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Wednesday, 16th June 2021

2021 BBO Survey & Future Update

The purpose of this update is to inform clubs that no volunteers have been forthcoming to fill vacant positions despite repeated requests over the past 3-4 years. Please take the time to read the whole of this document.

The results of the survey regarding the future of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Cross Country Association and its Championships are summarized below.

A summary of the survey responses to the question posed:

Are you in favour of the continuation of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Cross Country Association and its annual Cross Country Championships?

is as follows:

Yes	23
No	1
Indifferent	16
Total Votes	40

It needs to be borne in mind that the survey was sent out to the contacts of the following number of clubs:

Berkshire	16
Buckinghamshire	18
Oxfordshire	27
Total Clubs	61

Assuming that representatives only voted once per club, a response rate of 65.57% was achieved. On that basis it must be pointed out that 34.43% of the clubs did not respond to the survey at all and therefore those 21 clubs that did not respond must be assumed to taking a position at minimum of indifference to the continuation of the BB&O Cross Country Association and its annual Championships. Having said that, more than half of the clubs that did respond are in favour of the continuation of the Association and its Championships.

However, despite the support of those 23 clubs, the lack of volunteers to fill the vacancies of BBO Secretary and BBO Treasurer remains critical and means that the Association will be left with no alternative but to call an EGM (*to be scheduled in due course*) at which the provisionally scheduled 2021 BB&O Cross Country Championships for this coming November will necessarily have to be cancelled.

If no volunteers are forthcoming between now and the date of the 2022 AGM (*also to be scheduled*) the Association will be forced into being wound up.

I urge the clubs that do support the Association and its Championships to make the effort to attend the EGM to ensure they have a say in the future of this event. Otherwise, the outcome will be inevitable.

Should volunteers step forward in the interim to fill the committee vacancies, however, the projected decisions referred to above may be reversed.

As a committee member and subsequently as chairperson I did not volunteer to oversee the demise of the Association and its Championships. It would be a great shame to see a fixture steeped in history lost from the cross country calendar. I am aware the Association and its Championships are greatly valued by those clubs that support them, but without volunteers it will no longer be possible to continue.

A notice will be posted on the Association's website and emailed to all club contacts informing clubs of the date, time and venue of the EGM in due course.

Any offers to volunteer to fill the vacant roles on the committee would be very welcome. Look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards

Dene Stringfellow
Chair & Entries/Results Secretary