Minutes of Birmingham Swifts Committee Meeting

# 7th Feb 2018, 19:00-21:00, Bannatyne’s Gym, Brindley Place

## Attendees

* Chris Pratt – Club Chair (CP)
* Marianne Skelcher – Club Secretary (MS)
* Geoffrey Frost – Club Treasurer (GF) ( by phone)
* Connor Kingsley – Promotional Secretary (CK)
* Alan Cordonnier – Social and Welfare Secretary (AC)
* Pete “TP” Davis – Race Secretary (PD)

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting : proposed AC Seconded CK Agreed. Action: CK to put November and January minutes on the website.
2. Matters arising from the minutes: All actions complete. Parkrun takeover date confirmed as 19th May, the week before Pride weekend.
3. AGM final arrangements including plans for handing over to new Committee: MS gave an update on nominations received so far. The Committee reviewed the AGM action plan and agreed final arrangements. Amy from Activate has agreed to act as teller for the elections.
4. Activity Reports from Committee:
   1. Club Chair (CP) The Run leaders Meeting went very well, and the run leaders Whats App group is working well too. Several other actions were agreed: see the meeting notes, circulated separately. GF to lead on handover of finance and banking arrangements to the new Committee. Since then, focus has been on AGM preparation and encouraging nominations. Hopefully the new Committee will be able to progress the issue of changing facilities.
   2. Club Treasurer (GF) See AGM papers for current financial position.

c) Race Secretary (PD)

Below is the report of my year as Race Sec detailed for the AGM.

I have done so much in my appointed year as Race Secretary and I feel that I've achieved and gone beyond what I have stated in my manifesto, below is a run down of what I have done.

I have done:-

14 Races - 4 Cancelled (Due to Weather and Low Run Numbers)

- April 30th - Birmingham 10k

- May - EVENT

- June 11th - Cobra Classic 10k

- July 1st - Black Country Half Marathon

- August 27th - Atherston 10k

- September - EVENT

- October 1st - Bourneville Leafy 10k

- October 15th - Birmingham Half and Full Marathon

- November 18th - Mo Run 5k and 10k

- Decemeber 10th - Pudding Run 5 Mile and 10 Mile (Cancelled due to Weather)

- January 14th - Pudding Run 5 Mile and 10 Mile (Cancelled due to Low Run Numbers)

- January - EVENT

- February 11th - Draycote Water 10k

3 Events

- May - Swifts Parkrun Takeover (Approx 20 Participants)

- September - SWIFT-TEMBER (Approx 35 Participants)

- January - 5k Challenge (Approx 35 Participants)

My plan for the year was to provide a "no barriers to race mentally" for the membership, provide local, easily accessible and affordable races, that would also promote better connections with other local running groups. I feel I have achieved this, but felt that I wanted to make the solo sport of running more social by organising and structuring 2 Monthly Events which the group can complete. This has gone very well and I hope that the new Race Secretary continues the hard work that I have put into the role.

I have many highlights to my Role, from being on Gaydio Radio with Connor and Geoffrey to getting Park Runners saying "Ahoy" during my opening speech at the Takeover. I know who ever takes on the role will have as much fun as I have

1. Promotional Secretary (CK): No report
2. Social and Welfare Secretary (AC) This month, I have:

* Defined the activities the club would offer for Fitness February (Activate group sport month) and had validation from the committee and concerned running leaders
* Provided the activate group with the information required to create the programme
* Kicked off Fitness February communication (Swifts side), entrusted Connor with keeping on

What remains to do for me until the AGM:

* Asking Andy to provide food for the AGM (urgent), organising the "side" election
* Getting in touch with the Bulls' Social Secretary for the activate party
* Continuing to liaise with the LGBT centre regarding FitFeb
* Producing an end-of-role report for Chris to use

1. Secretary (MS) This month has been focussed on preparation for the AGM. A lot of work!
2. AOB: None