



Date: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Venue: Didcot Town Football Club

Time: 20:00hrs (Approx.)

Meeting: Committee Meeting

Agenda

The items on the Agenda for the committee meeting on Tuesday 5th September 2017 will be as follows:

- The Didcot 5
- Membership Update
- Financial Update
 - Tent Poles/New Tent for Cross Country
 - Gazebo
- Welfare/Wellbeing Update
 - Coaching
 - Grievance Policy
- Social Events
 - Summer Social - Punting
 - Social run with Compton and Harwell
 - Christmas Party
- Championship Update
- 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)

* Simon Woods (Social Secretary)

*Mike Suggate (Cross Country Coordinator)

*Alan Murphy (Wellbeing Officer)

Miranda Habermal (Club Member)

Andrew Casey (Club Member)

Katie Willetts (Club Member/ D5 Race Director)

Sian Loveless (Club member / D5 Race Director)

Apologises:

Meg Stanton-Humphreys (Wellbeing officer)

Claire Jones (Membership secretary)

Paul O'Connell (Championship Coordinator)

Meeting commenced at 20:30

Action / Deadline

Dan opened the meeting and thanked everyone for turning up.

• **Didcot 5**

Katie and Sian both reported Didcot 5 being a success, due to extra numbers we would need to look at parking instructions to encourage car sharing.

We reached 284 out of 300 entries this year and we don't want to turn people away in the future. Katie will speak to the council to see what provisions can be made to increase the field size.

John and Tracey Talbot have stepped down as marshall volunteers, Katie and Sian will advertise this position in time for next years race, alongside other tasks that could to be completed by other club members (leafletting / sign posts etc).

Theresa has been approached by Soll leisure to sponsor our race for 2018, this is to be confirmed. Loose Cannon Brewery have been approached for sponsorship too, Theresa will chase and liase with D5 Race Directors.

Katie will write an article for the RC to tout for sponsorship and for volunteers.

Mike suggested designing a D5 Christmas card to send to the current sponsors asking if they would consider sponsoring us again next year. Andrew Casey was asking to 'jazz up the photo with snow'.

- **Membership Update**

Claire has reported that we currently have 100 members. All renewals have been processed and everything has been processed with England Athletics.

- **Financial Update**

- New Tent for Cross Country

Simon will make up the tent poles with new elastic bought and will get it ready for November (cross Country)

Simon /November

- Gazebo

Theresa has purchased a new gazebo, it was cheaper as the sides were still ok from the last one. Theresa will send an invoice for reimbursement.

Closed

Some invoices have not been paid for Didcot 5, Theresa has requested he account numbers from the Race directors and wil ensure these are paid before Frida 8th September

Theresa – 8th Sept

Alan has volunteered to help out with accounts, the committee agreed that an extra signatory would be helpful. Theresa will speak to Lloyds to organise the paperwork.

Theresa - October

- **Welfare/ Wellbeing Update**

- Update on Coaching

Alan has submitted the 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. If we are successful we will find out Mid -September

Alan / October

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 drafted and reviewed next month with the view to share with the club ready for the AGM.

Meg and Alan / October

- **Social Events**

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

- Punting day and Social Run with Compton were both a success (19th August).
- Christmas Party.

Simon has provisionally booked 50 places at Milton Hill House for Saturday 9th December. The committee have agreed to pay the deposit to hold the space and Simon will collate names and ask for monies (£35pp) over the coming months.

- Brewery tour

Simon will gain some dates for a tour and set an event on Facebook. The tours is 15pp and includes tour, unlimited beer and sausage and chips.

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

Simon / Ongoing

- **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

- **Beginners and improvers/ Pacing groups**

Pacing groups

After speaking to various clubs it was apparent that Pacing groups were done differently.

We all agreed that this is something we would like to introduce over time, but first we would like to start with incorporating shorter routes to every club run, so that every run is inclusive.

Dan / October

Beginners

We have 12 people signed up to join the course.

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 and RunTogether 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.

Ali Gordon has offered her help on these sessions leading the warm ups and cool down stretching.

Theresa & Ian / October

- **Cross Country**

Mike will speak to the race director for Cross Country and will liaise with the club secretary to organise paperwork.

Mike / Registration – October

Harwell Harriers have requested to run with Didcot Runners, Mike has been in contact with the Cross Country Manager and the secretary at the club and has not heard anything back.

Mike has been advised of SE Inter Counties Cross Country on 9th December, stating that if any runner wanted to participate then he would put together the paperwork to submit teams etc.

Mike / Inter counties CC -Dec

- **The Ridgeway Challenge**

It was a fantastic turnout for the club to help with manning the checkpoint at Goring, with reviews stating that we are a friendly and helpful Club, with Andrew and Geoff going above and beyond the volunteering duties to return DNF runners to their homes into the early hours of the morning. Tim was pleased with the outcome and we are hopeful to be manning the checkpoint again in 2018.

Closed

- **Members Motions**

- Club Colours

Theresa spoke to Trutex and there is no contract between us and them, as a committee we felt that possibly changing suppliers would make it cost effective for club members. Theresa will get a catalogue and will browse the choices for the kit to discuss at the next meeting.

Theresa / October

- **Any Other Business?**

Winter routes

Andy Gordon has provided Theresa with a list of the Winter Thursday Sessions and Theresa has entered them 'in code' into the club website, up until March 2018.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 3rd October, 20:00hrs, At DTFC

Subjects to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Championship Update
- Socials

- Pacing Groups
- Coaching
- Beginners
- Didcot 5 report/ Presentation
- Juniors
- Club Photo

Meeting closed by chairman at 22:10.

Signed: T Lamble Date: 5th September 2017