



Oxfordshire Cross Country League

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## 2022 EGM Working Party Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- Kit Villiers (*Headington RR*).
- Gary Warland (*Alchester RC*)

### 1) Apologies

Theresa Lamble (*Didcot Runners*), John McCormac (*Witney Roadrunners*).

### 2) Comments Review

Dan read through the comments that had been received since the last meeting – see *the attached **Received Comments/Input** document*.

Tom Gould provided a short summary regarding the question raised in relation to the County Cross Country Championships at the recent Oxon AA Committee meeting:

Oxon AA Committee members were hesitant to make a decision regarding any contribution to the League. (*Hugh Morris, Oxon AA Treasurer, was not at the meeting*).

Oxon AA does need finances to cover entries into higher level competitions, Inter Counties etc.

The following points were agreed:

- a) No contribution from Oxon AA for the County Championships or sponsorship has been incorporated into the proposal from a budgetary perspective. That will continue to be the case until such time the OXL is in a more stable financial position.
- b) No fees for the County Championships can be processed through the OXL.
- c) The League needs to submit a contribution proposal to Oxon AA.
- d) Runners will be able to join part way through the season and will pay pro rata. The League will need to set up a system for this.
- e) Entry fees will be non-refundable, if athletes don't race.

- f) If a race is cancelled no refunds, but any saving will be taken forward to the following season.
- g) It needs to be emphasised that athletes will be paying to enter the League for the season, not individual races.
- h) Entry fees need to be collected at the beginning of the season as the OXL will not have the finances to cover the season's expenses as they arise.
- i) A mechanism needs to be put in place once the proposal has been sent out to clubs in order that questions may be raised in advance so there is clarity at the AGM.
- j) Any questions raised need to be submitted by a single club representative, not multiple individuals.
- k) It needs to be ensured that the proposal is parent friendly in terms of the junior athletes.

### 3) Alternative Proposal Suggestion (*Dene Stringfellow*)

Dan shared figures produced by Dene. The figures presented demonstrated that the number of entries received over the course of recent seasons are far higher than the number of athletes that actually run.

The most recent costs per fixture figures were shared and the suggested proposal allowed for a 20% rise in costs to cover the inevitable increases. The figures highlighted that the average cost per fixture worked out close to £2000. The figures presented were based on £15/junior and £27.50/senior for the season.

In addition, Dene looked into the online entry system providers put forward at the EGM. The systems appear to be similar in terms of costs. For budgetary purposes an estimate of an additional £1 per online entry cost was incorporated into the suggested proposal, equating to an additional cost of approximately £1000.

It was agreed this year was as good a year as any to introduce online entries.

Any online entry system needs to allow for club bulk entry submission, not individual entries.

Guest runners would also need to be factored in.

### 4) Original Proposals (*Tom Gould*) Review

The points and questions raised in Tom's proposal suggestion were reviewed and discussed.

It is important that the choices offered by the proposal are sufficiently different.

The voting needs to be structured so it is clear, to avoid any confusion.

Choosing no option means the OXL are not going to be able to go to some of the venues.

It needs to be ensured that the committee members of the League are covered in terms of any potential personal financial liability. It was proposed to make the OXL an association or limited company to deal with that issue. **Action: OXL Committee in investigate.**

The OXL needs to hold host club meetings – either following a season, or before the AGM. It was agreed that this would allow for better communication and clarity.

## 5) Actions

It was agreed that a basis for two workable proposals had been reached, with a few points that needed to be ironed out. The OXL Committee will hold a committee meeting as soon as possible in order to do get that done. **Action: OXL Committee**

The draft proposal is to be sent out to the working party members for feedback. A final working party meeting may need to be held in order to finalise the proposal to be put forward at the AGM.

## 6) Close

All the attendees were again thanked for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 20:50hrs.

*Ros Kelling*

*League Treasurer*