



Committee Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 26 April 2023

Paisley Pear, Brackley.

MINUTES

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present</p> <p>Julian Chronicle (JC)[Chair], Louise Follner (LF) [Minutes], Sarah Scott (SS), Kim Fox (KF), Nicola Crookes (NC), Michael Bishop (MB), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Richard McMahon (RM), Natasha Berry (NB)</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Maxine Sutton (MS)</p>	
3.	<p>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 18 January 2023</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>RM raised a few points and the following was discussed.</p> <p>Audit contents of the storage unit – RM questioned whether this had been completed and JC confirmed it had not yet.</p> <p>Review of Facebook admins – JC confirmed that he had removed the now irrelevant admins but had let to add the new ones.</p>	JC
4.	<p>Committee Officer Updates</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>JC noted that he had not been very involved with the club sessions lately due to injury. He commented that there was a good club turn out at the recent London Marathon and congratulated those involved for their performances.</p> <p>He noted the start of the time trial, accompanied by the usual weather, which had a good turn out. Finally JC commented that it was good to see the return of summer running routes.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p>	

<p>In MS's absence, JC confirmed that MS wished to step down from the role with immediate effect. She had confirmed that she was happy to continue paying invoices etc until a replacement is found.</p>	
<p>It was suggested that Frances Edwards would fit the role well and JC agreed to approach her.</p>	JC
<p><u>Club Secretary</u></p>	
<p>LF commented that England Athletics are asking for a review of our policies. As we had carried out a full review last year, it was agreed to re-submit the policies unchanged from last year.</p>	LF
<p>LF also noted that the two parkrun takeovers were coming up and numbers committed to helping out at both events had been good.</p>	
<p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p>	
<p>SPYBT commented that 58 members had renewed, compared to approximately 110 members last year. She agreed to send out a reminder and also noted that EA do not remove non renewing members from the system until the end of June.</p>	SPYBT
<p>SPYBT also noted that she still needs to update the form for new members with the updated fees, as agreed at the last meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Race Secretary</u></p>	
<p>RM first discussed his research into ICE tags and confirmed that the club would be advising members to source their own as he could not find a cost effective supplier for the club.</p>	
<p>RM then commented on the BDRC Bingo and said he felt that people needed encouragement to participate. SS suggested that one could be done as a club session, such as a progressive 5km run, which MB agreed to look into.</p>	MB
<p>RM went on to discuss C25K. Following the feedback from the first running last year, he said that it would be run with one session leader and one volunteer each session. RM said that he would be happy to run it again, providing that there could be no impact on the main club sessions.</p>	
<p>RM discussed the Buckingham 10km being the club supported race for this year, which was agreed. He stated that he would contact the organiser to try and arrange a discount and which point NC said she had some contact details if required.</p>	RM/NC
<p>RM then discussed the idea of virtual races as this had been popular when asking for feedback on the championships. He commented that they are a lot of hard work to set up so suggested we partake in the 6 pack challenge in Buckingham. This is 6 local routes which you can be guided around by an app on your phone. The cost of entering is £22. RM proposed a prize for the top man and woman. LF suggested some of these could be arranged as social runs, which SS said she would be happy to lead.</p>	RM

	<p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>KF discussed the curry night, which was rearranged, but well attended and considered a success. She suggested running another one at the end of Summer.</p> <p>KF has been trying to arrange a coffee morning after the Buckingham parkrun takeover but has had limited success with booking anywhere, presumably due to it being on a busy Bank Holiday weekend. It was agreed that she would try Esquires in Buckingham as they had previously been very accommodating.</p> <p>KF also proposed a pub trip in early June to celebrate member's spring marathon success, which was agreed. She also agreed to putting out a poll with potential dates to try and arrange a rounders social, with the hope of avoiding too many members being on holiday.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>NC asked if she were allowed to add KF's new marathon club record to the website, which was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>NC also suggested a newsletter be sent out, with topics including the time trial, membership renewals, summer routes, chicken run, BCDR bingo and ICE tags.</p> <p><u>Head Coach</u></p> <p>MB noted that he needed to renew his coaching qualification and do a refresher on safeguarding.</p> <p>He also commented that he needed to recruit more LiRFs and asked for suggestions.</p> <p><u>Welfare Officer</u></p> <p>SS reported that no concerns or complaints had been received.</p> <p>LF asked if Nichola Harman had completed her mandatory training yet, which SS confirmed she had not but was seeking to book.</p>	<p>KF</p> <p>NC</p> <p>MB</p>
5.	<p>Club Events</p> <p>NB wanted to discuss two options for club events.</p> <p>She proposed the Hardwick Hobble on September 16th as a replacement for the Hilly 100 this year. The event is a 6.28km loop of a National Trust property and you can run as many loops as possible in 6 hours. There are food trucks on site and she suggested that it would be a good event to bring family along to. The event offers goodie bags to each participant and is near Chesterfield, approximately 1.5 hours drive away.</p> <p>They have offered the club a 10% discount on the £38 entry cost, bring the cost down to £34.20. It was suggested that the club could offer a £14.20</p>	NB

	<p>reimbursement to each member, meaning the cost would be £20 per member. NB agreed to start promoting this event to members.</p> <p>NB also suggested the Madrid Marathon next year as a club trip. They offer a full, half and 10km option. It is usually mid April, although she is currently awaiting for the date to be released. JC commented that we needed to make sure this didn't clash with London before offering it to members.</p>	
6.	<p>Chicken Run</p> <p>JC wished to provide an update on the CR.</p> <p>We are currently light on volunteers. Keith Fox has agreed to take on the race director role and David Griffiths-Allen the head marshall. However, no volunteers had come forward for the course director role so JC was taking this role on himself.</p> <p>He also commented that we are light on entries so far and so are making efforts to promote the race through our parkrun takeovers and encouraging people to share posts on social media. It has been agreed to offer a towel to all finishers rather than a t-shirt and engraved glasses to winners rather than trophies with a view to keeping costs down and reducing waste.</p> <p>It was also noted that the sponsorship money from Avara was in, with the money from EKFB expected shortly.</p>	
7.	<p>AGM</p> <p>JC noted the lack of volunteers for vacant roles at the AGM. He felt this was due to people being put on the spot.</p> <p>He therefore suggested that in advance we send out a list of all positions and confirm the ones we know will be available for the coming year to give people time to consider the roles.</p>	
8.	<p>Cross Country</p> <p>JC feed back the comments he has received on the dwindling participation at the xc league. People felt that it took too much time out of their day and so were reluctant to attend. There was also an eagerness for the virtual xc events, as held during lockdown.</p> <p>JC suggested we step down from the Chiltern League, which was agreed by all present. He also commented that he wished to step down as xc captain and it was suggested that Max Follner may wish to take the role on as he had previously arranged the virtual xc series.</p>	JC

	<p>Session/Race Attendance</p> <p>RM wished to raise that this has generally been lower than expected.</p> <p>It was noted that the change to summer routes had increased session attendance of late but race attendance was still well down.</p> <p>9. Options for different routes were discussed, along with a potential scavenger hunt type session, which NC agreed to send details from a previous session back in 2015.</p> <p>It was again raised if sessions could be held slightly earlier to fit in with more people working from home now. MB commented that he intended to send out a questionnaire asking for feedback and would include this on it.</p>	<p>NC</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	