>LF mentioned that this year new summer routes had been added and another new addition to the club was parkrun on tour events which had a good turnout. Lastly LF mentioned the Time Trial and XC which both had a lot of participation which was really</p>

	<p>good to see. BDRC also had several club members attend Brackley Remembrance Day parade.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>CL commented that it had been another great year for the club with all club events being well attended. She then spoke about the creation of the club private member Facebook group and that she was pleased to see this up and running and being well used. CL invited anyone unaware of the page to speak to her to join it. CL also mentioned the club group on Strava.</p> <p>CL finished by thanking all committee members, coaches and the many members who regularly volunteer for their support with all club events which is always hugely appreciated.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>FE mentioned that this year membership fees went up which was due to an increase from England Athletics. FE went on to say that clearing the storage unit and selling kit helped with the club accounts.</p> <p>FE spoke about the Chicken Run and was pleased to say that this was successful with the club making almost £2000.00, this was also helped by having cost-effective post-race handouts given to finishers.</p> <p>FE mentioned that as a result of this the club is now in a better place to help with funding towards races.</p> <p>Finally, FE also noted the club's accounts had recently been approved by the club's accountant.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>KF spoke about the various social events over the year. She mentioned that the rounders social event went well and was very popular and that it is something that we will look to do again in the future. KF then reminded everyone about the Christmas Party and said that it would be great to have as many members as possible come along.</p> <p>KF finished by inviting members to let her know if they had any ideas or feedback with regards to future socials.</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>SPYBT provided an update that we currently have 96 members which is an increase from the previous year and is great to see.</p>
5.	<p>Club records</p> <p>LF explained that the club records had historically been recorded using the same age categories as England Athletics. At the moment we record club records in 10-year increments and with different categories for men and women however EA has updated their categories, and they have now aligned men's and women's categories, in addition to using in 5 year increments.</p> <p>LF put forward a proposal on how to handle this situation and suggested that a vote was conducted via a show of hands. The proposal was that the club archive all current records</p>

	<p>and then start anew again. This would mean the new club records would be aligned with the age categories that EA use.</p> <p>Comments from club members prior to the vote included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RM mentioned that changing all records could become an admin burden especially in the first few years - MS suggested that we should have a sensible goal for new records to save admin <p>The results of the vote were as below:</p> <p>11 in favour</p> <p>21 indifferent or not bothered</p> <p>1 against</p> <p>The proposal was passed, and the change will start to take place next year.</p>												
6.	<p>Questions from members to the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC asked about session times as it seemed that some people still preferred the 6:30pm option. LF responded that a lot of the issue is that this time is more difficult for session leaders however the committee will take this away to review again. • MS suggested adding weekend sessions to the schedule. LF responded that this is something that could also be looked into and discussed further by session leaders and the committee. • TC asked if we would consider lowering the age for club members to 16. Some of the responses were that insurance could be an issue and that leaders may need additional safeguarding training eg. responsibility for under 18's. MB also said that he thinks the club be required to have a clubhouse to accommodate this. Another potential consideration is the possibility that sessions might need to be altered to accommodate this. It was mentioned that this suggestion had come up previously around 5 years ago and when it was looked into it was found that it would require a lot of work. The reason that the question being raised by TC is that he said that there are some members who would like to bring their children to club sessions. ET responded that he is part of Redway Runners who provide sessions for under 18's and said that he might be able to look into how they are able to do this and come back to provide further information on this. 												
7.	<p>Resignation of the Committee</p> <p>The Committee resigned en masse, as required by the Club constitution.</p>												
8.	<p>Election of the Committee</p> <p>All Committee positions were filled as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 1832 1412 1993"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Appointed</u></th> <th><u>Proposer</u></th> <th><u>Seconder</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Louise Follner (R)</td> <td>Adrian Crookes</td> <td>Nicola Crookes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Frances Edwards (R)</td> <td>Eoin Tweedale</td> <td>Kim Fox</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	Chair	Louise Follner (R)	Adrian Crookes	Nicola Crookes	Treasurer	Frances Edwards (R)	Eoin Tweedale	Kim Fox
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Club Secretary	Christie Lines (R)	Frances Edwards	Richard McMahon
Race Secretary	Amanda Hallam	Melissa Boulton	Michael Bishop
Membership Secretary	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (R)	Maxine Sutton	Anne-Marie Coomber
Social Secretary	Kim Fox (R)	Frances Edwards	Max Follner
Webmaster	Nicola Crookes (R)	Adrian Crookes	Michael Bishop
Head Coach	Max Follner	Toby Cartwright	Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell
Welfare Officer	Richard McMahon	Frances Edwards	Melissa Boulton
General Member	Natalie Wilde	Frances Edwards	Richard McMahon

(R) Denotes re-elected.

9. AOB

XC

Regarding the XC, the question was posed to attendees as to whether people would like to continue with the virtual XC or whether people would like to join one of the leagues (Chiltern or Oxford). The question was raised as it was noted that some people have joined another club to run XC in the leagues. This was something that could be re-evaluated next summer and that the Committee could consider. It was noted that someone would need to be available to go races and also be responsible for tent, gazebo etc.

Chicken Run

The club is hoping to be able to continue this in 2025 however this is not yet able to be confirmed as of the moment due to ongoing HS2 works.

TCS London Marathon draw

The draw took place for the club's place in the TCS London Marathon 2025. Nichola Harman was drawn as the winner, with Christie Lines as the reserve.

10. Closure of the AGM