



Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 11th September 2019

8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

MINUTES

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Present</p> <p>Ian Marriott (IM) [Chair], Adrian Crookes (AC), Nicola Crookes (NC), Maxine Sutton (MS), Christopher Noble (CN), Natasha Berry (NB), Claire Frogley (CF), Suzanne Peel-Yates Bass-Twitchell (SPYBT), Richard McMahon (RM) [minutes].</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence.</p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 1st May 2019 (minutes attached)</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda:</p> <p><u>Amsterdam Running Festival 2020</u></p> <p>NB volunteered to lead on communication for this trip. The Committee confirmed that members would be responsible for their own booking, travel and accommodation. Buckingham and Stowe RC have experience of making a group reservation for this; NC will send NB her contact at BSRC.</p> <p><u>Q&A Session</u></p> <p>RM thanked the panel for their contribution to the Q&A session, including those who had stepped in in Colin's absence. The venue and layout may have inhibited some of the audience from asking questions, but with such large numbers this was unavoidable.</p> <p><u>Facebook Rules</u></p> <p>RM reported that the 'Facebook Rules' agreed at the previous meeting had been loaded onto the page. Examples of posts that had been removed were an individual seeking sponsorship and a picture of a lost cat.</p> <p><u>Liaising with Local Press</u></p> <p>Christine Bridger has taken this on from CN.</p>	<p>NC</p>

	<p><u>Hilly 100</u></p> <p>NB noted that extra T-shirts had been provided by the organisers of the Hilly 100. Next year we will pay for them in advance. Generally, it was felt that the 'mass start' for the later legs had worked well</p>	
5.	<p>Committee Officer Updates</p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>IM thanked AC and NC for hosting the meeting again</p> <p>The Chicken Run was very successful; a review of this year's event will be undertaken, but planning for 2020 is underway with the 14th June being the likely date. It is not anticipated that there will be an issue with HS2 in 2020 either.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>MS reported that the Chicken Run had been financially successful, despite the additional significant cost of the new gazebos, making a profit of £2,260.64. The overall finances of the Club remain healthy with a balance of £2,030.84 in the main account.</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>RM reported that it had been a quiet few months, mainly dealing with communications from England Athletics.</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>SPYBT noted that there are currently 87 paid members, with two people currently likely to join. September is a good time to recruit new members, and it was agreed to advertise the Club in Town Talk and on social media.</p> <p><u>Merchandise Officer</u></p> <p>CN stated that he is currently ensuring that the inventory is up to date.</p> <p><u>Race Secretary</u></p> <p>AC reported that as of the end of July, 22 women had taken part in at least one race in the Club Championship, and four had qualified. Twenty-six men had participated, with four qualifying. In the Handicap Championship, 24 women have taken part and two have qualified. Twenty-two men have undertaken at least one race, with five having qualified. There are multiple reasons why some of the numbers are relatively low, but the numbers qualifying will increase once the August results have been processed.</p> <p>The TT has been very well attended by both runners and marshals. The final is in a couple of weeks.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>CF noted that the Christmas party has been moved to Brackley Rugby Club due to the fire at the Football Club. The Rugby Club have confirmed that even with the band and the food, the room will accommodate up to 70-80 attendees. So far 19 deposits have been received. Committee members need to promote the party in conversations during Club nights.</p>	NC

	<p>There is currently a poll out for an evening social, and it is likely to be Tuesday next week.</p> <p>It was agreed that the BBQ had been a very successful evening.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>NC reported that she has been updating the photographs on the website. So far, she has received seven claims for Club Standards. The latest newsletter has been well received with positive feedback from a number of members. There are several race reports that need writing, and there has been a good response to the recent request on Facebook.</p>	All
6.	<p>Remembrance Parade</p> <p>IM has been in touch with the British Legion regarding the Club participating in the town remembrance parade again this year. We need to make a payment for the wreath; MS will arrange. Date of parade is 10th November.</p>	MS
7.	<p>New Winter Routes</p> <p>A few people have asked about if there will be new routes this winter. NC has some idea for routes and will test them out. It was suggested that we also make use of the 'old' as well as the 2017 routes. MS has also been looking at potential new GPG routes and will liaise with NC.</p>	NC/MS
8.	<p>Chicken Run Charity Donation</p> <p>The Committee agreed that this year's donation will be £300. MS and RM will make the donation to South Northants Volunteer Bureau.</p>	RM/MS
9.	<p>The Well Retreat</p> <p>The Well Retreat in Turweston had made contact and RM has met with their events manager Ash Hayden (who is also a member). They would like us to provide someone who can speak for a maximum of 5 minutes on mental health and running at a session called 'Ask the Professional' at lunchtime on 17th October. IM will probably be available, if not RM will cover.</p> <p>The Well Retreat would also be interested in the Club in the future doing a session on getting into running, maybe as part of a series of men's or women's health talks. They would also consider doing a 'taster' session on one of their classes, such a yoga, for Club members.</p>	IM/RM
10.	<p>Brackley Town FC Fun Run</p> <p>Following the fire at BTFC a group is aiming to raise £50k to supplement the insurance money to build an improved facility. One proposal from the group is to have a 'fun run' in October / November and they have approached BDRC for advice. IM and Mark Torrington (MT) have met with them and talked through their ideas for a 1 mile loop which participants, including children, could run one or more laps of, finishing at the football ground. BDRC is happy to support this with advice, but not to run it on</p>	IM/MT

	<p>their behalf. The Committee agreed that we could also support with marshals and signage.</p>	
11.	<p>AGM/Presentation Night</p> <p>The Rugby Club has been booked as the previous venue was getting too small and the bar in the room was inadequate. We will aim to have a similar agenda and timetable as last year. Need to co-ordinate different reviews of the year. AC asked Committee members to send through amusing photos.</p>	All
12.	<p>Committee Members</p> <p><u>Potential Retirements</u></p> <p>RM asked if any members of the Committee were intending not to stand again at the forthcoming AGM and the replies were noted.</p> <p><u>Chicken Run Race Director</u></p> <p>IM commented that it would be helpful to the Committee and to the CR Race Director (Mark Torrington) if Mark was a member of the main committee. RM confirmed that under the constitution the chair of any sub-committee should be a committee member. It was agreed to co-opt Mark Torrington onto the Committee.</p>	RM
13.	<p>LiRF / CiRF</p> <p>RM noted that we have 12 qualified session leaders. Currently there are three who are rarely putting themselves forward for sessions for various reasons. One member has asked to undertake the LiRF course next time the Club is looking to train more leaders. It was agreed that there are currently sufficient to cover sessions and for everyone to normally get at least one each month. It was agreed to review this in the New Year.</p> <p>CF reported that she and Michael Bishop were commencing the CiRF course on the 5th October.</p>	
14.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AC suggested that as well as the Summer cross country routes, we should also plan Summer road routes, as there are a number of members who, for various reasons, prefer to run on roads. This idea was supported by the Committee and will be considered again before Summer Routes restart.</p> <p>It was reported to the Committee that there had allegedly been an incident at the Chicken Run involving one or more marshals. However, no complaint has been made by anyone involved and it is now more than three months since the alleged incident, so it was agreed that no formal action will be taken by the Committee.</p> <p>NC noted that we still have a number of Chicken Run medals. It was agreed to do a Club run on Sunday 1st December around the CR route, and</p>	NC

	<p>issue medals to those who complete. This could be followed by a coffee session.</p> <p>RM noted that the Club was going to advertise Wolverhampton and Bilston AC's Turkey Trot on the 15th December as that too is sponsored by Avara. RM will post on Facebook.</p>	<p>RM</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that no more formal committee meetings were required before the AGM in November. This being the last meeting of this Committee, RM thanked all the members for their work and support.</p>	