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# 2017 AGM Minutes

*Date:* Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 *Time:* 19:30hrs *Venue:* Small Hall, Exeter Hall, Kidlington

#### Present:

League Officers: Dene Stringfellow (League Manager) Richard Stockting (Treasurer) Frank Briscoe (Entries & Results Secretary) *Club Representatives: Abingdon AC:* Noel Blatchford *Banbury Harriers AC:* Ian Robinson *Bicester AC:* Emma Gould, Richard Gould *Didcot Runners:* Daniel Fisher *Eynsham RR:* Jacky Pinnock, Benedict Pollard *Hook Norton Harriers:* David Warlow *Kidlington RC:* Liam Hosier *Newbury AC:* Phil Marshall *Woodstock Harriers:* Neil Preddy

#### Voting Members: 9

#### 1) Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Abingdon AC: Gary Richards Alchester RC: Gary Warland Didcot Runners: Theresa Lamble Kidlington RC: Michael Collins Oxon AA: John Sear

### 2) Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were unanimously accepted as an accurate record of the meeting with one amendment/correction at the end of the Manager's Report: paragraph commencing A problem arose ... moved above the preceding paragraph and the words " at Horspath" added to confirm the context.

### 3) Matters Arising

Harcourt Hill contact details supplied to Headington RR to explore the possibility of hosting another fixture at that venue – supplied by Dene to Geoffrey Raynham (*Headington RR*).

Add a proposal to the next AGM minutes to review the split of clubs across the divisions – *see Proposal d*) under *section 10 Discussion & Voting on the 2017 AGM Proposals*.

# 4) Manager's Report

Despite having lost four venues from the previous season three new venues were successfully arranged thanks to the combined efforts of Banbury Harriers AC, Bicester AC, Eynsham RR, Newbury AC and Woodstock Harriers AC. The new venues introduced the athletes to new and varied terrain. The overall positive feedback received during the course of the season was very gratifying.

Unfortunately the combined Round 3/County Cross Country Championship fixture had to be cancelled owing to the failure to confirm a venue. This, however, was not due to lack of effort as Witney RR, Theresa Lamble (Didcot Runners), Bryan Vaughan (Woodstock Harriers AC) and Gary Warland (Alchester RC) will testify. The Oxfordshire County Cross Country Championships were subsequently re-arranged to be jointly held with Berkshire and Buckinghamshire at Stowe School.

One club (Cirencester AC) failed to meet the entry deadline. As a consequence the club's men's and women's teams were automatically relegated at the end of the season.

Guest entries were accepted for Cirencester junior athletes for the whole season in recognition of the club's contribution to the League in hosting recent past fixtures.

Two applications were received to join the OXL for the 2016-17 season from Hungerford Hares and Henley Harriers/Henley TC. The customary initial trial season was offered to see how they would fare. In the event Hungerford Hare athletes only attended the first fixture of the season and the combined Henley Harriers/Henley TC team failed to complete their entry and register their athletes in time. As a consequence neither of the clubs met the criteria to be put forward for the vote to be allowed to join the OXL at this meeting.

With respect to the past season's fixtures:

The Round 1 fixture was marked with a minute's applause before each of the men's and women's race in memory of Brian Ireland (Newbury AC) who sadly and

unexpectedly passed away while helping to set out the courses at Newbury Showground on Thursday, 29th September 2016.

The Newbury Showground venue, despite not being as hilly as other past venues, provided excellent facilities onsite and the parking was managed without any issues. Despite concerns about the lack of hills, the courses still provided varied albeit less strenuous terrain that a number of athletes welcomed.

There was, however, a reported instance of missing/stolen property during the fixture Newbury Showground. As it turned out the missing property was discovered some months later at the bottom of another club member' kit bag! It is worth emphasizing, however, that valuable personal property should not be left unguarded at any fixture.

The second fixture of the season held at Bo Peep Caravan Park on the outskirts of Adderbury proved to be an excellent new venue. The varied and undulating terrain proved to be a stern challenge for the athletes. The facilities and catering provided by the venue were first class and the co-operation the host clubs and the OXL received from the venue was exemplary.

Given the marked difficulty the League has encountered over the past season in trying to find suitable venues, it was, however, disappointing to learn of an instance of an athlete and parent blatantly ignoring signage and marshal instructions not to wear spikes in the toilet areas. It is incumbent upon clubs to ensure their members, parents and supporters treat the venues and marshals with respect at all times.

Round 4 saw the OXL return to the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories at Harwell. It is important to note that this venue will be lost the League in the near future owing to planned development.

This season the courses had to be re-routed owing to building works at that time restricting access to the mound area. Despite the changes the courses still proved to be as tough as ever.

There was just one minor incident where a lead runner took the wrong route but that was quickly resolved and no athletes were adversely affected.

The catering normally provided by the Sports Club unfortunately failed to materialize. However, the supplier providing the hot food to their great credit stepped in to fill the void as best they could, which was greatly appreciated.

The final fixture saw the OXL visit The Hill End Centre at Farmoor for the first time. This was believed to the first time an OXL fixture where single lap courses were set. This was something the athletes appreciated. Comments received varied from "hardest course ever!" to simply "brutal!", so generally in keeping with OXL course tradition, then.

Thankfully after the incident at Adderbury there were no further incidents of signage and instructions being ignored. The traffic congestion on the main road outside the Hill End Centre owing to parking issues was a cause for concern, but was eventually dealt with. Measures will be taken to avoid a recurrence of this issue next time round.

The Barn proved to be an excellent venue for the end-of-season presentations. It was however disappointing that a significant number of the prizes winners failed to attend the end of season presentations after the end of the final race. This despite having

arranged for Barry Cornelius to take the photographs in order to ensure non-Oxfordshire prizewinners were not excluded as had been the case in the past. It was acknowledged that leaving the overall awards to the end of the ceremony did not work. That will be rectified for next season's ceremony.

In addition, owing to an oversight the presentation cases for trophies were not presented with the trophies at the presentation ceremony. Although some were collected after the end of the presentation ceremony a good number remain unclaimed. Any of the prizewinners missing their presentation case, who would like one, please contact the League Manager.

Overall participant numbers in terms of those that ran at least once were down by about 70, but given there was one less fixture this is entirely understandable particularly as the lost fixture was the combined OXL and County Cross Country Championship fixture where a significant number of new athletes can be expected to attend.

Interestingly three of the four fixtures exceeded the participant numbers compared to the previous season, with the fixture at RAL Harwell achieving its highest attendance of participants since it was first used as a venue in 2013.

Once again no appeals were received over the course of the 2016-17 season.

With all course distances now being set close to the League's target maximum along with the agreement reached to allow longer distances to be set for the combined OXL and County Cross Country Championship fixture the county officials' requirements for athlete higher level competition selection appear to have been satisfied.

Thanks to all the host clubs for their efforts in hosting each of the fixtures, not forgetting those clubs and individuals that assisted in trying to organise the eventually cancelled combined fixture.

Thanks were extended once again to Richard Stockting (*League Treasurer*) and Frank Briscoe (*Entries & Results Secretary*) for all their hard work and support over the past season.

With Frank Briscoe standing down from his role at the end of the meeting, the opportunity was taken to thank Frank for his invaluable contribution to the League over the past eight seasons. It has been a privilege for the other members of the management team to be able to benefit from Frank's wealth of experience and meticulous attention to detail. His input and guidance will be sorely missed. It was remarked it is not inconceivable that Frank might be seen at future cross-country fixtures mentoring the next generation of Briscoe athletic talent.

Finally, the assembly was asked to join in expressing their thanks and appreciation, as well as wishing Frank all the best for the future.

# 5) Treasurer's Report

- a. The League's finances are once again in a healthy position with a small overall increase of £114.00 in the League's bank balance. The current bank balance exceeds £1,200.00.
- b. There is clearly a need for retaining contingency funds in the bank account.

- c. A proposal as to how to deal with surplus funds was discussed and voted upon see **Proposal h**).
- d. The sponsorship received from the Oxford Mail for the 2016-17 season was £200.00, an increase of £50.00 over the previous season.

### Questions:

- *i.* The drop in income for 2016-17 was queried. The discrepancy with respect the 2016-17 income as compared to the 2015-16 income was largely accounted for owing to the income received in part-sponsorship of the feather flag banners.
- ii. An increase in the cost of the prizes was noted.
  Richard explained that the increase in cost was on account of the increase in the quality of the end-of-season prizes, which was acknowledged.
- *iii.* It was also noted that there was a significant drop in the total expenses for the 2016-17 season compared to that for the previous season.

The difference in the figures was largely attributed to the expense of the feather flag banners and Round 3 expenses incurred in 2015-16.

### 6) Entry & Results Secretary's Report

- a. Each of the fixtures averaged between 500 and 700 participants.
- b. The participant numbers do actually appear to have stabilised.
- c. The results system worked well without any real hitches.
- d. Frank took the opportunity to thank Fraser Howard (Witney RR) once again for his continued support and assistance in helping to produce the final results ahead of the season-end presentations.

#### 7) 2017-18 Season Notices

a. Following the introduction of the EA Parental Consent Requirement for the Oxon County Road Relays in April an enquiry has been made to England Athletics as to whether or not that will be applicable with respect to the future participation of young athletes (*aged up to and including athletes aged 15 years*) in future OXL fixtures. No response has been received thus far – *action Dene to follow the enquiry up*.

#### 8) Dates and Venues for 2017-18 Season

All the fixtures are scheduled for the first Sunday of the month including the combined Oxfordshire County Championships fixture. The venue and host club for the 2017-18 December fixture has yet to be confirmed.

#### 2017-18 Fixtures:

*Rnd* 1: Sun, 5 Nov 2017 – Newbury Showground (*Newbury AC*).

Rnd 2: Sun, 3 Dec 2017 – Venue and host tbc.

*Rnd 3/OxonXC Champs:* Sun, 7 Jan 2018 – Bo Peep Caravan Park, Adderbury (*Banbury Harriers AC/Bicester AC*).

Rnd 4: Sun, 4 Feb 2018 – Lawns Park, Swindon (Swindon Harriers). §

*Rnd 5:* Sun, 4 Mar 2018 – Hill End Centre, Farmoor (*Woodstock Harriers/Eynsham*).

S − There is an outstanding query pending parking facilities that is to be confirmed by the first week of September that could prevent the fixture from going ahead at Lawns Park. Hence RAL Harwell has been set as the reserve venue for the February 2018 fixture.

### 2017-18 Reserve Venue:

RAL Harwell (Abingdon AC). \* \*\*

- If the Lawns Park venue is confirmed at the beginning of September as going ahead, Gary Richards (Abingdon AC) has offered to host the December 2017 fixture provided approval is received from the landowner.
- \*\* RAL Harwell has subsequently been lost as a fixture venue owing to ongoing development of the site.

#### 2018-19 Fixtures:

*Rnd* 1: Sun, 4 Nov 2018 – Ascott-under-Wychwood (*Witney RR*).

Rnd 2: Sun, 2 Dec 2018 – Venue and host tbc.

Rnd 3/OxonXC Champs: Sun, 6 Jan 2019 – Venue and host tbc.

Rnd 4: Sun, 3 Feb 2019 – RAL Harwell (Abingdon AC).

*Rnd 5:* Sun, 3 Mar 2019 – Venue and host tbc.

It was confirmed that the following additional potential venues have been approached with a view to filling outstanding gaps in the calendar:

Alternative Ascott venue (Witney RR).

Bernwood Forest (no host club/clubs).

Cranfield University, Shrivenham (no host club/clubs).

Friars Court, Clanfield (no host club/clubs).

Horley Scout Camp, near Banbury (no host club/clubs).

# 9) Divisions for 2017-18 Season

The following team promotions and relegations were confirmed on the basis of the two-up-two-down ruling change as voted at the 2016 AGM.

Women	Division 1:	<b>promoted:</b> Abingdon A, Oxford City A <i>relegated:</i> Cirencester A, Woodstock A
	Division 2:	<b>promoted:</b> Kidlington A, Newbury D <i>relegated: Headington B, Hook Norton A</i>
Men	Division 1:	<b>promoted:</b> Eynsham A, Witney A <i>relegated:</i> Cirencester A, White Horse A
	Division 2:	<b>promoted:</b> Bicester TC A, Hook Norton A <i>relegated: Headington B, Oxford City B</i>

A short discussion ensued in relation to the criteria by which clubs are promoted/relegated that was directly related to *Proposal d*) below.

### 10) Discussion & Voting on the 2017 AGM Proposals

A long discussion was held on the ethos of the League.

# Proposal a): Event Restrictions Transgression Sanctions

Given repeated incidents at events that could potentially place the future use of venues and the League in jeopardy, the proposal was put to the assembly to implement some measure of deterrent to individuals and clubs. Following an extended discussion it was agreed to simplify the measures to be taken as follows:

- *i.* All host clubs to report any event transgressions, however serious, to the League officials.
- *ii.* Repeated serious transgression attributable to an individual/club: Athlete/club ban (season/permanent)

#### Votes for Proposal a):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

#### Proposal b): Club Volunteer Marshals Requirement

Some clubs are failing meet the mandatory requirement to supply volunteer marshals as clearly detailed on the OXL Affiliation/Entry Form.

The League cannot be expected to continue without the full co-operation of all the member clubs.

The proposal is to issue any club failing to honour its volunteer marshal commitment a warning:

The club must honour its volunteer marshal commitment.

Failure to do so for two consecutive seasons will result in expulsion from the League.

# Votes for Proposal b):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal c): 3 of 5 Oxfordshire-based Venues

Given the pressure to find suitable venues should the League persist with the requirement for 3 out 5 venues to be in Oxfordshire?

Following a short discussion it was agreed the wording should be amended as follows:

Rather than being a requirement, the League should pursue a **target** for 3 out 5 venues to be in Oxfordshire – **action item 6.2 of the 2016 Constitution to be reworded accordingly**.

# Votes for Proposal c):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal d): Senior Divisions Restructure

In an effort to reduce the administrative overhead and to mitigate against the issue of club/team drop-outs the following divisional restructure options are proposed:

- i) Option 1:
- 1. Division 1 A teams only
- 2. Division 2 B teams only
- 3. Division 3 Remaining teams

# ii) Option 2:

- 1. Increase Divisions 1 and 2 to 10 teams
- 2. If dropouts or no team results recorded team(s) automatically demoted

# iii) Option 3:

1. Ladies Teams of 5 to help reduce number of teams in Division 3

# Votes for Proposal d):

Option 1:		Option 2:		Option 3:	
In favour:	0	In favour:	7	In favour:	6
Against:	9	Against:	2	Against:	3

On that basis it was agreed that Option 2 was accepted and the numbers of teams in both the men's and women's Divisions 1 and 2 would be increased to 10 teams and that the in ruling would come into force for the 2018-19 season.

# Proposal e): U9s Trial Review

2016-17 was the 4th season of the U9's trial.

Should the U9 category now become permanent?

*Note:* If so, the races will be re-numbered in race sequence order as follows:

- Race 1 U9B&G
- Race 2 U11G
- Race 3 U11B
- Race 4 U13G
- Race 5 U13B
- Race 6 U15G/U17G
- Race 7 U15B/U17B
- Race 8 U20/Senior/Veteran Men
- Race 9 U20/Senior/Veteran Women

Although it was apparent that clubs had perhaps either been unaware or had forgotten about the fact that the U9s had been introduced on a trial basis, it was agreed that the trial had universally been well received. It was also confirmed that there is no requirement for the U9s to wear club vests, albeit it does help with identification in terms of resolving results issues. It was agreed therefore that the races would be re-numbered accordingly – *action Frank to update Entries/Results Tool accordingly*.

# Votes for Proposal e):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal f): On-the-day Entries Review (U9 and U11 Athletes)

Have on-the-day entries for the youngest athletes (i.e. currently the U9 and U11 athletes) this been a worthwhile exercise over recent seasons? Should the League continue to offer this option for the U9 and U11 athletes? A short discussion ensued where it was agreed that this system was welcomed by the clubs and should continue. Frank reminded the assembly that on-the-day entries can actually be **only permitted for young athletes aged 8, 9 or 10 years on the day of the fixture** owing to the change in British Athletics regulations that now requires all athletes aged 11 years and above to be registered with England Athletics necessitating the athlete checks that have to be completed in advance of each fixture.

# Votes for Proposal f):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal g): Senior Division 1 Perpetual Shields Review

The proposal was put to the assembly to have the existing shields each mounted on other larger shields to allow for additional small metal engraved shields to be attached to the front, extending the life and enhancing the historical value of the shields – along the lines of the BB&O shield. A quotation had been received for approximately £250 and £200 to respectively revamp the men's and women's Division 1 shields.

It was agreed that this would enhance the perpetual trophies – *action Dene to arrange*.

# Votes for Proposal g):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal h): Barry Cornelius Photography Donation/Payment

The proposal was put forward to the assembly to make a donation/payment of £50.00 per fixture to Barry Cornelius to help cover travel and equipment costs in recognition of the invaluable photography service he has provided the League. It was unanimously agreed that Barry's photography had been universally greatly appreciated among the clubs. Frank also pointed out that his photography had also been of not inconsiderable assistance in helping to resolve results issues during the course of recent seasons.

# Votes for Proposal h):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal i): Bank Account Surplus Funds

The proposal was put forward that, in the event the League's bank account should exceed a working balance of £1,500.00, a donation should be made to a cause or need of mutual benefit to the member clubs. If the surplus is insufficient to make a meaningful donation or payment, the surplus should then be placed in a holding account for review at the following AGM.

There was unanimous agreement with this proposal and it was also agreed that Clubs are invited to put forward suggestions upon which can be voted at the next and subsequent AGMs.

One suggestion, for example, would be to make a donation to Hill End Centre (*Farmoor – 2017 fixture venue*), a registered charity that would benefit from access and venue improvements – *action Clubs to put forward all suggestions ahead of the next AGM for voting*.

# Votes for Proposal i):

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# Proposal j): Chip Timing/Results

Following the request at the previous AGM quotations and options were presented to the assembly with a view to assessing and progressing a move to chip-timed results. It

became evident during the ensuing discussion that not all member clubs may be in favour of such a move on account of the additional cost and administrative overhead. Concerns were also raised regarding the integration of such a system with the existing entries and results system that would need to be addressed in advance.

# Votes for Proposal j):

In favour:	0
Against:	9

It was therefore subsequently agreed that all clubs would be polled as to their view on whether or not the League should pursue the introduction of chip timing further – *action Dene to poll the member Clubs*.

# Proposal k): Car Parking Fees Standardisation

Following some concerns raised during the course of the past season about the inconsistency of the car parking fees levied by the host clubs, the proposal was put forward to the assembly to standardise the car parking fees for each season. It was generally agreed this would be a positive step and that, if drivers arrive without money, the name of their club should be taken in order to be passed on to the League Manager to raise with the club concerned.

# Votes for Proposal k):

In favour:	9
Against:	0

The vote was then taken to determine the standardised fee for the 2017-18 season:

Option 1- £3:		Option 2 - £4:		Option 3 - £5:	
In favour:	0	In favour:	9	In favour:	0
Against:	9	Against:	0	Against:	9

# Proposal I): Fixture Services Block Booking

Having been suggested in some quarters that it might be helpful to block book suppliers for all fixtures with particular reference to:

- Portable toilet facilities
- Medical services provision
- Chip timing/results
- Catering

The ensuing discussion raised some concerns about potential damage to existing host/ supplier relationships.

# Votes for Proposal l):

In favour: o Against: 9 It was felt, however, that the block booking of medical services provision might be worthwhile investigating – **action Dene to investigate further**.

### Proposal m): Proposed Constitution Amendments

The following proposed amendments to the League's Constitution were discussed and voted upon:

#### A. Replacement of Terms Used

It was proposed that *after the initial use of the terms*: Oxfordshire Cross Country League (OXL) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) all subsequent references to Oxfordshire Cross Country League and Annual General Meeting should be replaced with OXL and AGM respectively.

#### Votes for Proposed Amendment A:

In favour: 9 Against: 0

### B. Amendment to Item 1 (Title & Objective section)

It was proposed that the terms Title and Objective are not related and therefore should be split into two separate sections. (*All agreed amendments that follow display the amended text in red*).

#### 1. Title

- 1.1. The league shall be called the Oxfordshire Cross Country League (OXL).
- 1.2. A sponsor's name may be prefixed to or substituted for the name of the League as appropriate.

#### 2. Objective

2.1. To encourage and promote cross country running for all within the county of Oxfordshire and adjoining counties from the age of 8 years upwards.

#### Votes for Proposed Amendment B:

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# C. Insert Item Relating to League Responsibility

As nowhere in the OXL's Constitution is there any mention of the League's responsibility, it was proposed that the following item should be inserted immediately after Title and Objective seeks to address that omission, having agreed that the originally proposed terms National Governing Body of Athletics and NGBA are to be replaced with England Athletics (EA) and EA respectively.

### 3. Responsibility

- 3.1. The OXL shall be registered with England Athletics (EA).
- 3.2. Member clubs of the OXL shall be registered with the EA and conform to their rules as specified.

#### Votes for Proposed Amendment C:

In favour: 8 Against: 1

# D. Amendment to Item 2 (Membership section)

In an effort to improve clarity and avoid confusion it was proposed and agreed, after a short discussion to help improve and simplify the terminology used, that the following text would replace the current text of that section:

### 5. Membership

- 5.1. Membership of the OXL shall be open to all athletics clubs within the county of Oxfordshire that are affiliated to EA.
- 5.2. Membership is also open to such athletics clubs from counties adjoining Oxfordshire, subject to the approval of the AGM.
- 5.3. Clubs shall be given the opportunity to present their case at the AGM.
- 5.4. At least two-thirds of the member clubs at any time shall be Oxfordshire clubs.

### Votes for Proposed Amendment D:

In favour:	9
Against:	0

# E. Amendment to Item 7 (Affiliation Fees section)

Again, to improve clarity the proposal to amend the text section relating to Affiliation Fees was briefly discussed and approved as follows.

#### 7. Affiliation Fees

- 7.1. Member clubs shall pay an annual affiliation fee to the OXL.
- 7.2. The affiliation fees for the forthcoming season shall be determined at the AGM.

#### Votes for Proposed Amendment E:

In favour: 9 Against: 0

# F. Insert Item Relating to League's Liability

Again, nowhere in the OXL's Constitution is there any mention of the League's liability. It was therefore proposed that the following item be inserted immediately after the Affiliation Fees section in order to address that omission:

# 8. Liability

8.1. The OXL accepts no liability for loss or damage to the property of any of its members nor for any personal injury sustained by any member received while participating or competing in any of the OXL's activities.

### Votes for Proposed Amendment F:

In favour:	9
Against:	0

# G. Amendment to item 4 (General Meetings section)

Owing to time restrictions it was not decided to defer the review of this Constitution amendment proposal to the next AGM.

### 11) Election of Officials

Following Frank's decision to stand down at the end of the 2016-17 season it is disappointing to report that no response has been received by the League following its recruitment drive for either the Entry & Results Secretary role or additional management personnel. Richard Stockting (*for another year*) and Dene Stringfellow agreed to stand again.

The following officials were therefore unanimously re-elected and voted in:

League Manager:	Dene Stringfellow
League Treasurer:	Richard Stockting
League Entries/Results Secretary	<vacant></vacant>

#### 12) AOB

# a. Race Distances

The Oxon AA case was presented to the assembly that the junior race distances in none of the League fixtures (with the exception of the combined Round 3 / Oxon County XC Championships fixture) offers little useful guide to team selection for the Inter-Counties XC Championships. It is the Oxon AA view that the only way to properly assess the junior athletes is for the OXL race distances to be increased.

A short discussion ensued where the following points were raised:

- i. The OXL does not want to discourage young athletes.
- ii. The courses (*with the exception for the very young athletes*) are typically more demanding than the flat, parkland courses used in the Chiltern League.
- iii. The Chiltern League is a bigger League than the OXL and presents a higher level of competition for the athletes.

On that basis, it was agreed that the League will endeavour to ensure that Oxon County XC Championship race distances will match as near as possible those of the Chiltern League and SEAA events and will also aim to ensure that all the race distances for the other fixtures are near or at the target maximum distances:

#### b. Race Distances Notice

It was agreed to add a notification in advance for the combined fixture confirming the Oxon XC Championship distances.

c. No Headphones \*

John Sear (Oxon AA) raised the following point via email: "Please ask the AGM to approve the 'no headphones' rule for any race on roads; there are always one or two runners who abuse the rule and then deny that they had them on or couldn't hear instructions from marshals. I would personally suggest that they are not eligible to run in any more OAA supported races for 1 year. Someone will suffer an injury if they do not obey marshals because they cannot hear properly. Perhaps reminding all runners that marshals cannot legally stop traffic will further emphasize the problem!!." \* - This point was not picked up before and presented at the meeting, sincere apologies. However the point is moot as the OXL Rules (http://www.oxonxc.org.uk/index.php?view=rules) clearly and unambiguously states:

20. Any runners wearing headphones will be disqualified.

### Close

The meeting was brought to a close at 22:00hrs.

Dene Stringfellow League Manager

08 September 2018 : Amended as agreed at the 2018 AGM held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.