**Minutes for Committee Meeting**

**Monday 12th September 2022 7.00pm**

**Present:** Ken Littlejohns (KL), Anna O’Neill (ACO), Leigh Henderson (LH), Ian Byett (IB) (Part 4 onwards), Terry Wegg (TW), Jackie Tobin (JT), Jo Breeds (JB),

**Apologies**: Carol Quinn (CQ), Edward Thomas (ET), Felicity Edwards (FE), Ann Henderson (AH)

**Observing:** Deborah Montgomery (DM); Cheryl Ragan (CR); Ray Gartland (RG)

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|  | **PART 1** |
| 1 | LH welcomed the attendees and thanked them all for attending. LH confirmed that the meeting was quorate.  LH confirmed that DM’s involvement was welcomed, and it was agreed that DM was co-opted by the Committee to serve as acting Vice Chair until the next AGM.  **Minutes of the last meeting (04/07/2022)**  The minutes of the meetings were discussed and agreed as true and accurate records. A query was raised about what was agreed as the next steps in the Hoppit 2023 decision making. TW confirmed that the race was considered to be moving ahead, entries have opened, and numbers are ahead of what the team expected as well as being ahead of usual entrance numbers at this time of the year. A meeting is scheduled for 22nd September to agree whether 10k and 5k options can also be offered.  Action: LH will circulate the latest Hoppit position, recently provided by Tim Fowler. |
| 2 | **Matters arising from the last minutes**  The Committee Tracker was reviewed and updated. Points of particular note are:  No. 2: no progress on coaching strategy measurement has been made because we are still implementing. LH suggested that for more independence, perhaps should someone else look at it but JT queried whether the success just speaks for itself. It was agreed that metrics and associated trend date will be collected.  **Action**: JB to pull together metrics and trend data to assist in the analysis of the success of the coaching strategy. |
|  | **PART 2** |
| 3 | **REPORTS**  With the exception of the finance report, the reports were issued in advance of the meeting via email and additional comments are noted below.  **Treasurer**  Report to follow  It was noted that the figures should reflect a profit from the recent open event and that track fees should not be due as this event should count as one of the events included in the annual track charge.  **Membership**  Nothing additional to report.  **Coaching**  A ‘come and try’ session was held, quad kids style. 32 were invited and 37 attended. An analysis of performances was undertaken and there were some very good results, so it is important to get those children into the club promptly however there is still a long waiting list. It was agreed to add new athletes and coaches to the existing Tuesday and Thursday sessions rather than add a new session. ACO offered to attend Liz and Cheryll’s group on Tuesdays as an additional helper and will undertake the DBS check.  A second come and try session is scheduled for the 1st of October and there are plans to adapt this approach for secondary age children. LH will raise with Lisa Hedderly as she is the school’s liaison lead. It was suggested that invitation letters could be handed out at the primary school cross country races.  Event rotation is being piloted with year 6, starting in October.  JB confirmed that she is capturing the 3As standards achievements  **Competition Matters**  TW advised that there is a Hoppit meeting scheduled for the 7th October at which logistics arrangements will be discussed.  **Secretary**  Nothing additional to report. |
| 4 | **DECISIONS AND UPDATES**  **Vets League Final**  RG talked through the progress that he had been able to make in organising this event. The most significant problem has been in gaining commitment from enough officials and some clubs have offered very little, if any, support in this area. The Committee discussed whether it was possible to hold the events without the desired number of officials and whether RG could manage the last minute delays related to this whilst balancing his own commitments. IB warned that it may lead to criticism of the Club even though the fault lies with the lack of support from other Clubs.  The Committee took a vote with the question of whether the event could still go ahead. The votes were 2 for, 5 against and 1 abstention.  RG was offered sincere thanks for the efforts he has made in trying to proceed but it was agreed that the Club could not support going ahead with the event. RG was advised that he could provide feedback that this is due to the lack of support by other clubs and the data supporting this could be shared.  **Action**: LH to produce the wording that could be sent confirming this course of events  **Clubhouse Update**  There was no significant update to report.  LH noted that the current questions requiring clarity are the stand dimensions and whether the Council will be paying for the base of the Clubhouse.  The preferred clubhouse is currently on 30 week delivery timescales.  JT agreed to request clarity on the contracting structure at the meeting scheduled for the 13th September.  **Dream Mile Charity Donation**  TW reminded the attendees that the takings from the Dream Mile are usually donated to charity. The attendees confirmed their agreement for the tradition to be continued.  **Thankyou Event for Officials**  JT suggested that a thankyou event be organised for the officials, team managers and coaches in a hall with outside caterers. This was agreed by the Committee.  **Action**: JT to produce costings for further consideration  **SEAA Affiliation Fee**  It was agreed that this needs to be paid.  **Winter Throws Competition**  DM confirmed that she will proceed with a winter throws competition which would be held once a month in October, November, February and March. Each event will include hammer, shot, javelin and discuss and will be held on a Saturday during the day. There won’t be a need for a large number of Officials, it will be an open event and will cost £8 per specific throws event entered. The Committee welcomed this update.  DM is also agreed to provide throws coaching for members seeking to develop their skills. This will be for under 15s upwards and will be publicised on facebook. |
| 5 | **AOB**  JB asked for agreement to request a debit card for refreshment expenditure next track season. This was approved by the Committee.  TW queried whether the Club would pay the entry fess for the Aldershot relays as usually happens for the Crystal Palace relays. This was approved with the proviso that if members don’t turn up to race, then consideration should be given to reclaiming fees.  It was noted that the new NAL criteria for hosting matches are extreme and as such it would not be accessible to the Club.  A cross country briefing will be held on the Thursday evening of half term by LH and JB.  There are currently no chief marshall or marshalls team for the Hampshire Cross Country championships. There is a possibility of moving the location to Wellesley Woods in Aldershot. The Committee agreed that volunteers may be offered once the position is clearer,  JT will look to see if there is an existing template for applying for grants and bids to save repeating the same effort everytime. |
| 6 | **Date of next meeting**  Monday 10th October 2022 |