

BFR Committee Meeting – 25th May – Venue -Naomi’s Lounge!

Present: Adrian Tansley (VC) (Chair) Niki Felton (NF) Jon Errington (JE) Helen Johnson (HJ) Alex Tabb (AT) Naomi Aitken (NA) Deena Robinson (DR) Becca Duffett (BD)

Apologies: Mike Sankey (MS) Nigel Jackson (NJ)

NA offered to take minutes

1. Garage Roof- the club now has a new garage roof on its garage- this was paid for by the council.
2. BFR Facebook page- the merits of having an official Facebook page and using the current page as a discussion page were discussed, and it was decided that the current strategy of the facebook page not being an official method of communication was adequate, so things will be left as they are.
3. AGM 2016- NF has booked the conference room at Easthampstead Park for next year’s AGM. It was thought it was a good venue as it is bigger than the room at the Hilton used for 2015, and still has a bar, where members can buy drinks. The date has been set for Wednesday April 19th, which is the Wednesday before the London Marathon (as is tradition for the AGM date)
4. TVXC- NJ has been put forward a date to the other clubs for our XC fixture. As MS has all the information regarding XC, and he was not present at the meeting, it was decided that this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.
ACTION: XC on next meeting agenda
5. Bounders Relay – DR was still waiting for an answer from Natural England, who are waiting for an answer from the Forestry Commission. The main issue seems to be nesting birds. DR said that in the future, the process for Bounders will be easier, as it will be clear which paths are ok to use, and which are not. The committee discussed other possible venues, Great Hollands, Lilly Hill Park, Lightwater, Swinley Woods.
ACTION: NF to speak with council re: other venues
Update- since the meeting, permission has been granted for Bounders relay to take place
6. Awards night. The committee discussed potentially having an awards night instead of combining it with the AGM. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and an Awards Night subcommittee would be developed, consisting of NF, NA, and NF suggested that Helen Colclough may be interested in getting involved. The committee agreed that nominations for most improved runner would be made at the AGM instead of the mince pie evening for this. May 2017 was suggested as a good time of year. The potential of having a guest speaker, Martin Yelling, for the night was discussed, and if we agreed to go ahead with this, then the club could possibly subsidise the evening.
ACTION: NF AND NA to investigate venues
7. EGM- The committee agreed that a discussion regarding changes to the club constitution may be a good idea, but further discussion on this point would be postponed until the next meeting on the return of MS, as he had more ideas.
ACTION: EGM on next meeting agenda

Other Items

8. Joe Keefe had asked if the club would assist in helping with a 5km fun run on Saturday 17th Sept. The committee agreed that he should feel free to approach club members himself both on facebook and in person to ask for their help.
9. XC Captaincy- this is to be confirmed. The committee discussed what they would want a captain to do, which would be mainly to encourage people to take part in XC and turn up. Linda Rayman has said that she is happy to collect numbers post XC for some races so a XC captain would just be an encouragement and support role.

10. Toilets at XC- to be discussed at next meeting **ACTION: XC Toilets on next meeting agenda**
11. Kat Mulholland asked for her championship points to be reinstated post Wokingham half marathon race. However, she had since realised that the points were for the 2015 season so this item was not discussed.
12. Forest Five- Over 250 entrants so far. NJ has suggested a medal making afternoon on 4th June. NA will get in touch with NJ to clarify what help he needs. NA suggested 8th June post track for goodie bag filling.
ACTION: NA to get in touch with NJ re medals
13. Handicap race- It was agreed that the Handicap race generally went very well and was well participated. JE said that the ground was very hard where the funnel was, so the suggestion was made for the funnel to be turned slightly so it could be put in softer ground. There was a significant amount of new members who joined in the Handicap, which was fantastic to see. Their results will go on the website when they pay membership fees to join the club.
14. Jenny Griffiths had suggested that the date of the 3rd Handicap should be changed as it clashes with the Woodland 5 race, however, the committee were reluctant to change it again, as it seemed that there were lots of events going on over the summer. Our track booking had already been cancelled for that night, so that date for the 3rd Handicap will remain as 20th July.

AOB

- A) RD will post a condensed version of this year's championship points table (so far), on the website, for club members to see how they are progressing. JE will update the website to indicate that points are out of 100 (rather than 50, as they have been in the past)
ACTION: RD to post table, JE to update website
- B) LIRFs- The committee agreed that announcements before runs to agree on pace should be made, so that all runners taking part in a club run should know what the pace will be. As far as possible, LIRFs should aim to stick to the advertised pace. The committee thought that putting Guidelines for Run Leaders could be put on the website.
ACTION: Put LIRF Guidelines on website
- C) RD said that the website will be updated, Michael Pleasants is going to work with other club members who have expertise in this area.
- D) RD- London Marathon coaches- we have not yet received a payment for the London marathon helpers coach- they usually pay for this
- E) RD- Could the club organise a 10k road race in the future. Committee agreed it would be a good idea, and thought September time of year may be a good time. RD said she would look at some 10k routes starting and finishing at South Hill Park and the committee would discuss this further at the next meeting
ACTION: RD look at 10k routes around SHP
- F) The committee would like to extend thanks from the club for a generous donation of £540 received from Bracknell half marathon

Date of next meeting- The proposed date of the next meeting 27th July

ITEMS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING:

- a) XC
- b) XC toilets
- c) EGM and club constitution