

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting**

# 8.15 pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## 8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

	Item	Action
	Present  Ian Marriott (IM) [Chair], Nicola Crookes (NC), Claire Frogley (CF), Adrian Crookes (AC), Julie Waller (JW), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Nikki Jenkins (NJ), Chris Noble (CN), Natasha Berry (NB), Richard McMahon (RM) [Minutes].	
1.	Apologies for absence None.	
2.	Accuracy of minutes of meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> July '18  The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
3.	Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda:  Junior Section Fact Finding (IM)  IM noted that the committee is currently only in the early stages of exploring the idea of setting up a junior section. He has made an enquiry to Silson Running Club, and is awaiting a response.  Litter pick  CN reported that this had not progressed, and as this is a summer activity is deferred to next year.  EA/Club database/Mailchimp synchronisation  RM, SPYBT, and NC had met and aligned the EA Secretaries Portal and the Club database. There remains a query over one member that SPYBT will follow up. RM agreed to update the MailChimp mailing list.  LiRF and CiRF  Following the previous meeting Rachel Prior, SPYBT and NJ all agreed to undertake the LiRF. In addition, CN has also volunteered to do this. The four are working together to try to get on the same course.  CF has attended the LiRF to CiRF 'taster' day, and is undecided as to	IM SPYBT RM
	CF has attended the LiRF to CiRF 'taster' day, and is undecided as to whether to proceed to CiRF. Michael Bishop is planning to do the CiRF training.	

## **Committee Officer Updates**

## Chairman

IM highlighted that the gazebos need replacing. Whilst this is an issue for the CR committee, funding will need to be agreed by the main committee.

## Club Secretary

RM reported that he has reviewed the webpage listing the benefits of being a member of BDRC and updated it. Also, with this year being the Club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary he has rewritten the Club history webpage. NC has passed RM some newspaper clippings from Sue Torrance; RM will scan these in and put them in a folder on the Club DropBox account.

#### Treasurer

JW noted that the Club is changing its financial year in line with the new Constitution. The Chicken Run sponsorship has been chased but is still awaited, but this is not causing the Club a cashflow issue. A person has been identified to verify the accounts for the AGM.

## Membership Secretary

SPYBT reported that the membership is stable. There are two people wishing to join as 'second claim' members.

## Merchandise Officer

We need to advertise the available kit again. Chicken Run t-shirts have been distributed. It was suggested that the range of merchandise could be expanded. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

## **Race Secretary**

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AC noted that in the Championship, 19 women and 23 men had participated in at least one race. There were seven races left in the Champs and five in the Handicap. The final of the Time Trial has taken place and the new route has had positive feedback. If we use it next year we need to check that the farm owner is happy for us to park there. A number of amendments for next year's Club Standards were discussed. AC will send round a note once this year's deadline has passed.

## **Social Secretary**

CF stated that the Christmas party has been booked at the Football Club. We will have access from 6pm to set up; the room will already be decorated. We will have until midnight with 30 mins drinking up time. The charge is £125 and we have paid the deposit. The buffet will be £15.95/head, and they will charge £4 per bottle corkage on fizz. The DJ will be £150, and we will have to cover a £150 damage deposit. It was agreed that as it is our tenth anniversary year, tickets should be subsidised and members and guests charged only £10 each.

## Webmaster

NC commented that there were two race reports that needed uploading. It was agreed to upload the revised history as is, and then upload revised versions as and when they become available.

RM

AC

NC

	Chicken Run	
5.	Mark Torrington is the new Race Director for the Chicken Run. NB suggested making the race more visually appealing by having mile markers in the shapes of chickens, more chicken outfits (Avara have some they may lend us) and so on. This was referred to the Chicken Run Committee.	IM
	Revised Code of Conduct	
6.	The Code of Conduct has been revised in the light of the new club session risk assessment. This was approved by the committee. RM will email all members about this and other recently approved Club documents.	RM
	AGM/Presentation Evening	
7.	The room at the Red Lion has been booked for the 16 <sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed to run the evening with a similar order for the agenda as last year. With it being the tenth anniversary of the Club, it was proposed that Eoin Tweeddale be made an honorary life member in recognition of his continuous membership since November 2008, support to the club as chairman and secretary, and informal support at other times. This was agreed. A number of other gifts were agreed. The distribution of Club Standards will need to be added to the agenda. The Club Standards trophies order needs to be with the supplier the day after the Abingdon Marathon. IM will send out an email, seeking nominations for club achiever and club person.	RM NC IM
	In answer to an enquiry from RM, no committee members stated they intended not to stand for re-election at the AGM.	
8.	Club Sessions  CN commented that over the Summer the pattern of a long run on a Tuesday and a 'training' type session on a Thursday had sometimes been lost. It was felt there was more flexibility in the summer, and sometimes it depended which session leaders were available and what they put forward as a session. Whilst the established pattern offers predictability, it also means that some members can only attend one type of session. It was agreed that some flexibility in the pattern is desirable. This may be a point to discuss with members at the AGM.	IM RM
	Couch to 5k	
9.	RM stated that there had been some requests on Facebook for the Club to run a Couch to 5k course. The Club had looked a setting up a subcommittee over the summer but this had not happened due to summer holidays. In the meantime, RM had been in contact with Allyson Anstee who is running a course on Tuesday evenings and Claire Targonski who runs Run Together groups in the evening. It was noted that Allyson has 15-20 runners and that there is probably not a need for BDRC to run this course too. However, BDRC could direct enquiries to these local providers, and in return they could point 'graduates' towards our Gentle Pace Group.	
10.	Any Other Business	

	IM confirmed that he had completed the actions relating to the South Northants 'wellbeing map'. It was noted that the Club also features in the Brackley App.	
	IM commented that the track sessions at Banbury Harriers were poorly attended last year. With the closing of the main road between Brackley and Banbury it was felt that even fewer members were likely to attend this winter. It was agreed not to include any track sessions for now and to reassess after Xmas. IM will contact Andy at Banbury Harriers.	IM
	IM asked if the Club might be interested to taking part in the Brackley Remembrance parade. The Committee agreed this should be explored further. IM will make enquiries.	IM
	CN stated that the Chiltern X Country League meeting was taking place on Thursday if anyone wanted to go.	
	AC commented that the venue for future committee meetings need not be at Brasenose Drive. If the meetings were to be held at a hostelry, it would need to be a quieter one than The Plough.	
11.	Date of Next Meeting  AGM, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018.	