

## **Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League.**

**Friday 9th April 2021 Minutes of the Executive Meeting**

**By ZOOM at 7.00pm**

**Chairperson's Welcome:** NB welcomed everyone, especially Mary Hodges from the Midland Women's Cross Country League.

**Apologies:** Chris McKeown

**Present:** Terry Alcock, Noel Butler, Graham Heeley, Daniel Jordan, Noel McKakley, Bryan Mills, Ray Morgan, Rob Mulgrue, Dave Long, Richard Sannwald and Carolyn Franks (Hon. Secretary).

**Minutes of the 3rd April 2020 Executive:** The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

### **Matters arising:**

1. Chips -RM reported that he has contacted 4 companies & the cheapest was Andy Vickerman around £1,200 per season. The advantages would mean less work for the host clubs/fewer officials needed. At the moment we get the results out quickly, but it would not be so easy when dealing with individual /team results if we had chips. RMu agreed that we do well at the moment. It was agreed to leave this at the moment. It would be revisited should we ever run the 3 divisions together in the future.
2. First Aid – **ACTION:**DJ to provide CF with the contact for Jola & when we know the venues CF to ask for a quote for the season.
3. Flags /Cameras – **ACTION:** RM to arrange to deliver the flag & Cameras to DC & DL
4. Discs - due to social distancing it was agreed to abandon the use of discs.
5. Website – NB had not set up the working group but plans to do so before the AGM. **ACTION:** NB to set up working group.
6. Rules - **ACTION:** NB to send CF/BM the updated wording.
7. RMu asked whether we should record officials' mileage, especially if they choose not to claim expenses so that the league could see at the AGM what is given voluntarily. NB offered to produce a claim form. **ACTION:** NB design a claim form for Officials.

**Correspondence-** One email regarding joining the League dealt with later in the meeting.

### **Finance**

DJ explained that interest rates had dropped dramatically. Very little monies had been spent this last year due to the lack of any races. It was mainly on the flags & cameras. Affiliations had been received from all clubs except CLC Striders/Coventry Godiva Harriers/ Loughborough Students/ Newcastle Staffs/Sedgely Striders & Telford AC plus the 5 clubs who had not been reinstated till last AGM. DJ will now chase them. RMu queried Kenilworth's amount. This was a late payment. TA queried the cost of hosting by Leamington but when compared to others it was accepted as reasonable. DJ requested that the league move the end of the financial year to 1<sup>st</sup> April. This was agreed by the Executive, but needs to be taken to the AGM **ACTION:** DJ to contact clubs owing. Change of the financial year to be taken to the AGM.

### **Affiliation:**

It was agreed to keep it the same at £125.

**Officials** –CF informed the meeting that regrettably both Kay & Bill Adcocks due to ill health would no longer be available to officiate & Bill wished to be taken off the Executive as well.

**ACTION:** CF to write to them both expressing the Leagues sincere thanks for all the work they have done over the years.

John Turner has also withdrawn his services due to ill health. This has left Division Two without a Chief Timekeeper. R Mu to look at possible folks to consider & to liaise with CF. RM felt Division One could manage without an Officials Secretary.

**ACTION:** RMu to let CF know of a possible appointment as Chief Timekeeper.

**League Make Up for the Season 2021/22**

Western Tempo had written in asking to be considered for the league. There were no objections but BM wanted to be sure they knew what was expected. This will now be taken to the AGM to be fully accepted. The dates for the coming season are 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb with the reserve date of 19<sup>th</sup> March. MH asked that we agree to send this information plus the request for offers to host on the same day. **ACTION:** CF /MH to agree a date to send out information to the clubs.

**Race Secretaries needs for next season** – CF asked Race Secretaries to let her know of any paper work needed. RM to discuss with DL /DC regarding purchasing a light weight tent & to get the costs sent to DJ/NB/ CF for approval. **ACTION :** Race Secretaries to let CF know their requirements & to find out details of a tent. RM to get approval for the tents.

**AOB**

1. TA requested that when purchasing the numbers it had the number placed first followed by the letter e.g. 573A. CF reminded the meeting that we had on the back of the number an emergency contact number & any medical conditions. RM pointed out that very few had done this in the last season. It was recommended it was added to the Team Managers information and taken to the AGM. **ACTION:**RM to arrange for the information on the numbers. CF to take to the AGM.
2. **AGM 26<sup>th</sup> May** it was agreed it will need to be via Zoom & DJ said we could have approximately a 100 screens. It was suggested each club could have one screen & possibly have 3 representatives on that one screen. **ACTION:** CF/NB to arrange the invite to the AGM
3. **Centenary** – CF pointed out that it is in 2025 which is not that far away & she felt we should start getting a small group together to look at ideas – the History/One race for all divisions/a dinner etc. **ACTION:** All Executive to give thought to.
4. MH was delighted to inform the meeting that between herself & with CF we had 12/13 folks interested in doing the Officials Endurance course. Four /five are doing it this weekend with the rest waiting for the next course to be arranged.

**DATE OF THE NEXT EXECUTIVE – To be decided**

**The meeting closed at 8.22pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_