



Committee Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 10th February 2021

Via Zoom

MINUTES

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present.</p> <p>Julian Chronicle (JC)[Chair], Natasha Berry (NB), Nicola Crookes (NC), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Chloë Plester (CP), Sarah Scott (SS), Maxine Sutton (MS), Serge Daval (SD), Richard McMahon (RM)[Minutes].</p> <p>In attendance: Claire Frogley (CF).</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence.</p> <p>Christopher Noble (CN).</p>	
3.	<p>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 15th December 2020.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda.</p> <p><u>Chicken Run charitable donation</u></p> <p>MS had reviewed the figures for the cancelled 2020 Chicken Run. When sales of T-shirts are included, the total profit was £62.25. Bearing in mind the current lack of income to the Club it was agreed that no donation would be made to charity on this occasion.</p> <p><u>Facebook page administration</u></p> <p>JC commented that he is now an administrator on the club Facebook page and things seemed to be running smoothly. RM commented that as it had been so quiet that he had not yet involved the names put forward at the last meeting (SD and Karine Peter).</p>	
5.	<p>Committee Officer Updates</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>JC noted the lack of training and races since the New Year, but that the Club spirit is alive and well with great support on Facebook and Strava among Club</p>	

members. No further comments had been received from the public about runners around Brackley. JC highlighted the very successful RED January with more than 30 members taking part and expressed his thanks to Deb Payton for leading the initiative. There has also been a good turnout for all rounds of the Club virtual cross-country competition. JC suggested that we put an item in Town Talk highlighting that the Club is still active. JC will speak to Christine Bridger. The X-country gazebo has been lent out more than once to a local surgery to protect patients from the elements. The club's generosity has been acknowledged by the surgery.

JC

Treasurer

[Main account: £2,277.83. Chicken Run account: £7,029.41].

MS noted that there had been little activity since the previous meeting. Referring to an email circulated to the committee by CN, MS discussed the merits of buying new stock of Club kit at this time. With the current lack of races and few new members, it was decided not to place an order at this time.

Club Secretary

RM stated that his main activity since the last meeting revolved around the Club ballot for the Virgin Money London Marathon. Initially the organisers had stated that the arrangements for Club places would be notified in December, however this has now been put back to March 2021. In response to a question from NB, RM stated that the Club draw would be made (probably by JC who has no need to enter the Club ballot!) once it was confirmed that BDRC had been awarded a place.

Membership Secretary

SPYBT noted that there have been a couple of new members, but otherwise limited membership activity.

Merchandise Officer

In his absence, CN had provided a report to the Committee. In order to bring stock of kit up to previous levels to cover the next few years would cost in excess of £1,000, which is difficult to justify in the current circumstances. CN has asked for a quote for 20 assorted items and will report back to the Committee when this has been received. CN has also requested a quote for buffs which the Committee considered to be an excellent idea.

CN

Race Secretary

SD reported that he has prepared a calendar of virtual races for the Club commencing in the first week of April, along with a number of options for

	<p>weighting, handicapping and allocating points. SD will email these to the Committee to consider. If formal races commence before the virtual competition is completed, then SD will develop a calendar of real races. If pandemic rules allow, the Club will aim to run the time trial: NC confirmed that Adrian Crookes is still happy to organise this.</p> <p>NC will order the trophies for the 2020 season based on a list SD will send her.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>CP has had no communication from either the Rugby Club or from the Band. Rather than try to defer current arrangements again, a new booking will be made for December and an event arranged for the Summer if this is allowed.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>NC suggested the beginning of March would be a good time for the next newsletter.</p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SD/NC</p> <p>CP</p> <p>NC</p>
6.	<p>Membership and fees for 2021/2.</p> <p>SPYBT reminded the Committee that England Athletics did not implement the planned £1 increase in athlete registration fees last year, and on that basis recommended keeping Club membership fees at their current level. This was agreed by the Committee. It was also agreed not to extend the membership year and defer fees to July as had been done in 2020; however, once again should any member be in circumstances where they are unable to afford the Club fees, the Club will look favourably at covering their costs. Any member finding themselves in that position should approach one of the Club welfare officers or any Committee member.</p>	
7.	<p>Cost of safeguarding training for leaders/coaches</p> <p>Club LiRFs and CiRFs renewing their licenses now also have to undertake an online safeguarding course at a cost of £10 to the leader. It was agreed that this will be refunded by the Club if requested by the session leader.</p>	MS
8.	<p>Track</p> <p>There had been a discussion on the Club Facebook page about the opportunities, or lack of them, of having a running track in the town. With low attendance at North Oxfordshire Academy track sessions, RM had approached Buckingham and Stowe RC for their view and experience of using the track at Stowe School. The response had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. It is difficult to predict how popular locally provided track sessions would be so start small and consider getting members to pay up front. CF confirmed the Club coaches would be able to develop the content of the</p>	RM

	sessions. As a first step RM will contact Stowe School about cost and availability of track sessions.	
9.	<p>Chicken Run</p> <p>RM reported that he has been in contact with Mark Torrington about the Chicken Run (CR). Mark has not had an update from the HS2 contractors and will let us know as soon as he gets one. As the CR could not be organised due to the pandemic and uncertainty with HS2 Mark has been considering a virtual CR but is of the view that the demand for a virtual race would not justify the effort and limited income. The Chairman proposed a vote and it was agreed unanimously not to hold a virtual CR this year. RM will feed back to Mark.</p>	RM
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>NB has heard from the organisers of the Hilly 100 that they are tentatively planning the race for May. Whilst the competitors would be able to keep a distance relatively easily, other BDRC runners and supports may not be able to travel and socialise in the same way as previous years. NB is happy to organise the team(s) but is running elsewhere that weekend and cannot attend the Hilly. It was agreed that NB should still lead the organising of the event and will let the organisers know we are interested.</p>	NB
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting early March. RM will organise a Doodle poll.</p>	RM