



## Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

### Minutes

	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Suzanne Peel-Yates bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Nikki Jenkins (NJ), Ian Marriott (IM)[Chair], Claire Frogley (CF), Natasha Berry (NB), Maxine Sutton (MS), Nicola Crookes (NC) Christopher Noble (CN), Adrian Crookes (AC), Richard McMahon (RM) [minutes].</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for absence.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda:</b></p> <p><u>Alternatives to Ladybower (NB)</u></p> <p>See item relating to the proposed Amsterdam trip described under Any Other Business below.</p> <p><u>Hilly 100 (NB)</u></p> <p>Due to the other commitments of many of the previous participants we have only entered one team this year. The runner and support for each leg have been allocated. Legs 2 and 4 are the hilliest and allocated to most experienced runners. Eight of our newer members are running. NB has enquired as to whether T shirts could be available for the supports, and what the cost would be. Still awaiting a reply, but if more than £5 each NB will check with the committee via Messenger. This year we will participate in the 'mass start'. Which should facilitate an earlier finish time. Julian Chronicle has volunteered to do the bacon butties.</p> <p><u>ICE Tags (RM)</u></p> <p>Forty two sets of tags were ordered resulting in a small profit for the Club.</p> <p><u>New Cross-Country Captain (CN)</u></p> <p>Julian Chronicle is the new Captain Muddylugs.</p>	

	<p><u>Gazebos (CF)</u></p> <p>These have been received. IM and CN will put these up to check them and practice assembly.</p> <p><u>Storage (CN)</u></p> <p>CN reminded the committee that a reasonably priced alternative is still required.</p> <p><u>Session Leaders meeting (IM)</u></p> <p>IM summarised the outcome of the recent session leaders meeting. New routes are to be looked into and we have feedback from members that generally they are happy to start away from BLC. IM has contacted Andy at Banbury Harriers who has suggested we don't book specific sessions for track and after May members can go if they wish, but it could be a hill, rather than a track, session. Particularly in Winter session leaders will send the 6 mile group off first.</p> <p>One of the proposals at the meeting had been for GPG to be split off for a different warm up. Concerns were raised about this relating to making GPGers feel more separate from the rest of the runners, and also most session leaders not being able to identify different warm ups for the different groups. After due discussion it was agreed not to proceed with this suggestion.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Committee Officer Updates</b></p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>IM thanked NC and AC for hosting the meeting again, and noted that there had been a pleasing start to new membership year.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>MS reported the Club had had high outgoings so far this year at £2,438.21. However, this included paying for the entry to the Hilly, restocking the kit, the band &amp; football club for the Xmas party, entries to the MK Festival and the ICE tags. We are still awaiting sponsorship from Avarra. Chicken Run expenditure has included the medals, gazebos and toilets. The current balance is £4,652.16.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>RM thanked all the committee members who gave up time to man the stand at the opening of the new facilities at BLC.</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>SPYBT reported that we currently have 70 members registered with England Athletics, of which nine are new.</p> <p><u>Merchandise Officer</u></p> <p>The new stock of kit has been delivered and we now have excellent stock levels. There have been a few comments about the cut of the ladies' vests, but generally these have been well received.</p>	

	<p><u>Race Secretary</u></p> <p>There has been good participation in Club races with 23 ladies and 21 men having taken part in the handicap, and 20 ladies and 23 men having participated in the championship.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>The Christmas party venue and band are booked. The band will do two sets. We can offer members the opportunity for part payment in the Summer. We will consider a summer social before the schools break up, perhaps a curry night at the Spice Lounge or Chilli and Pepper. Potential date 13<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>Nothing of note to report. Race reports are being published as they are submitted.</p>	CF
6.	<p><b>Draft rules for Club Facebook page</b></p> <p>RM noted that unlike many clubs the BDRC Facebook group is open, which reflects the openness and friendliness of the Club. However, this does occasionally lead to abuse or the posting of inappropriate comments. There are four moderators of the group (NC, NB, CN and RM). Facebook has a facility for group 'rules' to be on the page that would be visible to existing and potential group members. Such rules could also provide guidelines for the moderators. RM had circulated draft rules with the agenda and these were discussed by the committee. Following some amendments, the rules were agreed and these will be put on the Facebook page.</p>	RM
7.	<p><b>Q&amp;A Session.</b></p> <p>Colin Whitehead had submitted a paper for possible content of a Q&amp;A session. After discussion it was agreed to have a panel including Colin, at least one of our coaches and maybe one or two others. This could link with the Summer social (see above). Potential date 13<sup>th</sup> July. The Crookes will check availability of the Rugby Club.</p>	NC/AC
8.	<p><b>Liaising with local press</b></p> <p>CN does not have time to prepare material for the local press on top of his other duties. It was agreed to seek a volunteer to do this, and maybe write items to go on the Club news section on the website. RM will put a post on Facebook.</p>	RM
9.	<p><b>Club Newsletter</b></p> <p>The new newsletter has been well received. Newsletters will be published as and when there is sufficient material. Requests will be made for items from committee members.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Chicken Run (CR) Update</b></p> <p>IM reported that plans are going well. We have now been informed that HS2 will not be starting any work in Turweston this year. Tanya, who runs</p>	

	<p>airfield, has confirmed that we will have the access code to HGV gate and there is no event on Saturday and no rally school on Sunday. Tanya also stated that they are very happy for us to use the airfield and congratulated the Club on how we have conducted ourselves over last 9 years. Toby Cartwright has offered a donation to give out leaflets, and it was suggested we should go back to giving out goody bags. ET isn't having an event this year so any excess water we will have to make use of ourselves. We will plan for two bottles per person. The Club session before the CR will be delivering leaflets.</p> <p>Proposals were sought for the nominated charity for this year's race. Suggestions put forward were pancreatic cancer, Brackley medical centre and community centre, W&amp;N Air Ambulance, and Brackley defibrillator. RM will organise a vote.</p>	<b>RM</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>NJ stated that following her car accident she is unlikely to be running in the near future, and along with the fact she has moved out of the area she will regretfully be stepping down as GPG co-ordinator. IM thanked NJ for all that she has done since taking on the role, and whilst everyone understood her reasoning it was a shame and that she would be missed. MS volunteered to take on the role of GPG co-ordinator.</p> <p>IM noted that Michael Bishop is still interested in becoming a CiRF, as is, CF. CF will liaise with him to find a course when they are both available.</p> <p>NC mentioned the potential Amsterdam trip (as raised by NB at the previous meeting) in October next year. The event includes an 8k, half-marathon and marathon. It was agreed that this could be identified as an event that Club members may like to attend, the trip would not be 'organised' or subsidised by the Club – members would arrange their own entry, transport and accommodation.</p>	<b>CF</b>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Next meeting to be in early September; RM will set up a Doodle Poll.</p>	