



Committee Meeting

7.00 pm Monday 30 September 2024

Paisley Pear, Brackley.

MINUTES

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present</p> <p>Louise Follner (LF) [Chair], Christie Lines (CL) [Minutes], Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass Twitchell (SPYBT), Nicola Crookes (NC), Michael Bishop (MB), Kim Fox (KF), Richard McMahon (RM), Frances Edwards (FE)</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Sarah Scott (SS), Natasha Berry (NB)</p>	
3.	<p>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 13 May 2024</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Committee Officer Updates</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>LF commented that she thought the Chicken Run went well. It may be that more funding is needed for next year and if so we should look to organise this further in advance.</p> <p>LF mentioned that the Time Trial also went well and was popular with members, it was great to see family coming to the final as well.</p> <p>We are looking to arrange more parkrun on tour and club takeovers as these both went well.</p> <p>Virtual cross country will be coming back soon with more details to follow from Max Follner.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>CL commented that there had been messages on the England Athletics (EA) website regarding the club London Marathon place and CL is following this closely along with other EA notifications.</p>	

<p>CL will ask NC to help with updates to the New Member Welcome letter that is sent from the club via MailChimp.</p>	<p>CL/NC</p>
<p>CL took an action to co-ordinate committee member introductions on the Facebook page following the AGM.</p>	<p>CL</p>
<p><u>Treasurer</u></p>	
<p>FE noted that the Chicken Run went well and was profitable and the club now has a healthy bank balance. Around £1000 was taken in on the day entries and entries increased following parkrun take overs. It was also noted that people seem to like being able to view other entrants online.</p>	
<p>The club was able to empty the storage locker which has resulted in a saving of around £600.</p>	
<p>FE mentioned Chicken Run sponsors and noted that we should check with Avara to get an indication if this is still something they would be looking to go ahead with.</p>	<p>NC</p>
<p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p>	
<p>SPYBT provided an update that we currently have 92 members and have recently had a few new member enquiries via Facebook. SYPBT suggested that we should look to promote the club on local pages etc so local people are aware that Brackley has a running club.</p>	<p>SPYBT</p>
<p><u>Race Secretary</u></p>	
<p>RM provided an update on the Club Championship and mentioned that as of the time of the meeting there were two more races remaining. The last race of the season is the Buckingham 10K and a club member (Sarah Righetti) had very kindly offered to host a social event at her house following the race. RM mentioned that this year's attendance at the Club Championship races was slightly up from last however it varies a lot from race to race.</p>	
<p><u>Social Secretary</u></p>	
<p>KF provided an update on the Christmas party. Currently we have around 20 who have paid and confirmed, ideally, we would like to have around 50 so it would be great to push this more as a reminder to everyone.</p>	
<p>KF noted that the recent BBQ social went well. She mentioned that these events seem to work better than some others like pub evenings.</p>	
<p>KF is planning another club curry shortly before the next half-term.</p>	
<p>FE confirmed that she is happy to continue with doing the Middleton Cheney run/social event once a year.</p>	
<p><u>Webmaster</u></p>	
<p>NC mentioned that she has been asking some of the newer members to do race reports and a few have agreed to do this and she is just waiting to receive the reports back from them before publishing on the website.</p>	

	<p>Another club newsletter will be created and sent to all members following the committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Head Coach</u></p> <p>MB advised that the leaders have been going well. Kim Fox and Sarah Righetti have recently completed their training and are now qualified as leaders.</p> <p>Track has also been continuing to go well with one session in September having approx. 10 people attend.</p> <p>We have now shifted onto winter routes and so it is important to continue to remind members to wear hi-vis clothing and lights for club runs.</p> <p><u>Welfare Officer</u></p> <p>SS sent apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	<p>NC</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>AGM</p> <p>We have a couple of committee members who have notified the committee that they will be stepping down from their roles at the AGM. Other potential people have been suggested and we need to contact them to see if they would be interested in considering the role.</p> <p>KF & FE have both offered to do mini-presentations on social/treasury. RM will also present a review of the year and there will be a section on club records.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Club kit</p> <p>The samples that NC showed at the previous meeting did not receive great feedback from those who trialled it.</p> <p>Ronhill have recently sent samples to NC which she brought to the member to show the committee and received good initial feedback. Ronhill also offer a recycled shirt option which the committee liked and it was confirmed that this would be in the same look/style as the current kit so there would not be any visible difference. It was agreed that we should put out a 'show of interest' message to members.</p>	<p>SS/NC to maintain contact with Ronhill</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Sessions</p> <p>MB suggested that we do some fun sessions that provide club visibility eg. Halloween themed etc.</p> <p>CL mentioned that while the Hazelborough session is great it has recently become quite overgrown and some of the paths can be difficult to find especially with it becoming dark earlier now.</p> <p>The new Old Town Hillbillies session is back now and on the session schedule.</p>	

8.	<p>Leaders</p> <p>MB advised that we are in a good place with leaders now. We had some new leaders who have recently qualified and we have others who are coming onboard soon as well.</p> <p>NC confirmed that leader profiles have been updated on the website with any old ones deleted and new profiles to be added.</p>	
9.	<p>Head Coach handover</p> <p>MB confirmed that he will contact Max Follner regarding the Head Coach handover.</p>	
10.	<p>Club records</p> <p>It was agreed that this will be covered at the AGM and put forward to all members.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
12.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Early December</p>	