

## **Committee Meeting**

# Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

# 1 Stuchbury Cottage OX17 2HS and via videocall.

## MINUTES

	Item	Action
	Present	
1.	Julian Chronicle (JC)[Chair], Natasha Berry (NB)*, Nicola Crookes (NC)*, Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Chloe Plester (CP), Maxine Sutton (MS), Sarah Scott (SS)*, Serge Daval (SD), Christopher Noble (CN), Richard McMahon (RM)[minutes].	
	* Present remotely through videocall.	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
	Claire Frogley (CF).	
3.	Accuracy of minutes of meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021.  RM noted that MS had been incorrectly listed as present. With that correction, the minutes were approved.	
	Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda.	
	MK Festival of Running	
	JC noted that at the previous meeting it had been agreed to pay half of members' entry fees for this event. However, following discussion outside the meeting it had been decided to replace this event with the Stratford Big 10k on the same day. The committee ratified this decision.	
4.	Club Kit and Equipment	
	MS reported that she has a list of current kit stock.	
	CN had previously circulated a proposed order for 21 vests and shirts to fulfil existing orders from members and to bring stock levels up. The quote also included a price for 100 snoods. The committee approved the order being placed at a total cost of £813.54.	CN
	The committee considered the current price for Club kit, noting the unit	

cost of the new order and that prices had been the same for five years since the current kit had been introduced. Following discussion, it was proposed that prices be increased by £2 per item from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. This change was put to a vote and approved by the committee by a majority. CN (who requested his vote be recorded in the minutes) and one other voted against this item.

CN

The price for the new snoods was agreed at £4 each.

#### Summer Social Event/Presentation of 2020 Trophies

With the anticipated lifting of restrictions on numbers for social events, CP is looking set a date for the Summer social. CP, JC and RM had visited the new facilities at Brackley Town Football Club. Unfortunately, the main function room is probably too big for Club events and has no facility for a barbecue, whilst the smaller room is too small. It was agreed to go back to the Rugby Club for the Summer Social and Christmas party.

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#### **Committee Officer Updates**

#### Chairman

JC welcomed the gradual lifting of COVID restrictions allowing Club activities starting to return to normal. He thanked SD for his efforts in organising the virtual club events and noted that members have started attending 'real' races including the new Northampton 10k and the East Midlands Grand Prix series. The Club had participated in the Hilly 100, although the lack of men taking part was disappointing. Finally JC noted the recent COVID contact at a Club session and thanked RM for managing this.

#### Treasurer

MS reported that bill for the Chicken run storage has now been paid.

**5.** Current balances are:

General account: £2,357.19

Chicken run account: £7,029.41.

#### Club Secretary

RM noted the COVID issue reported by JC.

## Membership Secretary

SPYBT reported that the Club currently has 98 full members.

#### Merchandise Officer

See item under section 4 above.

#### Race Secretary

SD noted that there had been a reduction in attendance at the virtual champs and handicap events, but this is understandable with the

	opening up of real races. It was agreed that the virtual events organised by SD, supported by KP, had been invaluable during lockdown.	
	Social Secretary	
	CP confirmed that the booking for the Xmas party at the Rugby Club is confirmed and that the band is also booked. Food options include a pizza van outside and bring a dish. MS will explore an option of preparing a buffet with her colleagues.	MS
	Webmaster	
	NC has reviewed the website and identified several areas that need reviewing:	
	<ul> <li>The routes need updating, in particular the summer routes, and it was noted that the GPG route appears on a different page.</li> <li>The leaders page includes people who are no longer licensed. RM noted that CF is planning to review the page as a whole.</li> <li>Race reports – NC will approach some members to write these.</li> <li>Club Records – NC has received an email from a member requesting that a new section be opened for women aged 60+. The merits and disadvantages of this were discussed by the committee. Whilst it was acknowledged that 10 year age brackets were large, it was noted that to open a W60 section would have implications for all other age brackets and the existing records. It was agreed not to open atW60 section, but the situation would be kept under review. RM will feed back to the member.</li> <li>The club COVID documents have not been reviewed since the Club's first re-opening. These will be reviewed when it is clear what restrictions will be in place after 19<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>	CF NC RM
	It was agreed that it is a good time to pull together another newsletter.	NC
6.	Chicken Run  RM has been in contact with Mark Torrington who is not intending to renew his club membership and will be unable to be CR race director. It was noted that this has not been communicated to the CR committee and that this should happen as soon as possible. A new Race Director needs to be in place. RM will ask Mark to inform the CR committee and see if there is a volunteer to take over. NC has emailed Avara to keep in touch but not received a reply. MS will approach her contact.	RM MS
	Chicken Run Storage	
7.	JC reported to the committee that the cheapest local storage is MyStor in Turweston, at £49 month. It was agreed to transfer the CR equipment there on the expiry of the current arrangement at RAF Croughton.	JC
	CN suggested asking members if they had storage which could be used by the Club, however majority view of the committee was this could lead	

	to potential issues at a later date, for example if that member then left the Club.	
	Welfare officers update/action plan	
8.	SS took the committee through much of the EA club Welfare Framework, however, due to the inclement weather it was agreed that rather than complete the document during the meeting, RM would work with SS to fill in some of the gaps so that a revised version can be issued.	RM/SS
	It was agreed that the Welfare Officers should attend the EA Course 'Time to Listen' – cost to Club £20 each.	SS/Nichola Harmen
9.	Any Other Business	
	NB reported on this year's Hilly 100. Whilst it was noted that the date had changed due to the pandemic, seven people dropped out making managing the team challenging. It was agreed that if something similar happens next year we should consider taking a deposit from those asking to take part. It would be helpful to establish the principle that if someone who has signed up drops out, they should be responsible for finding a replacement.	
10.	Date of Next Meeting	RM
	RM to organise a Doodle poll.	