



Minutes

Date: Tuesday 1st August 2017

Venue: Didcot Town Football Club

Time: 20:00hrs (Approx.)

Meeting: Committee Meeting

Scriber: Theresa Lamble

Agenda

The items on the Agenda for the committee meeting on Tuesday 1st August 2017 will be as follows:

- Membership Update
- Financial Update
 - Tent Poles/New Tent for Cross Country
- Welfare/Wellbeing Update
 - Coaching
 - Grievance Policy
- Social Events
 - Summer Social - Punting
 - Christmas Party
- Championship Update
 - Down Tow UP Flow
- The Didcot 5
- Beginners/Improvers
 - Pacing groups
- Cross Country Update
 - Harwell Harries request to run with Didcot Runners
- The Ridgeway Challenge
- Member's Motions
 - Club Colours
 - Club Photo

- Any OTHER BUSINESS:

Officers Present

- *Geoffrey Jackson (President)
- *Daniel Fisher (Chair Person)
- *Theresa Lambie (Secretary)
- *Claire Jones (Membership secretary)
- *Meg Stanton-Humphreys (Wellbeing officer)
- * Simon Woods (Social Secretary)
- *Mike Suggate (Cross Country Coordinator)
- *Alan Murphy (Wellbeing Officer)
- Miranda Habermal (Club Member)

Apologises:

Paul O'Connell (Championship Coordinator)

Ben Adams (Treasurer)

Meeting commenced at 20:15

Action / Deadline

Dan opened the meeting and thanked everyone for turning up.

- **Membership Update**

Claire has reported that we currently have 97 members. All renewals have been processed with England Athletics. The membership form has been amended to show banking details and has been added to the website.

Claire has investigated the online payments and this is beneficial to existing members only (renewals only), Claire will work closely with Ben to set this up ready for 2018 renewals. As discussed last month if members paid online ongoing it would cost them £0.81, the question lies

who is to foot the extra cost, the member of the club, this will be discussed at the AGM and agreed accordingly.

To be revisited in November

- **Financial Update**
- New Tent for Cross Country

Simon has the tent poles and will measure them against his findings for new poles on the internet.

Simon / 11th August

- Gazebo

It has been agreed that another gazebo should be purchased but the Coleman's gazebo discussed last month was too expensive considering the limited use. Theresa suggested sourcing the same gazebo or similar for the same cost as the previous one.

Theresa / September

- **Welfare/ Wellbeing Update**

- Update on Coaching

Alan has written out an application form to England Athletics to apply for a coach to be assigned to our club for a few weeks to give advice to runners and to run the sessions. We applied as a club back in May but was unsuccessful due to the high demands, fingers crossed we get accepted.

Alan / September

Lisa will start her coaching training on the 16th September and is due to finish late January 2018.

Dan / Ongoing

- Grievance policy.

The committee fed back to Meg their views on the policy that was drafted and answered any questions. Meg will share with John Talbot for his advice and then this will be re-drafted and reviewed next month with the view to share with the club ready for the AGM.

Meg and Alan / AGM 2018

- **Social Events**

Simon has organised a few social events coming up in the next couple of months including;

- Running day (19 August).

Simon has organised a 2-hour excursion on the 19th August which the committee were all in favor of.

Mike suggested that Simon organised a goodie bag for each boat with some summer treats. The committee agreed to a £15 per boat budget.

Simon / 19th August

- Social run with Compton (31st August)

The route is to be Dorchester and/or Shillingford depending on the runners that turn up. A meal will take place afterwards at the Bear, North Moreton. Simon will advertise accordingly via Facebook event.

Harwell Harriers have been invited to join us for the Compton Run with Compton Harriers, 31st August.

The committee feel that this is great for the club to interact with local running clubs.

Simon / 31st August

- Didcot Fayre, September

Theresa has reported that the Council has decided not to run the social fayre in Edmonds Park again this year.

- Christmas Party.

Simon has asked members about options for the Christmas Party, details will follow soon and deposits will be needed to secure places.

Simon / Ongoing

Information has been posted on Facebook and the club website and entered the calendar. Simon will post each event individually and will gain interest.

- **Championship Update**

Paul is up to date with the standings for the championship. The next Championship is Pangbourne 10km. The last race was well attended by the club.

Simon will book the pub for post-race meal after Pangbourne and will advertise on FB.

Simon / Pub reservation / Sept 10th

- **Didcot 5**

The Didcot 5 committee has a meeting booked for Thursday 10th August to discuss positive/Negative feedback after the event and Katie and Sian will be invited to the next meeting to

feedback to the committee. A presentation evening for the charities will be organised at this meeting.

Didcot 5 RD/ September

Didcot 5 RD /Presentation night / September

- **Beginners and improvers/ Pacing groups**

Pacing groups

Pacing Groups. We all agree that this is something we want to get right so that all members benefit. We all have the idea that it needs to be a relaxed approach but with levels of professionalism and enthusiasm. We do not want to approach this half-heartedly. Mike will be liaising with Lisa H (who is taking the coaching course) and using her knowledge to make this work for us. We would like members to feed to the committee what they would like to see in the club nights. We have the idea that we have 'A Pacer' for 8, 9 and 10 min miles so this will enable runners to run with the Pacer should they wish to (each pacer to wear a high vis bib with the time printed on it, if they are training for a race pace. Miranda attended the committee meeting and explained that we need to look professional, we agreed that we would look investigate other clubs and how they deal with pacing groups on a weekly basis and we will form a routine for our club. Each committee member has a club to look at and all findings will be reported back in September. We also discussed about having options for other runners to run 30 mins out and back, or a shorter route (3/4 miles) without a tail runner, to enable inclusivity to all members, new members and for the beginners starting in September. It was agreed that as long as the tailrunner knew not to run with the 'other routes' then the tail runner can do the full route with the club. We all agreed that Chris Moffatt was doing a great job for his Tailrunner coordinator role for the club.

All /Pacing Group / September

Beginners

Theresa has been liaising with Ian regarding the next beginner's session, it was agreed that Theresa and Ian will run the course starting Thursday 21st September. We will advertise the sessions through RoundandAbout, RunTogether and via social media advertising pages with the same charge as the last course. £15 for 8-week course and a joining fee of £10 for a further 4-week session to integrate the beginners/improvers into the group. Theresa and Ian will work together to find the best solution for the course. Ali Gordon has offered her help on these sessions leading the warm ups and cool down stretching.

Theresa & Ian / Advertise / September

- **Cross Country**

Simon will be purchasing new tent poles/ repair kits and we will use the club tent. Mike has been asked by Harwell Harriers if they could join our club to run the Rounds. The Committee agreed that

this would be great idea to incorporate them in our club for the season. Mike will speak to the race director for Cross Country and will liaise with the club secretary to organise paperwork

Simon -Tent/ September

Mike / Registration - October

- **The Ridgeway Challenge**

We have three runners participating in this event, Mike Suggate, Dave Knopp and Paul Griffiths. It has been confirmed that Didcot Runners will be manning the Goring Checkpoint. Dan will organise a list of volunteers, announcements will be pushed through Intro/ Website / FB and emails to members. Currently we have 11 volunteers for the session, we will ask all members to give a few hours if possible if they can't attend the full session

Dan / volunteers for checkpoints / August 26th

- **Members Motions**

- Club Colours

Claire has gained advice from England Athletics and Theresa will send out a survey to gather information from the club as to their thoughts about our club colours. The results will be reviews in September. (*the committee are neither for or against this motion) It was discussed about the commitment from Trutex with orders and turnaround for getting kit printed. Theresa will speak to Trutex to gauge whether the stocked items belong to the club, and she will liaise with K and K Printing to see whether their turnarounds and costings are competitive.

- Theresa / Survey monkey / September

- Juniors.

Since finding out the statistics of U18's that run at parkrun etc., it had become apparent there is a gap in Didcot market for Young Athletes. Theresa and Andrew have pursued this one step further and assisted Abingdon (AAC) with training with their youths. It became apparent that Didcot Runners lack the structure at this point and have agreed to wait a few more months to address this again.

Since talking through this motion, we agreed that Dan would look at the insurance policy for Children age 16 and over are able to join the club with the current structure. If the insurance is viable, we will open the doors from Age 16 years.

Dan / insurance policy/ September

- Garden town

The survey for feedback to the council is now closed. The information was well received by the club and encouraged all runners to engage in conversation about what Didcot could do with in the future.

CLOSED

- Club Photo

It has been requested for a new club photo is taken on the last session of the Clumps, all members will be asked to wear club colours and the photo will be added to the website. (Thursday 24th August)

- Running Commentary

Mike will send out Issue 2 of the Running Commentary and has already sourced some info for the following months edition.

- **Any Other Business?**

None

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 5^h September, 20:00hrs, At DTFC

Subjects to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Championship Update
- Socials
- Pacing Groups
- Beginners
- Ridgeway Challenge
- Didcot 5 report/ Presentation (invite race directors)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Noticeboard

Meeting closed by chairman at 21:45.

Signed: T Lambie Date: 5th September 2017