



Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28th April 2021

Via Zoom

MINUTES

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present</p> <p>Julian Chronicle (JC)[Chair], Natasha Berry (NB), Nicola Crookes (NC), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Chloë Plester (CP), Richard McMahon (RM)[Minutes].</p> <p>In attendance: Claire Frogley (CF).</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Christopher Noble (CN), Maxine Sutton (MS), Serge Daval (SD), Sarah Scott (SS).</p>	
3.	<p>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 10th February 2021</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda.</p> <p><u>Chicken Run</u></p> <p>Following a query by CN, it was clarified that the Club will not be organising a real or virtual Chicken Run in 2021 due to uncertainty arising from the pandemic and HS2 work on the route.</p> <p><u>Hilly 100</u></p> <p>NB reported that she had still not received the entry form for the Hilly [post meeting note: forms received 29th April]. It is now five weeks away. NB will update interested members via Facebook.</p>	NB
5.	<p>Committee Officer Updates</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p>	

<p>JC expressed pleasure at the successful restarting of Club sessions, with good attendance and new members coming forward. The Club virtual competitions have been well supported and members have started participating in races as they come back into the calendar. It all feels positive with summer routes starting the following week.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>In her absence, MS had sent a report through which had been circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Main account: £3,373.79</p> <p>Chicken Run: £7,029.41.</p> <p>MS suggested that this would be a good time to undertake a stock take of Club kit, Chicken Run equipment and any other Club assets. This was agreed by the committee.</p> <p>JC noted that he had had payment for the club storage raised with him. Previous attempts have failed to find alternative space at a similar cost. It was agreed to review what is in the current lock-up and to look for new storage in the knowledge that it will be more expensive; the cost options can then be considered by the committee. It was decided not to seek private storage space from a member as this could lead to difficulties in the future.</p> <p>MS reported that an issue had arisen with the Club not receiving payment for Club kit from a member, despite the best efforts of CN and MS. The system has been revised so that payment has to be received before kit is delivered.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>RM confirmed that the Club will not be offered an additional VMLM place for 2021 and will be offered a maximum of one place for 2022.</p> <p>Following the email to all members from the Club welfare officers, a small order for ICE tags has been placed</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>SPYBT reported that England Athletics has made a significant upgrade to their online system for clubs. This seems to be working well so far. To date, with renewals and new members, the membership stands at 88 runners. There have been a number of people coming to 'taster' sessions with a view to joining.</p> <p><u>Merchandise Officer</u></p> <p>In anticipation of his absence, CN had emailed the committee confirming that he is waiting to hear back about the cost of a reduced</p>	<p>MS/CN</p> <p>JC</p>
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	<p>kit order, and for Club buffs. He also raised the issue of payments for the Club container on the base (see Treasurer’s Report above).</p> <p><u>Race Secretary</u></p> <p>Unfortunately, SD was delayed at work and unable to join the meeting. However, he had sent through a number of topics for discussion in advance and these were discussed by the committee.</p> <p>SD had sent through a list of potential ‘real’ races to make up a championship and handicap schedule for the rest of the year, and asked committee members how these should be allocated (if at all) to the different competitions. It was agreed that SD be given authority to choose these, assisted by NC who had help the previous race secretary with the schedule. With the increase in entry fees for many ‘real’ races, it was agreed that these competitions can run in parallel to the Club virtual competitions.</p> <p>SD had also enquired about the Club standards, and the committee felt there was enough time for members to complete the required races, especially if virtual races were also included this year.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>CP reported that she had had some difficulty getting a response from the Rugby Club, but she had finally been put in touch with the person who now manages bookings at their facility. It was agreed the Club should plan for the 2021 Christmas party and from the available dates the 3rd December was chosen. Members to be asked to ‘hold the date’. CP will confirm with the band.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>NC suggested that a newsletter should come out in the next week or two. She has been in touch with the trophy supplier and these will be ordered for the summer social.</p>	<p>SD/NC</p> <p>CP</p> <p>NC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Head Coach (CF)</p> <p>CF started her update noting the success of the new Monday early morning sessions. These have been well attended and are being kept strictly to 45 minutes. They will not be held on Bank Holidays.</p> <p><u>LiRF and CiRF Courses</u></p> <p>There are four members who have expressed an interest in becoming LiRFs: JC, SD, Chloe Plummer and Heidi Carruthers; they will be trained as places become available.</p> <p>Lee Harthill has expressed an interest in becoming a CiRF. Until recently he has not participated in the session leaders schedule, but he is now</p>	<p>CF</p>

	<p>doing some of the early morning sessions. It was agreed to defer a decision at this time.</p> <p><u>Linking Club sessions to Virtual Champs</u></p> <p>CF suggested that some of the Club sessions could incorporate Club virtual champs events. This was supported by the committee.</p> <p><u>Track</u></p> <p>The Club has been exploring the possibility of re-introducing track sessions, possibly at Stowe School. A post had been put on the Club Facebook page seeking members' views on time, frequency and cost. Approximately 30 members had replied with less than three quarters in favour and with no consensus on the arrangements. It was agreed it would not be worthwhile to pursue the idea at this time. Feedback on the outcome of the exercise will be communicated to members through the newsletter.</p>	<p>CF/SD</p> <p>CF</p>
7.	<p>Run and Talk</p> <p>Run and Talk is an EA initiative aimed at supporting people with mental health needs by encouraging them to run with a club member who will listen and support them. Clubs can sign up every quarter and need to appoint a Mental Health Champion among other requirements. JC expressed the view that he, among others, regularly brings up mental health issues, for example in the newsletter, and that the Club regularly supports Miles for Mind and RED January. It was agreed not to pursue this at this time, but to keep it under review.</p>	
8.	<p>Summer social event / presentation of 2020 trophies.</p> <p>CP highlighted that it would be timely to have a social event in the summer at which 2019 trophies could be presented and when, hopefully, COVID restrictions will have been lifted. A number of ideas were discussed including a picnic and a barbecue at the Rugby Club again. CP will follow up and report back to the committee with proposals.</p>	CP
9.	<p>Support for Club members' entries to events</p> <p>RM commented that now racing is restarting the Committee should consider if it is supporting members' entries to some events as it has in previous years. After discussion it was agreed to pay for the team entries to the Hilly 100 and the Chiltern Cross Country League. In addition 50% of the fee for the each member's entry to the MK Festival of Running (5th September 2021) will be reimbursed.</p>	
10.	<p>Update from Welfare Officers (SS)</p>	

	Report deferred in SS's absence. The committee agreed to invite the welfare officers to bring an action plan to the next meeting.	SS
11.	Any Other Business None.	
12.	Date of Next Meeting RM will conduct a Doodle Poll for June.	RM