

OxfordMail Oxfordshire Cross-Country League AGM 30 May 2012 at 20.00

Present: Luke McNeill (league manager), Marie-Anne Fischer (treasurer), John Sear (OXON AA), Jack Lawlor-Anderson (Oxford Brookes), Keith Morgan (Witney RC), Mick Hailey (Hook Norton H), Dee Hailey (Hook Norton H), Kit Villiers (HRR), Andy Tuttle (Newbury AC), Colin Price (Team Kennet), Paul Thomas, (Witney/Oxon AA), Michael Search (KRAC), Julian Moore (Abingdon AAC), Jon Tyler (HRR).

Voting members: 8

1. Apologies: Paul Kelsey (Oxford City), Larry Parkes (Cherwell), Gary Richards (Abingdon), David Edelsten (Cirencester), Bob Ferris (Cirencester)

2. Minutes of last AGM: approved unanimously as a correct record of the meeting. There was a complaint about the misspelling of a name.

3. Matters arising:

- there were no complaints about the scoring system
- there was a question about sponsorship from the Oxford Mail. Luke enquired and reported that they seem to have lost interest in athletics, followed by a discussion about reporting in general, including a view that they have not lost interest in athletics. Luke to pursue again.
- Paul Kelsey is not hopeful that sponsorship from BMW might be gained (AOB from last year)

4. Manager's report:

- The league continues to expand and had a successful season
- No complaints were lodged to the league manager
- The new venue at Wittenham Clumps was received well despite the difficult weather conditions. Gary Richards stepped in as race organiser. The venue can be used again, but the Trust reserve the right to cancel at a week's notice. This is largely due to the difficulty with parking in soggy conditions. Unfortunately this means the end to a great course and venue for the awards ceremony
- The winning times were short at the final venue: 6 min for U11, and 30 min for the Senior Men's race.
- The trophies were all returned and handed out again thanks to new system of reminding clubs with 6 weeks to go and sending out confirmation of receipt emails.

There were no questions or comments.

5. Treasurer's report

- Higher expenses than last year due to higher costs for awards/first aid and no sponsorship money received.
- Financial situation still stable and fees will remain the same for another season.

Comments /questions:

- The date on the handout on left hand column is wrong – it said 2010//11 instead of 2011/12
- Considering the league hasn't received any sponsorship money for two consecutive years, it was proposed to take 'Oxford Mail' off the league name followed by a general discussion about advertising without return
- Is it worth raising the sponsorship situation with the current sports reporter, Ed Mezzetti who has replaced Kieran Bushnell

6. Dates and Venues for season 2012/13

- ✓ Nov 4th hosted by Witney
- ✓ Dec 2nd hosted by HRR – subject to confirmation
- ✓ Jan 6th hosted by Oxford City, combining league with County Championships
- ✓ Feb 3rd hosted by Swindon Harriers
- ✓ March 3rd – there is a gap for hosting the last round. Gary Richards volunteered to act as race director if a venue was found.

Cirencester would like to host as usual, but would need to charge £5 per car to cover their increased costs. The general consent was that £5 is too much for a family arriving by car for a 5-8 min race in the junior categories.

There was a discussion about the final venue.

- South Park: the main issue being car parking. Feasible if Cheney School and Brookes car parks could be used
- Dalton Barracks; it is flat course, there are no charges and no facilities
- Others: Chandlings School/Bagley Woods/Tilsley Park – Luke to investigate, Critchley Park (Great Tew), Cornbury Park or Adderbury Park

7. Divisions for season 2011/12

Women - promoted to Division 1: Oxford City A, Witney A, Abingdon A
demoted to Division 2: Team Kennet A, Banbury A, Swindon Striders A

Men - promoted to Division 1: White Horse A
demoted to Division 2: Oxford Brookes
promoted to Division 2: Banbury A, Headington B
demoted to Division 3: Team Kennet A, Swindon Striders A

8. Election of officials:

A vote of thanks from the floor was expressed to Frank Briscoe for doing a marvellous results service from Spain and extended to all officials.

All current officials prepared to stand again and were unanimously re-elected.

League Manager – Luke McNeill

League Results – Frank Briscoe

League Treasurer – Marie-Anne Fischer

9. Proposals:

i) From Alchester:

Defeated for reasons of clarity. The principle was accepted as sound, but the proposal needs rewording.

ii) From the league regarding Cirencester

Adopted unanimously – Cirencester to receive £877 from the league.

iii) From the league – change of rules

Rule 2: adopted

Rule 3: adopted – needs to be checked with rule book that it doesn't clash with UKA rule

Rule 6: choice 1 adopted

Rule 7: adopted

Rule 9: it was voted for Luke to redraft the wording

iv) From Slinn Allstars:

Adopted unanimously – Slinn Allstars will compete next year if they enter.

10.AOB

1. In wintry and difficult conditions with bad weather forecast by national media, it was agreed that individual decisions should be taken by each club and advice disseminated to their members. The website will be updated and members encouraged to check the website before making any decisions. KRAC proposed: if the official advice is to not to travel, but the fixture is not cancelled, the club will notify the league officials that they are not competing and will receive dummy scores so as to remain competitive in the league. This proposal was adopted by the league.
2. Is it feasible to organise a race and risk it being cancelled at one week's notice? The general consent is that one week notice is too short – this rules out further use of Wittenham Clumps as a race venue.
3. It was decided to have three women's divisions next season.

Meeting closed at 21.10