BRJ Committee Meeting

Thursday 29th April 2023

Present: Sam Ahern, Claire Ashton, Felicity Baillie, Anna Best, Clive Best, Sophie Etheridge,

Heledd Marshall-Roberts, Paul Mitton, Annette Newton, Tim Phillips, Kate Ruddock

Apologies: Nicki McMahon, Ian Shipley, Lisa Shacklock Emma Stevens,

1.Welcome

Claire welcomed the new committee, and invited everyone to introduce themselves and suggest ideas for the club that they would like to achieve over the year.;

Felicity; Club Captain Women

- Focus on female runners
- Male vs female events, friendly competition
- Longest day sunrise/ sunset runs

Paul; Club Captain Men/ Coaching Coordinator (running)

- Encourage participation
- Recruit more coaches and run leaders

Sophie: Communications Officer and Inclusion

- Focus on swimming
- Swim teacher and open water swimming coach
- Start river swimming sessions
- Organise open water swimming for juniors
- Cross channel swim

Kate: Fundraising

- Promoting fundraising for charity Get Kids Going
- Planning more social fundraising events.

Heledd: Welfare Officer

- Focus on welfare issues for juniors
- Assistant coach with juniors, encourage participation in frostbite
- Pentathlon competition

Tim: Triathlon coordinator with Sam

- Cycling coach, organise cycling sessions
- Organise tri coaching
- Support and help the club

Annette: Club Secretary

- Club admin
- Plan and coordinate Monday club runs, encourage participation
- Volunteer to support club events
- Sustainability of core club activities

Clive: Website Officer

- Maintain and update website
- Email communications across the committee
- Unify the website and Clubpal site

Anna: Kit Officer

- Order and manage the club kit, storage and distribution
- Liaise with suppliers and identify new supplies
- New items, eg medals, badges

	 Sam: Triathlon coordinator with Tim Lake swimming and cycling Social events for non-running Coach and on the committee o the canoe club Claire: Chair Deal with club issues on Fridays, including weekly email to members Promote tri activities 	
2. Committee update	Claire explained the working of the committee. Meetings are approximately 6 weekly, in person and the option of joining online. Officers have specific roles, and can submit reports prior to the meeting to allow time for discussion. Subgroups are used for more detailed work, eg, Ouse Valley Way Marathon, or focus on a section of the club, eg Juniors. The committee WhatsApp group is used for communication and decisions. Minutes are circulated within a week of the committee meeting.	
3Minutes	Minutes of the committee meeting 9 th February were approved	
4. Action Points	 EA Club Standards The EA club affiliation process requires clubs to monitor compliance with 7 standards. These relate to governance, including club structures and policies. We have worked on this over the past year and BRJ is compliant with the 7 standards. Sophie confirmed Living Sport can provide training on promoting inclusion, (inclusive activity programme), for coaches and run leaders. Need to agree numbers and dates. 	
5.	 BRJ 35th Anniversary Social Event Ideas Claire suggested a summer party, afternoon and evening for all members. Games, food, bar, music. Possible venues were discussed Kit memorabilia ideas T shirt, hat, buff. Kate and Claire to contact people who may be able to design a logo. 	CA CA/KR/ AB
6. Officers Reports	MEMBERSHIP Nicki reported that there are 129 seniors, 16 life members, 34 juniors and 2 associate members. 47 members have not rejoined to date. MULTISPORT Swimming Sophie highlighted some of the issues to resolve before restarting lake swimming; Insurance; BRJ is insured as part of the club affiliation to British Triathlon. Sophie requested clarification of the BTF requirements/ standards for open water swimming. Claire will	

contact BTF. Sophie is a qualified open water swimming coach and has coach insurance through her work with the Cambridge Swim Company.

CA

 Hinchingbrooke Park; Sam will contact Judith Arnold to clarify the requirements from Hinchingbrooke Park for lake swimming. The risk assessment should be reviewed and updated.

SA

 Operational; Sam will contact Rachel Miller to get the lake swimming equipment. Sam will check the water temperature and condition of the lake access. This area may be too soft for wheelchair access. Sam will coordinate and clarify the rota required for safe swimming.

SA

The pool swimming sessions are going well with 23 people attending a recent session. Tim said there was very positive feedback from people attending.

Cycling

St Ives Cycling Club has not continued the discount membership for BRJ members, and this has therefore been taken off the membership options. Tim will discuss with SICC.

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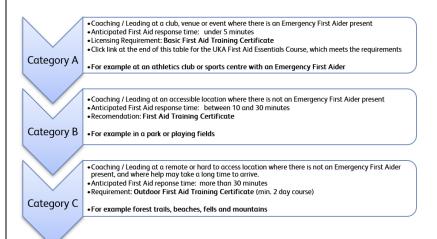
Tim can provide cycling sessions and tri skills, eg, transition sessions, brick sessions, chain gang, try a tri, time trials. Sessions could involve juniors. Tim to provide dates.

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COACHING

Coach Training

EA has provided further guidance on the requirements for first aid training for coaches and run leaders.



It is likely that BRJ coaches/ run leaders will require category B training, (as a minimum they will require Category A training to maintain their EA coach/run leader registration) Paul will identify local training providers. Coaches who are already qualified with a First Aid Training Certificate (or higher qualification) can have this validated by EA and will not need to repeat training.

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	Track Need to increase numbers attending. Invite other clubs that may be interested in joining the session.	PM
	Juniors Heledd will meet with Emma to discuss her welfare role.	
	David has planned the proposed badges with the Juniors coach team and Anna has quotations to cost the options.	
	The juniors are meeting in Hinchingbrooke Park	
	Fundraising Report Kate is planning fundraising events, and suggests these could link with the '35' theme as part of the 35 th anniversary celebrations.	
	 Events could include; Guestimate- will fix a date, Wednesday evening to link with juniors and avoid Peterborough Grand Prix series. Longest day sunrise/sunset event (21st June) 	KR
	 Quiz night Bacon butty run Pentathlon Anniversary games 	
	Communications Instagram has been set up. Promote 'Medal Monday' asking members to send photos from weekend events, or tag BRJ on Instagram.	SE
	Welfare Nothing to report.	
	Kit There is a problem with ordering tri/cycle kit as the supplier will no longer provide single orders, and requires a minimum of 5.	
	Finance Ian circulated a report; There is £16, 683 in the bank account.	
7.BRJ Events	Ouse Valley Way Marathon Gerry circulated a report. 10 people have registered for the marathon and the team will focus on publicity and promoting the event. Felicity is planning the requirement for marshals and will start recruiting	
8. AOB	Night of 10K Pbs Paul mentioned this event for spectators to see elite 10K runners.	

Meeting		
Date of Next	7.00 Thursday 15 th June 2023	
	regular event with the same route, to include a long run and shorter route. Starting at Houghton Mill would enable a swim option, and coffee at the National Trust Café. Felicity and Tim to organise.	TP/FB
	BRJ Schedule/ Sunday Run/Swim Tim suggested having a fixed weekly schedule of club events that are routine. He suggested a Sunday run could be a	
	 Member handbook/benefits The members handbook on the website is out of date. Claire will add a page tp Clubpal with the suppliers offering discounts to BRJ members. 	CA
	Yaxley Invitation Run 11 th May BRJ has previously organised a club invitation run too	
	20 th May, Highgate Harriers Parliament Hill Track https://www.nightofthe10kpbs.com/	