

## BRJ Committee Meeting

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

With thanks to Emma for her hospitality, coffee and cake.

Present (in person): Claire Ashton, Felicity Baillie, Paul Treadwell, Paul Mitton, Ian Shipley, Anna Best, Emma Stevens

Present (Virtual): Tim Phillips

Apologies: Sophie Etheridge

Item		Action
1	Apologies – SE	
2	Approval of previous minutes. No objections or notes	
3	<p>Officers Reports:-</p> <p><b>Chairperson</b> – CA Remembered previous BRJ member Tony Cotton who passed recently and whose funeral was attended by a good turnout of current and former members. All expressed their sadness about his passing. A true legend.</p> <p>EA Head Coach Chris Hollishead will be at the club holding a coaching the coaches session for 3 hours on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>CA reported talking to other clubs in the area to build greater cooperation. Race assistance, marshalls, events, socials etc. As part of this a planned Invitational Social run 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 and volunteers required for the Falksworth 15 - 19<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Running – Male Captain.</b> PM reported a good take up of the latest 10 week track pass with aroximately an extra 5+ members at the track each week. Many in training for the St Neots Half Marathon. PM passed on his thanks to TP for having coached whilst Paul was away.</p> <p><b>Female Captain.</b> Discussion re Sunday runs / Alconbury runs etc. What is the best way of communicating details of Sunday runs as some people do not wish to be on Whatsapp. Adding to ClubPal will be trialled.</p> <p>A discussion followed re the number of Coaches, Coach training, how often coaches are expected to coach etc. A list of current active coaches is being compiled.</p> <p>An observation about runners and wakers making themselves seen using lights etc, during night runs and walks.</p> <p><b>Swimming</b>—TP reported on the open-water swimming, which went well. Three sessions were missed during the year due to keys, a lack of spotters, etc. But otherwise, the sessions went well, with 8-12 people per week. The plan is to do the same next year. Special thanks to Katie for her volunteering.</p> <p>A discussion followed about the number of spotters required, cost of lake hire, promotion etc. TP will promote early for next season</p> <p><b>Tri Captain</b>—TP reported a disappointing turnout for Tri training. The idea for a training program aimed at a specific Triathlon was discussed again. TP is currently looking into Strength and Conditioning coaching qualification. The</p>	<p>Sunday runs on ClubPal Nmc, FB</p> <p>ES</p> <p>Coaches</p> <p>TP</p>

	<p>club has kit for this.</p> <p><b>Membership</b> – NMc reported membership as: Seniors 205, Lifetime members 20, Beginners 14, Juniors 77, Associate 4, Volunteer 3. Total a very healthy 323</p>	
4	<p><b>Charity activities</b> - FB reported a good turnout for the Bacon Butty run, with over £100 raised. FB presented the idea of the Spring 4 by 4 by 48 event for next year's charity.</p>	FB
5	<p><b>Kit stock and Value</b> – AB reported current stock levels for BRJ branded kit and casual clothing.</p> <p>Discussion held re stock levels, ordering etc. Also should the kit be ordered in bulk or as “shop window” on manufacturers site. Bulk orders attract a discount from the manufacturers.</p> <p>After a discussion was held the decision was made to order juniors kit now and hold off Adults kit order until before Frostbite series. AB to look into numbers of items sold YTD.</p>	AB
6	<p><b>Half Year Accounts</b> – IS presented the half-year accounts.</p>	
7	<p><b>Ouse Valley Way Marathon &amp; Half Marathon</b> – 220 runners signed up for the event. A split of 50/50 for half and full marathon. CA reported a very successful event despite the weather.</p> <p>The Ouse Valley Trust reported that the event helps to spur action from the council to clear the way etc.</p> <p>Current thoughts are to have a field of 400 runners next year. Date for next year is 21<sup>st</sup> September.</p> <p>Huge effort by Claire acknowledged. The races wouldn't have happened without her superb effort.</p>	
8	<p><b>Christmas party</b> – 60 people have booked, several on a waiting list. 32 paid to date. A request for raffle prizes.</p>	All
	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
Date of next meeting	<p>Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January – location Pub (TBA, any ideas?)</p>	All