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Saturday, 6th March 2021

Future of the Association & its Championships Notice

To all clubs in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Due to the pandemic like all other events the BBO Cross Country Championships were not held last year but it does look as though things are beginning to ease and there is the possibility that the Championships may be able to be held on its usual date in November this year, all being well.

However, the outstanding matter of committee vacancies needs to be addressed. Despite repeated notices having been posted on the BBO website and emailed to clubs no offers have been forthcoming to take on the roles of BBO General Secretary (*vacant after Max Cowlin stood down after many years' service*) and BBO Treasurer (*Simon Walker is standing down at the 2021 AGM*). The duties are not onerous and both Max and Simon are happy to provide assistance respectively to those taking over the roles.

The BBO Cross Country Championships have been a long-established fixture in the cross country calendar and hopefully will continue to thrive for many years to come. However, clubs need to decide whether or not they wish the BBO Association and its Championships to continue. If clubs do indeed want the BBO Cross Country Championships to continue, volunteers to fill the committee vacancies must be found, otherwise the Association will be left with no alternative but to disband. The Association would be grateful if you could give the above some careful thought and consideration within your club, and please contact us if you are able to help in any way, want further information or would like to discuss any points.

In the hope that volunteers do come forward to fill the vacancies, the 2021 BBO Cross Country Championships have provisionally been scheduled to take place on Sunday, 21st November hosted by Newbury AC at Newbury Showground - on the assumption that, as well as the vacancies having been filled, COVID restrictions will have by then been lifted in line with Government targets to allow the Championships to go ahead.

The 2021 BBO AGM will be deferred to the end of June (*date to be confirmed*) in the hope that COVID restrictions will have been lifted by that time, to allow clubs to consider their views on the future of the Association and its Championships and for volunteers to come forward to take over the vacant roles.

Please let us have your thoughts and opinions as well as, hopefully, some offers from new officers.

Kind regards and thank you for your attention.

Dene Stringfellow
Chairperson