



## Committee Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 28 February 2024

Paisley Pear, Brackley.

### MINUTES

	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Louise Follner (LF) [Chair], Christie Lines (CL) [Minutes], Sarah Scott (SS), Nicola Crookes (NC), Michael Bishop (MB), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Richard McMahon (RM), Frances Edwards (FE)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Kim Fox (KF), Natasha Berry (NB)</p>	
3.	<p><b>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 11 December 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Committee Officer Updates</b></p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>LF commented on recent events mentioning that the XC had been going well and got good feedback. She also mentioned the Parkrun takeover and that it was great that this was well supported with the Parkrun Race Director commenting about how many volunteers we had provided. LF noted the race calendar and track sessions both seem to be going well. She also commented on the trial of the adjustment of session start times in January and noted that after consideration the session start times continued to remain the same so as not to exclude any current club members from being able to attend sessions.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>FE noted that there was not too much to report. It was noted that payments for track sessions have been going well and she now has details for making payment to Banbury Harriers.</p> <p>FE provided details on an analysis she had done of the club's income and outgoings. The financial position is currently fine at the moment however</p>	

<p>should we lose sponsorship from the Chicken Run, we may need to reconsidering our spending. It may also be that we need to look for another sponsor of the Chicken Run.</p> <p>FE also updated that she had looked into card machines and while it was noted that this may not be a solution for track payments, it may be helpful for the Chicken Run as it would help reduce the amount of cash held. It was proposed that the club gets a card machine, and this was approved by committee.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>CL had no points to raise.</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>SPYBT mentioned that there was not much to report. The club had recently had a few new members join which was good.</p> <p><u>Race Secretary</u></p> <p>RM provided an update on the Club Championship and noted that this seemed to be going well with some of the newer members also participating in the events. It was noted that there was some confusion with regards to the rules and points and it was agreed that this would be mentioned in the next newsletter with a link to the full rules on the website.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>KF was not able to attend the meeting in-person but sent CL dates for proposed socials (including a club curry night) and these were all approved.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>NC had no points to update on. It was agreed that a newsletter would be created and sent to all members as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Head Coach</u></p> <p>MB provided an update on track sessions and said that these were going well and proving to be popular. MB will also look into tweaking the sessions so there are not as many winter routes occurring on evenings where there are also track sessions.</p> <p>MB mentioned that there are currently around 8 session leaders (the ideal number is 10 - 12). MB noted that there are a couple of people who are soon to be qualified as new session leaders and would soon be able to start leading sessions.</p> <p><u>Welfare Officer</u></p> <p>SS mentioned that there was not much to report. At the AGM it was raised that we currently do not have a male welfare officer, following some discussion it was agreed that at the moment there is no current need for this however this could be kept under review.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>NC</p>
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5.	<p><b>Amending the renewal fee for the upcoming year</b></p> <p>SPYBT suggested that the renewal fee for current members needed to be amended due to increases from both the EA and to the club affiliation fee. The new renewal fee was discussed and agreed at the amount of £35, with the new membership fees also being adjusted to £40, and pro rata fees at £30, £20 or £10 no EA. It was agreed that memberships would need to be paid by 30 April after which time members would need to pay the membership fee again should they wish to rejoin. A note will be put in the newsletter regarding membership fees with a reminder that members can contact the welfare officers should they have any difficulties renewing.</p>	<p><b>SPYBT to post reminder on FB and follow up in April</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Club subsidised race 2024</b></p> <p>RM proposed that this year's club subsidised race should be Buckingham 10km as the race has recently been very popular with club members and it is the last race of the season. It was proposed that the club could subsidise a portion of the race fee however full details of this would need to be confirmed at later date.</p>	
7.	<p><b>GPG</b></p> <p>There was discussion regarding GPG and the recent post on the Facebook group. It was discussed that we could do graduation runs (to the 5-mile route) and encourage quicker runners to do more loopbacks which would build some runners up to 5-miles should they wish to do so. Other ideas put forward included offering a buddy to help GPG participants with stepping up to 5-miles if they wanted to do this.</p> <p>It was agreed that LF would chat to the GPG leader (not on the committee and therefore not present at this meeting) regarding the discussions at the committee meeting.</p>	<p><b>LF</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Chicken Run</b></p> <p>An update was provided that licenses and road closures for this year's Chicken Run are now in place. This year no club members will be allowed to enter the Chicken Run and will be refunded their entry fee should they try to enter.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kit.</b> SS clarified the process for when new kit is ordered. FE will advise SS once the member has paid. NC offered that if it is not possible for the member to pick up kit from SS it can be picked up from her instead. If we are not able to deliver new kit to a new member (eg. on time for a race etc) the member will still be able to gain credit for the race in this situation. There was also discussion on what can be done with dodgy kit/old Chicken Run t-shirts and suggestions were made such as giving to a charity.</li> </ul>	

	<p>There was discussion regarding replenishing of stock and looking at possible new suppliers for better quality kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club accounts have now been verified.</li> <li>• Club benefits are due to be reviewed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NC</b></p> <p><b>RM</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>TBC – Mid May</p>	