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## **Berks, Bucks and Oxon Cross Country Association 2022 AGM Minutes**

**Venue:** *Online Meeting*

**Host:** *BBOCCA*

**Date & Time:** *Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 7:45pm*

### **Present were:**

#### **BBO Officers**

Graham Bridges (*BBO Results & Web*), Maxwell Cowlin (*Vice President & Maidenhead AC*),  
Jessica Gibbon (*BBO Treasurer & Reading AC*), Phil Marshall (*Newbury AC*),  
Lynne Nike (*BBO Secretary & Reading AC*), Benedict Pollard (*Eynsham Roadrunners*),  
Dene Stringfellow (*Chairperson*), Andy Tuttle (*Vice President & Newbury AC*)

#### **Others in Attendance**

Julie Rayfield (*Reading AC*), Ray Stevens (*Reading AC*), John Styles (*Abingdon AC*)

#### **Apologies received from:**

Dave Martin (*Rhondda AAC*), Ian Robinson (*Banbury Harriers AC*),  
Mike Shipway (*Woodstock Harriers AC*)

### **Welcome**

Dene Stringfellow (*meeting chair*) welcomed everyone, thanking them for attending the BBO AGM.

### **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, were reviewed and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **Review Finance Report**

Jess informed the meeting that the account's balance is currently £1,738 having made the following recent expenditure in preparation for the 2022 Championships:

- EA Affiliation – £150
- Venue Hire – £800
- Toilet Hire – £516
- Deposit for Medical Provision – £75

### **Election of Officers**

Dene thanked the committee for their help and commented that it had made a big difference having a larger committee this year. The following committee members were unanimously voted into their respective roles meaning that there will be no change to the ongoing BBO Committee.

- Lynne Nike – *Secretary*
- Jessica Gibbon – *Treasurer*
- Graham Bridges – *Webmaster*
- Phil Marshal – *General Member*
- Benedict Pollard – *General Member*
- Dene Stringfellow – *Chairperson*

Dene stated that Andy Tuttle had agreed to continue as Vice President. Andy confirmed that he would very much like to remain involved.

Dene confirmed that it was his understanding that Max Cowlin would like to continue as Vice President, but not involved in the day-to-day running of the Association. Dene had not managed to speak to him recently but would call him to confirm this still remains his intention.

*Note: Maxwell Cowlin joined the meeting but was unable to get his microphone working. It was confirmed by Dene after the meeting that Maxwell had been able to listen to the meeting, was in agreement with the decisions that had been taken during the course of the meeting and was happy to continue in his role as Vice President.*

Dennis Daly has stepped back from involvement and has not been in good health. Dene will try to contact him to confirm if he wants to remain as President.

Both Martyn Cartwright and Pat Ferguson have not been in contact regarding their continued involvement as Vice Presidents.

It was unanimously agreed to leave the BBO Officers as they are pending any further communication.

### **Arrangements for 2022 BBO Championships Progress Update**

Phil confirmed:

Everything necessary to run the Championships has been booked.

The organising team is looking to get materials to setup the course from Newbury AC and Eynsham AC.

The Committee intend to set up the course the day before.

The number of marshals may be an issue depending on the number of entries.

Benedict has sent out updated course maps detailing how the course can be marshalled on the day. Andy thanked Benedict for this. Benedict explained that he had looked at how marshalling the event could be streamlined, if necessary.

Julie offered to assist with setting up both the day before and on the day which was much appreciated.

Benedict confirmed that Eynsham have a lot of signage that may be able to be borrowed. Dene suggested that that the equipment is labelled to ensure the correct equipment goes back to the correct club.

Dene informed the meeting that the biggest hurdle is the number of entries. As yet, the Association has received an entry from just one club. There is the possibility the 2022

Championships may have to be cancelled this year. WSEH AC have confirmed the club will not be entering this year which is a big blow as in previous years they have entered many athletes. Dene commented that the Committee has a meeting the following Monday which is the day after entries close and therefore a decision will be made at that meeting as to whether or not to proceed with the Championships.

In terms of officials, it was confirmed most of the officials for the Championships have been recruited. At least one more Timekeeper is required, however.

Julie confirmed she would be able to help with the senior races and would ask other Reading AC parents to help with the other races. Julie also often goes to Henley Park Run and would see if she might be able to get some volunteers from that particular running community.

John commented that it may be helpful if the clubs can switch volunteers so that they don't need to be there the whole day. Dene confirmed that it would be possible for multiple volunteers to cover one marshal station.

### **Arrangements for 2023 BBO AGM**

It was unanimously agreed that it made sense for the next AGM to be approximately one month after the financial year end. Given that the accounting year end will now be 31<sup>st</sup> March it was agreed that the next AGM will be held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7:45pm.

### **Winding Up Procedure Update**

Dene has prepared a draft winding up procedure, it was explained to the meeting that the Committee had not had time to review it, yet but the Committee hopes to do so at its next meeting.

### **AOB**

Benedict raised the question, given that WSEH AC are citing the packed race calendar as the main reason for not entering the Championships this year, whether or not it would be worth considering alternative times of the year to hold the BBO Championships.

Dene confirmed this was a good question and something that had been considered in the past. The difficulty is trying to find a two-week gap between existing fixtures, as this was felt to be the ideal minimum rest period between races for younger athletes. It was agreed that the Committee would look at this again and any suggestions for an alternative date would be considered. Benedict said he would review the current fixtures schedule to see if there may be any other possible dates on which the Championships could be held.

Dene raised the point that WSEH AC had commented that if there had been an Under 11 race category, they may have entered the 2022 BBO Championships given they now have many athletes in this age group. All agreed that this was not a viable option given the extra pressure that this could place on car parking and finding volunteers for future BBO Championships.

Benedict told the meeting about the BBO medal he had found online dating back to 1939 which had been engraved on the back with the name R. A. Overson. Benedict had given the medal to Dene when walking the BBO course route during the summer. Dene stated he has contributed the medal to the BBO Archive.

**Meeting Closed**

Dene thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their continued support. The meeting was brought to a close at approximately 9:15pm.

*Lynne Nike*  
*Secretary*