



Committee Meeting

Wednesday 16th January 2019

8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

Minutes

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present</p> <p>Ian Marriott (IM) [Chair], Nicola Crookes (NC), Claire Frogley (CF), Adrian Crookes (AC), Maxine Sutton (MS), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Chris Noble (CN), Natasha Berry (NB), Richard McMahon (RM) [Minutes].</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Nikki Jenkins.</p> <p>IM welcomed all members of the new committee, and in particular MS as new treasurer. The paperwork to transfer her to the accounts and remove Julie Waller has been commenced. IM thanked NC and AC for hosting the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 11th September '18</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda</p> <p><u>Junior Section Fact Finding</u></p> <p>IM has attempted to contact the lead at Silson, but has been unable to. It was agreed not to pursue this matter any further at this time.</p> <p><u>LiRF and CiRF</u></p> <p>RM reported that Rachel Prior, SPYBT, NC and CN had attended the LiRF course. In addition, Colin Whitehead is getting DBS clearance and will be a LiRF too. CF and Michael Bishop remain interested in becoming CiRFs.</p> <p><u>Chicken Run Sponsorship</u></p> <p>MS will put in an invoice to Avara.</p>	MS
5.	<p>Committee Officer Updates</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>IM reported that following the AGM he has been in touch with Andy Bartlett at Banbury Harriers and arranged track sessions at North Oxfordshire Academy for 24th January and 21st February. More can be added if they prove popular.</p> <p>IM and RM had met with a representative of a company called School Lettings Solutions which is looking to hire out facilities at Magdalen out of hours. The</p>	

company was proposing to give the Club access to changing rooms/toilets and a room to meet in prior to Club sessions. IM and RM felt that the location was less convenient for members and noted that the parking was particularly problematic there, meaning that the Club would be paying for facilities with no appreciable advantage, and therefore decided not to pursue the proposal any further. Subsequently IM and RM met with representatives from BLC, who continue to be happy for us to meet there, and are keen to work with us. The BLC corporate membership for BDRC members was confirmed as £30 per month.

Club Secretary

All present agreed the AGM/Presentation Night had gone well and the format had been successful. The Red Lion had only charged us £50 (we were expecting more), but the venue was at capacity and we will need to explore other options for next year. The football and rugby clubs are possibilities.

RM noted that we had been invited to have a stand at the opening of the new facilities at BLC the coming Saturday, and thanked all committee members who had agreed to man it for an hour each.

Treasurer

MS confirmed they had commenced replacing Julie as the name on the accounts.

Membership Secretary

SPYBT reported that we currently have 82 members.

Merchandise Officer

CN noted that with the increase in membership there has been a significant increase in orders for kit. We now have a full stock of hoodies, with nine people having their names on the back.

Race Secretary

The race timetable for the champs and handicap champs have been published on the website. Some races are not taking place this year (eg Not the Roman IX) and there are a number of clashes (eg Milton Keynes Festival and Banbury 15), meaning some were not included this year.

Social Secretary

The Xmas party was a great success with many views expressed that it was even better than the previous year. The food was good, but the DJ could have been better. NC suggested that the DJ at the event she had been to the night before was good and agreed to try to find out who that was. It was agreed that we should use the Football Club again in 2019 and CF will check availability. Consider black tie or other theme next year.

Agreed to have a post RED January pub social on Sat 2nd Feb at the Plough. A summer event will be considered; there has been no news on the Colworth challenge this year yet. As Ladybower is full, consider other options; maybe Amsterdam? NB to investigate.

Webmaster

NC reported that the website is being updated on a regular basis.

NC

CF

NB

6.	<p>Approval of amended accounts to September 2018</p> <p>RM reminded the committee that at the AGM Julie Waller had stated that the accounts needed a slight amendment before they could be approved. On review, Julie had decided that the numbers did not need amending, but the way they were presented had needed to be altered to be clearer. The revised accounts, which had been previously circulated to all committee members, were approved by the committee.</p>	
7.	<p>Amendments to Club Standards criteria</p> <p>AC proposed that the criteria for the Gold Standard for 2019 be amended to “Members must achieve a 65+% WAVA score over 5 different distances, one of which must be a half marathon (or greater) event”. After due discussion the proposal was agreed.</p>	AC
8.	<p>Club Membership Fees 2019/20</p> <p>SPYBT suggested that the membership fees for joining members be simplified and to allow all new members to be registered with England Athletics. The following new fee structure for joining members was agreed by the committee:</p> <p>April – July: £30 August – November: £22.50 December – March: £15 (£5 without EA registration).</p> <p>England Athletics has frozen athlete registration fees at £15 for 19/20 (although Club affiliation has risen from £100 to £150 per club). It was agreed to maintain the Club fees for existing members at £26 (£11 for second claim members).</p>	
9.	<p>Subsidising of races and competitions 2019/20</p> <p>It was agreed once again to pay 100% of all member entries to MK Festival of Running and the two team events - the Hilly 100 and Chiltern Cross Country League.</p> <p>NB will lead on The Hilly again. It was noted that many committee members have other commitments and will not be able to attend. NB will put an early post on Facebook to identify the level of interest across the Club.</p>	NB
10.	<p>In Case of Emergency tags</p> <p>RM proposed that the Club facilitate an order for ICE tags from a company suggested by Sue Torrance. Depending on the number of orders received, the Club may make a small loss or profit. It was agreed to proceed.</p>	RM
11.	<p>Kit Order</p> <p>We have not ordered kit for two years and stocks of various sizes of shirts and vests are low or exhausted. Options for re-order had previously been circulated to committee members by CN, but unless we achieve the volume discount on the different types of kit there may be a cost for the Club. It was agreed not to pass on increased costs and to keep prices to members the same for now; this can be reviewed at any point in the future. It was suggested that the order may need to be increased for some sizes and CN agreed to review these further with</p>	CN

	<p>NC. After this it should not be necessary to order more kit for at least a further two years. CN is happy to store the stock of kit for now.</p>	
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>RM shared a message from Keely Weir and the committee was saddened to hear that the daughter of ex-member Jane Witwicki had passed away.</p> <p>IM informed the committee that there is a risk that the pre-work for HS2 will have commenced on the road down to the airfield that we use for the Chicken Run. The contractors will have to put in a secondary access, but what sort of surface will be provided is unknown, and at this time we don't know which we will be running on. Now that we have advertised it as a 10k the option of reducing the race to a 5k is probably no longer feasible. The option of finding a different route has been looked at, but this raises a number of logistical problems and the number of practical routes is limited by the bypass. The financial risk to the Club is approximately £3k if we have to cancel. However, this is unlikely, and in addition HS2 provide insurance that we should be able to tap into. Mark Torrington (Race Director) is in contact with HS2 representatives. It was noted that we ought to brief Avara sooner rather than later.</p> <p>NC has been approached by Wolverhampton and Bilston AC which organises a five mile race each December called the Turkey Trot that is also sponsored by Avara. BDRC would be happy to encourage members to attend.</p> <p>CN highlighted that he will be stepping down as Cross Country captain at the end of this season and a new Captain Muddylugs will be required! CN also commented that the current arrangements for storage are satisfactory and economical at £20 per month. However, it is inconvenient needing to provide identification each time we access the facility. It was agreed to explore the cost of a similar facility (about half the size of a garage) elsewhere. It was noted that we need to order two new gazebos. These need to be robust enough to last a few years, but without being prohibitively heavy. CF agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Colin Whitehead has approached a number of committee members regarding doing sessions for members on topics such as warm-up, stretching and injury prevention. It was agreed that this could be linked to some sort of Q&A session. AC has asked Colin to send through some details to RM.</p> <p>SPYBT noted that the fartlek session can be too challenging for members who are more accustomed to GPG. It was agreed to run two groups for this session in future. It was noted that with the numbers we are getting on Winter Routes nights we should consider having two leaders at some point. Now that we have a number of new LiRFs, IM will arrange a Session Leaders meeting.</p>	<p>IM</p> <p>CF</p> <p>IM</p>
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>RM will set up a Doodle Poll for April.</p>	<p>RM</p>