

## OxfordMail Oxfordshire Cross-Country League AGM 13 June 2013 at 8 pm

**Present:** Luke McNeill (league manager), Marie-Anne Fischer (treasurer), Frank Briscoe (results service), Paul Thomas, (Witney/Oxon AA), Gary Richards (Abingdon AC), Colin Price (Team Kennet), Andy Tuttle (Newbury AC), Jon Burgess (Alcehster AC), Martin Ridewood (Oxford City AC), Mark Hawtin (Oxford City AC), Gareth Smith (White Horse Harriers), Michael Search (KRAC), Andrew Munday (Headington RR).

**Voting members:** 8

**1. Apologies:** from Cherwell, Hook Norton, Cirencester, Banbury and from John Sear.

**2. Minutes of last AGM:** approved unanimously as a correct record of the meeting.

**3. Matters arising:**

- Sponsorship from the Oxford Mail did happen thanks toed Mezzetti who runs in the league and is also their sports reporter
- There was a mistake on the treasurer's report: wrong date
- There's nothing on the website about how to cancel a race, the following was suggested:
  - From 3 days before the race – keep checking the website
  - A final decision will be made 1 day before the race, to be published on the website

**4. Manager's report:**

- Successful season despite a very wet winter:
  1. Witney had problems with the parking on the verges; despite threats from the farmer, nothing has been resolved and no money has been paid as yet. Suggestions: extra marshals, use of cones
  2. HRR in December: due to flood the course had to be changed several times, but proved very successful on the day – special thanks were expressed to HRR's course manager Geoff Raynham.
  3. County champs: thanks go to OCAC for organising
  4. Swindon: a great day
  5. RAL: thanks to Gary Richards sorting out a new course/venue, everybody was happy. The venue was great for prizegiving
- There has been huge interest from out of county clubs, 4 this year. The rule for these clubs is as follows: the club appears a guest in the results and will score fully in their second year. There was interest from Brackley, Northamptonshire through Matt Bolton, Oxford University Cross Country Club, I WCA (Independent Workers' Club Association) who will compete next season as full members. As guest a club is limited to two runners per round.
- Many trophies were missing again this year, especially from Oxford City and Radley.
  1. Action: Luke is to contact Mark Hawtin with a list of trophies missing from OCAC

- Frank added that 1150 different runners were recorded during the season 2011/12 and 1160 during this year's season.

There were no questions or comments.

### 5. Treasurer's report

- Financial situation still stable and fees will remain the same for another season.
- Prior to buying new shields, clubs should contact the league.
- When updating shields clubs can send the bill to the league.

There were no questions or comments.

### 6. Dates and Venues for season 2013/14

1. Nov 3: hosted by Witney
2. Dec :1 hosted by HRR
3. Jan 5: 80% certainty that the race will be at Middleton Cheney Feb 5
4. Feb 2: Cirencester are reasonably confident that car park fees will be back to £3 and they will host again
5. March 2: RAL is a possibility if a race organiser can be found. It is very likely that Abingdon can do the last round.

### 7. Divisions for season 2013/14

Women -	Division 1:	promoted: Alchester A, Banbury A relegated: Abingdon A, Newbury B
	Division 2:	promoted: Kidlington A, White Horse A, Alchester B relegated: Eynsham A, Highworth A, Swindon Striders A
Men -	Division 1:	NO CHANGE
	Division 2:	promoted: Kidlington A relegated: Banbury A

### 8. Election of officials:

A vote of thanks from the floor was expressed to Frank Briscoe for doing a marvellous results service and extended to all officials.

All current officials prepared to stand again and were unanimously re-elected.

League Manager – Luke McNeill

League Results – Frank Briscoe

League Treasurer – Marie-Anne Fischer

## 9. Proposals:

From the league regarding a 2/3 donation of car park money from round 5 to be made to Sue Ryder:

Adopted unanimously

## 10. AOB

### 1. Do we restrict the U11 class to ages 8-10 or similar?

There are problems with positions, as the younger runners will inevitably come in after the slightly older ones. This can lead to the younger ones not being motivated. There was a proposal to have 2 races to be tested in the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the next season:

Race 1 for U9 and race for U11.

Team Kennet's young runners would appreciate the opportunity.

Paul Thomas to ask Witney if they're happy to trial the new system, possibly with an earlier start, ie. 9.45 am.

Frank to look at numbers to get an idea of how to organise/split the finish.

### 2. County Champs: there were issues with the numbers, ie. Runners wearing county numbers instead of league numbers and vice-versa, creating problems with the results.

Luke and Frank to take on a more active role to prevent wrong numbers being used at the start.

### 3. Schools asked to send pupils to join the U11. Oxfordshire clubs cannot join in as U11 is not a recognised UKA age group. The AGM made the decision to let any runners from schools in.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm