



## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

	Item	Action
	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Gareth Bowden (GB) [chair], Natasha Berry (NB), Dawn Breward (DB), Nicola Crookes (NC), Claire Frogley (CF), Tessa Gunson (TG), Julie Waller (JW), Adrian Crookes (AC), Christopher Noble (CN), Richard McMahon (RM) [minutes].</p>	
1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Accuracy of minutes of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda:</b></p> <p><u>Charitable Donation</u></p> <p>GB undertook a ballot of committee members and Helen and Douglas House has been chosen as the Charity to receive the donation. Just waiting for the completion of the transfer of treasurer to JW before a cheque can be written. JW works close to Helen and Douglas House and agreed to hand the cheque over.</p>	JW
4.	<p><b>Committee Updates</b></p> <p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>GB reported that all is well! The Club continues to attract new members and Club nights are well attended. The Committee commended the Chairman for his ongoing refraining from imbibing alcohol!</p> <p><u>Club Secretary</u></p> <p>RM has contacted Iain Brown and confirmed that he has registered for the Club's VMLM place.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>JW informed the meeting that the bank mandate was changing the following day (17<sup>th</sup> February). She is endeavouring to meet up with the outgoing</p>	

<p>treasurer to pick up the cheque book and any other items she may need. Final accounts for the year are still awaited.</p> <p>NC has been collating bank details for those that have entered the MK Festival of Running, and will pass these to JW for re-imburement once JW is ready.</p> <p>To date, £1,075 has been received for kit.</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>DB confirmed that she is still receiving regular enquiries from potential members. Where she does not hear any more from them after a month, they are followed up with a friendly email.</p> <p><u>Merchandise Officer</u></p> <p>CN and NC reported that the new kit has been very well received, receiving compliments from our members and people from other clubs.</p> <p>Stocks of hoodies are low and more vests have already been ordered. NC reported that due to an error in the printing of the shirts, the manufacturers are re-issuing these, but do not want the original ones back. People who ordered the shirts will be provided with an original, and a replacement shirt.</p> <p>After some discussion about putting members' names on hoodies, it was agreed that this should be left to individuals to arrange for themselves. NC agreed to find the details of the company T King in Buckingham and advise members the service is available there.</p> <p><u>Race Secretary</u></p> <p>AC noted that there had been good participation in the Club championships and handicap so far this year. It was agreed to consider adding in some additional races to the schedule at the end of the year. A number of ideas were put forward and AC will look into them.</p> <p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>CF has collated feedback on the Xmas party, which 42 people attended last year. Comments included that some felt the buses back to Brackley ran too early; some people liked sharing a room with other parties whilst some people did not; some people felt the service at the hotel could have been improved.</p> <p>Suggestions for alternative venues included Hummingbirds, Towcester Race Course, Silverstone Golf Club and Whittlebury Hall. CF will pursue these options.</p> <p>If people want to pay advance, JW would be happy to facilitate this.</p> <p><u>Webmaster</u></p> <p>The merchandise page needs to be re-instated. NB and CN volunteered to model the new kit.</p> <p>A race report for Slaughters 10K is needed – NB will do this.</p>	<p>NC/JW</p> <p>NC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>CF</p> <p>NB</p>
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5.	<p><b>Chicken Run update</b></p> <p>The Chicken Run Committee met last month and preparations are progressing well. JW reported that the first few entries (approximately 10) have been received.</p> <p>It is anticipated that Facenda will sponsor the event again.</p> <p>There is a need to do a stock check of the Chicken Run equipment, and possibly find somewhere new to store it.</p> <p>It was agreed that CN will ask Andy McLeish what there is and see if he is happy to store it. If there is a need to find new storage, this will need to be identified once we know what it involves.</p> <p>Post meeting note: DB has confirmed that Pip and Alex have volunteered to move the Chicken Run stock and equipment if necessary.</p>	CN
6.	<p><b>Review of rules for Club VMLM ballot</b></p> <p>This is a good time to review the rules for the ballot for the Club's VMLM place.</p> <p>A number of ideas were put forward including that to qualify for the ballot you need to be a regularly active member of the club, that those that win it should not be eligible to enter the ballot again for a number of years, and that they must undertake the run in Club kit. RM agreed to pull a proposal together.</p> <p>RM noted that he had received contact from the Chair of Alchester Running Club that they will be running a bus to the VMLM again this year.</p>	RM
7.	<p><b>Opportunities for working with BLC</b></p> <p>The Club has received an email from BLC seeking opportunities for the Centre and BDRC to work together and GB asked for suggestions. Ideas included; corporate membership of BLC for Club members, promotion of Chicken Run by BLC, location of the Club's 'lost' banner, putting BLC flyers in the Chicken Run goody bags, sponsorship of an aspect of Chicken Run and the provision of 'spot prizes' for Chicken Run participants. GB will meet with the BLC representative.</p> <p>It was reported to the meeting that there have been complaints from reception staff at BLC about our being too noisy when meeting in the foyer on Tuesdays. It was agreed that we should be mindful of this and take action if the noise level rises.</p>	GB  All
8.	<p><b>Proposed advice/discussion session</b></p> <p>RM confirmed that he had received 19 responses to the email proposing an advice session. It was agreed to hold it in a pub (first choice The Plough – DB will liaise with the Landlord) on a Tuesday in March, avoiding nights when there are significant football matches. Questions to be requested in advance and include our longest standing members in the invitation to contribute. RM to progress this item. Proposed date: 28<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	RM

9.	<p><b>Membership fees</b></p> <p>Athlete registration with England Athletics is being increased by £1. It was agreed to pass this to the members, making fees for 2017/18 £33 for new, and £27 for existing.</p>	DB/JW
10.	<p><b>Hilly 100</b></p> <p>It was agreed to enter two teams again this year. The cost of £80 per team will be met by the Club. It was also agreed to pay a contribution to costs for those driving – maximum use to be made of car sharing. DB to send out email now for volunteers.</p>	DB
11.	<p><b>Summer social event</b></p> <p>CF tabled a paper presenting three costed options for the Summer social. The Stratton Arms at Turweston hires out barbecues and small gazebos. Options for bring your own food etc, or supply it for everyone and people pay, or half and half. The half and half option was agreed as the best option. It was agreed that a small subsidy should be made from the Club. As the Hornton 6 is likely to be on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, the preferred date is the Saturday two weeks before (1<sup>st</sup> July). CF will follow this up.</p>	CF
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>DB Requested that the old newsletters be removed from the website – this was agreed. The ‘monthly challenge’ that used to be in the newsletters was seen as a good idea that should be revived. DB agreed to generate these for the website.</p> <p>Keely had contacted the Committee and asked if there was a need to re-advertise the GPG. Following discussion, it was agreed to advertise again around the time of the VMLM. In the meantime, continue to aim to have two people supporting each session, but to release one if not required. It was suggested that a spreadsheet be sent out to all members, as was done with the kit, then people can put themselves forward. NC will do this.</p> <p>AC asked if committee members were happy to continue to meet at their house, as if meetings are held on Thursday nights elsewhere only AC or NC would be able to attend, not both. All were happy to continue to meet there and the other committee members warmly thanked NC and AC for hosting the meetings. It was agreed that they should not provide any refreshments and that these should be provided by the other committee members.</p>	NC/DB  NC
13.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.</p>	