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2022 EGM – Season Summary to Date

Date: Wednesday, 23rd February 2022

Time: 19:30hrs

Venue: Online Meeting

Thank you, Dene, for giving a brief introduction into why this EGM is being held.

We thought it would be informative to give a short explanation on what has happened this season so far. We will then give you all an opportunity to ask any questions you have before moving on to the main part of the EGM. We will keep this to 10 minutes to allow us time for the rest of the meeting.

Following last season's cancellation for Covid reasons we knew this season would look a bit different due to equal gender race distances and some Covid restrictions, and anticipated a few challenges along the way. This has certainly been true!

Round 1 at Bicester Heritage and Round 2 at Cirencester Park went so well, and thank you to Bicester AC, White Horse Harriers and Didcot Runners for that. Round 3, which included county champs, was cancelled at short notice due to a fixture clash.

Before the cancellation of Round 3 the Round 4 host clubs and OXL Committee were informed that the Bo Peep Farm venue would no longer be available due to "developments". Bicester AC and Banbury Harriers AC kindly offered to host Round 4 at Bicester Heritage but the OXL Committee decided that an alternative venue would be preferred rather than going back to the same venue twice in a season.

After a number of discussions, the decision was taken to proceed with Cotswold Farm Park as the venue for Round 4 with the support of Witney Roadrunners, who stepped in to host the fixture. The decision helps to ensure a variety of courses for athletes going forwards

Cotswold Farm Park have hosted the Gloucester League on a number of occasions, and their set up is to charge £5/senior runner and £3/junior. This then pays for the venue, first aid provision, and toilets. The League felt this was a good opportunity to trial a different format, which we are aware other leagues are using. Charging per athlete rather than car parking is not a new way of paying for the costs of the fixture – this was used at Carterton with the late cancellation of a fixture in 2017, at Oxford in 2019 as we can't charge for car parking at the Mini plant, and this would have been the case again in January had the fixture not been cancelled.

We understand that different clubs took different approaches to collecting these fees.

The Committee's decision was not taken lightly given the pressing need to find alternative venues for next season and following updates already received from other host clubs. That decision was felt to be necessary to try to help secure the future of the League.

If anyone has any questions or comments regarding this season so far then please put your hand up and we will do our best to answer these – as I said, we will limit this to 10 minutes.

Thank you everyone for your input. I'm now going to pass you over to Dan who will run through a summary of the challenges and suggested proposals.

Ros Kelling
League Treasurer