

BRJ Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Present: Claire Ashton, Anna Best, Clive Best Nicki McMahon, Annette Newton, David Newton, Ian Shipley, Emma Stevens, Sarah Taylor-Hall, David Ward, Jo Watts

Apologies: Michelle Caspersz, Alice Noyes, David Thomas, Kate Ruddock,

1. Welcome/ Apologies		
2. Minutes	Minutes of the committee Meeting 13 th July 2021 were approved, with a post meeting note from Michelle explaining that she was not consulted about the awards/ championships review beforehand, and due to prior commitments is unable to undertake this task.	
3. Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake swimming Hinchingsbrooke Park/ donation of bench. Claire has contacted Rachel Miller to choose a suitable bench. • #Run and Talk 20th- 26th September is #RunAndTalk week. A 5k run to promote this is organised for 21st September • Claire has a blue plaque for Tony Farrow, acknowledging his huge contribution to the club, to present at parkrun. 	
4. Officers Reports	<p>Triathlon;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Swimming Pool swimming is covering costs and ‘bring a friend to try a session’ attracted new members. It was agreed to continue this with a trial 4 weeks before people join BRJ. A lot of positive feedback for Katie. Sessions at One Leisure have been extended to 2022. Paulus is leaving and more coaches are needed, can be BTF or swimming coaches. • Lake swimming A successful season for lake swimming. Rachel Miller has been told that the NOWCA are in discussion with Hinchingsbrooke Park to use the lake. • Cycling 20 people expressed an interest in the Tuesday evening cycling sessions, but 5 people attended. Claire has continued discussions with St Ives Cycling Club to explore the option of affiliation, and accessing their cycling sessions. Post meeting note; SICC have agreed that BRJ members can join SICC for zero cost, this would give access to club rides, time trials etc just like any other SICC member. British Cycling membership is required at a cost of £15/year. There would be a reciprocal arrangement for SICC members with BRJ. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior triathletes Currently there is no cycle or swim training for juniors within the club. The option of linking with swim and cycling clubs will be explored. • Junior coaches Emma confirmed that junior coaches who coach running do not need to be registered on the BTF database. <p>Coaching Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 11 leaders in running fitness (this includes 4 people who have recently completed this qualification), 2 coaches, one athletics coach and 5 coaching assistants. Four coaches and 2 IIRFs have stepped down and a further 4 are not currently active. There are not sufficient coaches and leaders to sustain and develop club activities, this affects senior and junior activities. David N will organise a meeting of coaches and leaders to clarify their availability, circulate the previous development plan, and plan further recruitment. There was discussion of the expectations and commitment for coaches/leaders • Beginners Simon reported that there are 8 beginners active in the programme. They have completed off-road sessions and will now meet at Riverside with the Monday club run. <p>Juniors Junior sessions will return to the track 29th September and indoor sessions from 10th January. An indoor venue is required as the school hall used previously is not available. Clubpal will be used for registration and payment.</p> <p>Fund-Raising The sunflower competition will end on 22nd September. Sarah and Claire will plan the Guestimate and Quiz night.</p> <p>Social Events Nicki has looked for venues for a Christmas party, few are available and these are more expensive than previous years. Claire to circulate members to gauge the level of interest.</p> <p>Finance Finance report circulated.</p>	<p>DN</p> <p>NMc/ JW</p> <p>STH/ CA</p> <p>CA</p>
5. ClubPal/ Mojo	Alice highlighted that the current arrangement with Clubpal and Mojo is 'clunky'. It was agreed that membership will transfer to Clubpal, and this needs to be done before Mojo renewal in February 2022. It was proposed that new members will join through Clubpal from 1 st	CA/ NMc/ ANo/JW

	November. Claire, Nicki, Alice and Jo will meet to plan the transition of membership and club processes.	
6. Membership Survey	Claire is liaising with Jo to finalise the junior survey and will circulate senior and junior surveys to members	CA/JW
7. Safeguarding Codes of Conduct	Emma circulated UKA updated safeguarding guidance and codes of conduct, with specific requirements for coaches, athletes, parents, and volunteers. Club members need to be aware of the codes of conduct and sign the relevant section. It was agreed that coaches and leaders will be made aware of this at the proposed meeting. The requirements will be included in club membership/ renewal for all members. It was suggested that there should be a code of conduct for the BRJ facebook group.	ES/DN ES/ANo
8. Club Awards / Champs	Annette presented a paper outlining the club awards and championships, (attached). It was agreed to re-establish the senior and junior running championships next year, using the same format with some modifications, eg including some club only events/time trials. This will require a group of volunteers undertake the detailed planning. There needs to be more development opportunities for junior multi-sport as described in officers reports. The senior multisport championships needs further consideration.	
9.AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare- contact/ feedback from members who do not renew membership. • Future BRJ races. Claire will contact Active Training World to see how they can support races • Kate Ruddock has resigned from the committee. Kate is unable to commit to regular input but will continue to support club activities when she can. <p>Item for next agenda;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardship fund • Finance/ Future spending • St Ives Cycle Club offer 	CA
15. Date of Next Meeting	7.00 Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	