



## Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

### A G E N D A

	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Ian Marriott (IM)[Chair], Maxine Sutton (MS), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Sarah Scott (SS), Natasha Berry (NB), Nicola Crookes (NC), Chloë Plester (CP), Christopher Noble (CN), Serge Daval (SD), Mark Torrington (MT)[Co-opted], Richard McMahon (RM) [Minutes].</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda</b></p> <p><u>The Well Retreat</u></p> <p>RM reported that Ash Hayden is no longer working with the Well Retreat and since then we have had no contact with them.</p> <p>MT commented that he had not been informed about the alleged issue involving marshals at the Chicken Run that had been raised under AOB at the previous meeting. The presence of the Chicken Run race director at Committee meetings from now on will ensure they are aware of any issues raised.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Committee Officer Updates</b></p> <p><u>Chair</u></p> <p>IM welcomed new and previous committee members to the meeting, and thanked NC and Adrian for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments. IM reiterated that he will be stepping down at the next AGM. Since the last meeting there had been the best attended AGM in</p>	

	<p>the Club's history, noteworthy Club representation at the Brackley Remembrance Parade and a very enjoyable Christmas party.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>MS reported that combined balance for the two accounts is £8,841.60. Currently the Club remains in a health financial position.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>The second batch of ICE tags have been ordered and delivered. The VMLM entry for Stuart Coomber has been processed. Club places at the Oxford Half have been applied for.</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>SPYBT reported that we currently have 111 members.</p> <p><u>Merchandise Officer</u></p> <p>CN stated that kit sales continue to go well. The Club is getting low on some items such as medium hoodies and some of the ladies' tops. It may become necessary to make a small top-up order meaning we will pay a slightly higher price for each item.</p> <p><u>Race Secretary</u></p> <p>SD stated that he has been working closely with Adrian Crookes. The new race schedule, which includes cross country, has been well received. Only two races have taken place so far and SD was congratulated for getting the results out so quickly.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>CP reflected on the Christmas party, which had been a great success. The room (which was a late replacement for the football club) was adequate for the numbers. It was commented that the food was taken away too early, but this may have related to food handling regulations. The band was excellent. Maybe consider the bowls club or Egerton Hall this year, although the latter has a sound limiter. It was suggested there should be a pub visit after the end of RED January. MT reminded the committee that the Fire Station Café will offer a discount if we have a coffee session.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>The Race Secretary's PDFs have been added to the website and the race calendar is being updated as more information becomes available. NC will pull together a newsletter following the meeting.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>NC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Chicken Run Update</b></p> <p>MT reported that Chicken Run planning has been taken as far as it can, but has now been paused due to uncertainty arising from HS2. The Club has been informed that the contractors will definitely be working</p>	

	in the Turweston area in June. MT has a meeting planned with the contractors next week and we should know whether we cancel or continue after that. There are too many practical issues to make a change of distance / route.	
7.	<p><b>Setting of membership fees for 2020/21</b></p> <p>England Athletics have increased registration for each Athlete from £15 to £16 from April. The current renewal fee for existing members is £26, and has been for some years. After discussion it was decided to freeze fees at the 2019/2020 level for a further year.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Selection of races / festivals to be supported by the Club for Club members</b></p> <p>It was agreed to reimburse members for 50% of their entry fee for the MK Festival of Running in March, and the whole of the team entry fees for the Hilly 100 and the Chiltern Cross Country series.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Ideas for spending a proportion of Club reserves</b></p> <p>In the light of uncertainty over the 2020 Chicken Run and the potential effect on Club income, this item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
10.	<p><b>New Sports Physio at BLC</b></p> <p>NC reported that she had been contacted by a new sports physiotherapist based at BLC who may offer discount to Club members. NC will arrange to meet with them to discuss.</p>	NC
11.	<p><b>Routes</b></p> <p><u>New Winter Routes</u></p> <p>It had been suggested at the previous meeting that we should look at new Winter routes. This led to a wide-ranging discussion on the organisation of Winter routes sessions. Areas covered included: which routes to use, should these be advertised in advance, loop-backs, ensuring no runners get left behind, allocating sub-leaders to each group, introducing tail runners. CN suggested that this discussion should be had with the session leaders, however it was agreed to continue the debate at the committee. It was agreed to not introduce any new routes at this time. IM will contact the session leaders and remind them to ensure each group has an allocated 'leader' who will ensure loop backs and that all runners return.</p> <p><u>Summer Road Routes.</u></p> <p>At the previous meeting the idea of having Summer road routes for those who don't like/won't do trail was suggested. It was noted that</p>	IM

	<p>not many of the session leaders are comfortable with the off-road routes. MS said she would be happy to teach the routes to other session leaders. After discussion, it was decided that a choice should be offered when we move to Summer routes, with the off-road being the official run led by a session leader, but also offering an informal road session for those who want it with those attending agreeing the route, speed and other details.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Privacy Settings for Facebook</b></p> <p>RM reported that a number of members had recently commented that because Facebook is an 'open' group, pictures they get tagged in on the Club Facebook page get seen by all their Facebook contacts, and they would prefer this was not the case. NB informed the committee that there are personal privacy settings on FB that allow the user to choose whether or not pictures they are tagged in are shared to their contacts. This will be added to the next newsletter.</p>	NC
13.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>MB asked on behalf of Michael Bishop whether he could be reimbursed for their DBS check. This service is free if done through the EA website. MS will pass this back.</p> <p>Following the discussion about Winter Routes, IM asked if the coaches present felt there was a need for another session leaders meeting. It was agreed that in the first instance to use the session leaders Messenger group as all the leaders would receive the information.</p> <p>NB reported that she had had enough responses to be able to probably enter two teams for the Hilly 100 on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. It was agreed that the Club would pay for additional T-shirts. SS agreed to help NB with the organisation.</p>	MS  IM
14.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Next meeting in April. RM will send round a Doodle Poll.</p>	RM