Punning Club

Committee Meeting

Thursday 25th May 2017 – 8pm at 8 Brasenose Drive, Brackley.

AGENDA

	Item	Action
	Present Gareth Bowden (GB) [chair], Natasha Berry (NB), Nicola Crookes (NC), Claire Frogley (CF), Julie Waller (JW), Adrian Crookes (AC), Christopher Noble (CN), Richard McMahon (RM) [minutes].	
1.	Apologies for absence Dawn Breward.	
2.	Introductory remarks GB reflected on ways that the meetings could be made more inclusive so that everyone has a better opportunity to hear and contribute to the discussion. A number of suggestions were made and these were agreed by all.	All
3.	Accuracy of minutes of meeting 16 th February '17 The minutes were agreed.	
4.	Matters arising from previous meeting not elsewhere on agenda Charitable donation Nicola had visited Helen and Douglas House and handed over the donation of £250. She has subsequently received an email expressing thanks. This email indicated that our donation provided care for one child for 24 hours. CN will send an article to the local paper. GB proposed that following this year's Chicken Run, the donation be increased, perhaps to £500. An increase was agreed in principle, but the amount to be determined once the accounts for this year's event were completed.	CN
	NC reported that the company is reluctant to do this as they did not supply the hoodies. It was suggested that rather than the Club organise it, members to get their own printing done at a local sports shop. NC will go back once more to try to get a price.	NC

	Additional races in Club Championships	
	After discussion, it was felt that there are sufficient races in the Club Championships, as this year there is significantly greater attendance at these by members.	
	Meeting with Brackley Leisure Centre (BLC)	
	Chair and NC had met with representatives from BLC. It was a very positive meeting. We can have a locker (this still needs following up), they agreed to promote the Chicken Run and offered a discount on BLC membership for Club members. Unfortunately, they have not found our banner! In return we are putting a free trial offer at BLC in the Chicken Run goody bag.	GB/NC
	Committee Updates	
	<u>Chairman</u>	
	All is well!	
	Club Secretary	
	RM reported the Club had received a nice note from Iain Brown thanking the Club for the place in the VMLM.	
	Discussion session had been well received. Layout in the Plough not ideal, but plenty of discussion and contribution from different people.	DNA
	RM has been looking at the Club Constitution and other documents and suggested there was an opportunity to revise and simplify them. The meeting encouraged him to draft some suggested amendments.	RM
	<u>Treasurer</u>	
5.	JW stated that there is just under £4k in the main account, including £3k from Facenda. So far 101 entries have been received for Chicken Run which is significantly up on this time last year, and these have gone directly into the Chicken Run account. JW is still only having sporadic communication from Suz making a proper update difficult. So far JW has had nothing handed over about Chicken Run and still no accounts for 2016, which JW is more than happy to do if she is given the information from Suz.	
	Membership Secretary	
	As Dawn could not be present, she had sent a spreadsheet showing the current membership, and this was discussed. It was noted that the membership fee for existing members is £26, and for new is £33.	
	Merchandise Officer	
	CN reported that he has bought some gazebos. NC stated that the replacement T shirts had been received and duplicates were still being issued to members who had bought the originals. Supplies of hoodies are running low, with some sizes sold out and only seven left overall. It was agreed to order some more in. The new merchandise has just about broken even, with a lot left in stock.	NC
	Race Secretary	
	AC commented that the take up of championship races was much higher than in previous years. Already three women have undertaken six races, and	

	member ties for a place in the final results, it is currently decided on their best individual Buckingham parkrun time in the year. AC suggested that this is not the fairest way of deciding it as parkrun is not a championship race and may advantage those better at shorter distances. Therefore he proposed that the Club be proactive and the rules be amended in season. Instead of using parkrun times AC suggested to have the places decided based head to heads between those that have tied (runs they have done together). The chairman put this to a vote and the motion to amend the rules was carried by a majority (seven in favour, one against). In the handicap, three women have completed six races, and one man. YT suggested that next year we should consider upping number of events to qualify for both competitions, maybe to eight races. Social Secretary CF asked if the number of pub sessions she was organising was about right. The meeting warmly confirmed that the number of sessions had been well received. CF reported that for the summer event the Stratton Arms had not been very communicative. Instead, she suggested that we have a picnic at Weston Park or Brackley Park on the 1 st July. It was felt that these would be good alternatives. CF also put forward that we go to The Plough after Chicken Run which was agreed. CF will contact the landlord. Webmaster	AC CF
	The photoshoot for the merchandise has taken place and is now live on the website. NC also noted that there are lots of race reports this year.	
	UK Athletics Photographic and Video Image Policy	
6.	RM had circulated a paper on this issue. UK Athletics has issued a policy aimed at safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults from possible abuse through the misuse of photographic and video images. All clubs are expected to take action and if necessary introduce their own policies. As BDRC does not have members under the age of 18 years, and only organises one event a year (Chicken Run) – which has a minimum age of 15 years – it was suggested that the Club develop a proportionate response based on the risks associated with that event. The proposals in the paper were agreed. RM stated he would find a way of incorporating these into the revision to the Club constitution, possibly by introducing a section of Club policies.	RM
	Christmas Party Quotation	
7.	CF had circulated a quotation from Hummingbirds. Although it is a small venue, it has a number of advantages, eg no need to arrange transport, more casual, no other organisations present. CF estimated that with 40 guests, disco all evening and a late license, this would come to about £23 per person. This was felt to be a good option and CF was charged with getting available dates, and sending round final costs.	CF
8.	Draft rules for Club VMLM ballot	RM

	These had been seen and commented on following the previous meeting and were agreed.	
	Any Other Business	
	CF and Michael Bishop were congratulated on having attended the Leadership in Running Fitness course. Their profiles will need adding to the website. It was also noted that GB and Ian Marriott are both now Coaches in Running Fitness.	NC
9.	RM stated that he had looked into the Club acquiring its own first aid kit. This could be kept in the locker at BDRC and taken to club events such as the Hilly 100. He has previously dealt with FirstAid4Sport and found their kits to be good quality; in addition, they are offering a discount to EA athletes. A standard kit, including postage, is about £20. It was agreed to purchase a kit. RM stated that he was happy to check it was kept topped up and in date.	RM
10.	Date of Next Meeting 5/9/17.	All