



Oxfordshire Cross Country League

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2022 EGM Working Party Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 13th April 2022

Time: 19:30hrs

Venue: Online Meeting

Present:-

Ros Kelling (*Treasurer & Banbury Harriers AC*)

Dan Wymer (*Sponsorship Secretary & Witney Roadrunners*)

Dene Stringfellow (*Manager*)

- Tom Gould (*Bicester AC*)
- Theresa Lambie (*Didcot Runners*)
- John McCormac (*Witney Roadrunners*)

1) Apologies

Hugh Morris (*Eynsham RR*), Kit Villiers (*Headington RR*).

2) Challenge

The risk of not being able to put on 5 fixtures next season. The working party needs to look at putting together a proposal – brought together from a number of clubs which is a viable working model for the future financing of the League and its fixtures.

Need to go to the AGM with 2 or 3 proposals to be voted on.

3) Possible Options

- a) Athletes paying to enter in a similar fashion to the Mota-variation Series.
- b) Club affiliation model.
- c) A combination of the above.

No change could be one option – but the likelihood is that the League would not be able to put on 5 fixtures.

4) Summary of Discussions

Dan Wymer presented a spreadsheet (*– included with these minutes*) that provides various possible funding options based upon average historical costs per fixture as well as providing an explanation of the figures. *Dan is happy to be contacted via email (wymer_d <at> oxonxc.org.uk) regarding any questions in relation to the spreadsheet.*

- It was felt that Oxon AA should make a contribution towards the combined fixture incorporating the County Cross Country Championships.
- Entry fees for the County Cross Country Championships should not pass through or be handled by the League.
- Adding the cost of county champs to the athlete cost for the League season was not felt to be a viable option as not all athletes wish to enter or are eligible to enter the County Cross Country Championships.
- It would be helpful for host clubs to know how much venues can be offered. Offering increased fees to hire venues for fixtures may well expand the possible venue options available to the League. The average venue fee cost was £1500.
- Registered guest runners will be required to pay to enter each race, if the decision is taken to continue to permit guest entries.
- Unregistered guest runners (*– i.e. those runners that have been allowed to run as non-scoring runners with no race number*) will no longer be able to be accepted.
- How are new clubs wishing to join the League to be handled? Such clubs currently complete an initial trial season with a limited number of entries (*foc*).
- Could medical services and portable toilet provision be block-booked for the season to help reduce the costs? It was felt this may not be feasible as host clubs generally have preferred suppliers that are regularly used.
- It was felt it would not be possible to set a budget of, say, £2,000/venue as some fixtures are cheaper to run than others. Fixtures with lower costs need to subsidise those with higher costs to ensure variety.
- Would it be possible for host clubs to meet with the League about a month before the AGM with predicted fixture costs so that a budget can be set with better estimates?
- The League needs to be mindful of communicating with host clubs when asking them to host a fixture one year and possibly not the next.
- The working party needs to be prepared for questions at the AGM. *Example: What happens if a fixture is cancelled and an athlete has paid for the season?*

5) Actions

The fixture costs information needs to be gathered from the host clubs for the past season so the most up to date figures possible are available. **Action: Dene.**

Chase possible host clubs for next season. **Action: Dene.**

Newbury Showground (Host club: Newbury AC) has already been confirmed for Round 1 of the 2022-23 season.

Fit2Run to be asked if it will be prepared to sponsor the League again next season.

Action: Dan.

6) Close

Next meeting scheduled to be held in 2 weeks' time on Wednesday, 27th April.

All the attendees were thanked for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 20:50hrs.

Ros Kelling

League Treasurer