

ECM Meeting Wednesday 18th May 20:15

Attendees

- David Hyde (DH)
- Andrew Hoddinott (AH)
- Victoria Bodman
- Kat Taylor-Laird
- Laura Waterhouse
- Denise Ellis
- Gemma Knudsen
- Jay Sims-Bagshaw
- Warren Wade
- Tim Lowrie
- Joby Hobbs
- Sally Frawley
- Jacquie Rockcliffe
- Ted Rockcliffe
- Bob Washbourne
- Emma Day
- Sheona Yellowlees
- Carole Alston
- Alan Button
- Helen Thorne
- Michael Guy
- Anthony Hickson
- Hayley Anderson (minutes)

The Agenda for the meeting was shared out by David Hyde at that start of the meeting

1. 20:15 Welcome - Andrew Hoddinott (AH) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone
2. Purpose for tonight - AH explained his purpose for being here tonight was to mediate and chair the discussion on how the club is to move forward for the remainder of this year.
3. DH (Vice Chair) confirmed that Richard Newman has resigned from his role as Chairman for personal reasons. Following on from this a statement from Holly Newman was read by DH. There was then a vote that a gift be purchased as a thank you gift for Richard.
4. Chair Position – The options presented were
 - a. Keep Vice Chair as lead until the next AGM (January) when a new chair can be voted in.
 - OR
 - b. Keep Vice Chair as lead until an ECM is arranged within the year, and the club vote a new Chair in after asking for applications.

It was also presented to the committee that Warren Wade, Jay Sims and Vicky Bodman could be co-opted temporarily back on committee to assist in the leadership.

A vote was put to the committee for option A above. There were no objections with all in favour.

Another vote was put to the committee for Warren, Jay and Vicky to be co-opted temporarily back on the committee. There were no objections, all in favour.

12 carried 0 against - unanimous

5. Club Development Plan – Tim Lowrie suggested that all the working groups on the development plan are postponed. Discussions took place and it was suggested that the Club Development Plan

is suspended until the club is on more of an even keel as well as the working groups being postponed. This was put to the committee members to vote. 15 carried - unanimous.

It was then highlighted that the club would like to thank Vicky Ody for all the time and work that she has put into this working group. It has not gone unnoticed.

Following on from this conversation Joby Hobbs then made a statement to say that the competition working group is not going to be continuing forward with the proposal put forward at the last committee meeting.

AH then asked what the general feel was around club runs and the feedback provided from many of the committee members were that the sessions are running well, people seem engaged and regular high turn out.

6. All committee members agreed they are happy to stay in their existing posts.
7. Any other concerns or issues to raise:
 - a. Bob Washbourne – Keep it simple discussion. Why can't we keep things simpler and have someone on the corner shouting "RUN FASTER"! That's my gripe. Older generation of the club would like to go back to having things a little simpler, trying to get back to how it was.
 - b. We currently have three different insurances: ARC, EA and an independent one. It was suggested that we look into why we have all three insurances, this topic needs to be looked into more and added to the next committee meetings agenda. It was asked if there had been any claims made and it was commented no claims made in the last 36 years.
 - c. Why are Runs only classed as official if they are led by a Cirf/Lirf. Response from DH, LW, JS was that this was what we moved to during COVID for several reasons. We had a duty as a club to ensure that our members were kept safe, and we followed all guidance in an unknown situation.
 - d. There was a large discussion around why runners had to register on Run together before attending a session. This is not always the case, for example if you decide you want to run on a Monday evening and have not booked on, if you arrive at the club you be added to the list and you join the group at the pace you want to run. This is NO different to before covid when you would turn up at the club and add your name and details onto a piece of paper. Run Together allows this process to be more efficient. It also allows people who want to book in advance the option to do this. It was suggested that this should be made clearer as not all members are aware of this and the ability to just turn up on the night. There are also buddy runs which get publicised on social media. DH and LW to send out email to members to confirm. A point was also made that run leaders hold details in case of an emergency.
 - e. Anthony Hickson brought to the committee's attention that he has been speaking with ex club members to find out why they no longer run with the club. Feedback he was provided was that people don't re-join because it's not as free as it was in terms of you are encouraged to run at a fast pace and not at a social pace. There was disagreement with this comment. Warren made a statement that since starting the beginner's group that we are a very inclusive club. DH and Anthony will have further discussions outside of the meeting
8. AOB
 - a. Denise – statement of thanks. Denise highlighted what a testament to how good the club is that everyone felt they could come along this evening. It is really appreciated

that we are able to bring members back onto the committee to help the club move forward- Thank you for keeping our club moving (round of applause given).

- b. Joby Hobbs is organising the MOB match – Robin will lead the night as Joby not around. Do we need any extra insurances in place? Jay advised add a disclaimer. It's classed as a club away run.
- c. New club funnel has been purchased slight issue with a letter on the funnel – this will be taken offline and emailed to the committee for opinions.
- d. Laura will send a statement with regards to the committee to all club member via mail chimp in the next 24 hours

9. ACTIONS

- a. More information needs to be shared on club runs on social media. These runs do not need to be led by Cirfs/Lirfs as ARC insurance covers experienced runners.
- b. Jay to explore where the DBS checks need to done as currently all go through EA.
- c. We need insurance for Races that are being held – need to confirm which ones are needed for which.
- d. British triathlon insurance – to be added to next agenda
- e. Discussion on Membership prices to be added to next agenda

Meeting closed at 21:20