

Birmingham Swifts LGBT Runners
Committee Meeting, Monday 25th January 2021
20:00 – 21:30 Via Zoom

Holly Miller-Manly – Chair – (HMM)
Alexander Brown – Secretary – (AB)
Ian Bush – Treasurer – (IB)
David Waters – Race Secretary (DW)
Luke Turner-Dawson – Inclusion and Welfare Secretary (LTD)
Daniel Bridge – Media Secretary (DB)

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Upcoming AGM.
 - Appendix 1.
3. Discuss upcoming events.
 - Previous discussion suggested bingo cards to maintain engagement in lockdown.
4. AOBs
5. Date of next meeting.

MINUTES

1. Welcome by Chair
2. AB spoke about the AGM regarding notes in Appendix 1 of the meeting agenda:

Committee happy to host via Zoom. All committee members indicated desire to stand for re-election.

Options for voting discussed, AB indicated preference for using the polls feature in Zoom. Proxies possible by nominated proxy logging in on a second device.

General agreement on suggested AGM dates and deadlines:

Suggested date for AGM: **Sunday 14th March**
Initial communication with members (draft below): 7th Feb (*14th is manageable*)
Deadline for proposed motions: 28th Feb
Deadline for members to nominate for committee: 28th Feb
Deadline for second communication with members: 7th March
Deadline for members to be registered in order to vote: 7th March
Deadline to register a proxy: 13th March

AB suggested any nominations for chair still come to the Club Secretary to monitor numbers, but any manifestos go to an agreed independent third party. AB to liaise with potential third party.

Committee to discuss ideas for member survey ahead of the AGM. Deadline 31st in order to be included in the draft of the first member AGM communication.

3. Upcoming events:

Possibility of doing bingo sheets during February to encourage engagement in the run up to the AGM. DW forwarded on sheets used by the Newcastle Frontrunners last year. DB to mock-up Swift versions. To be shared one per Sunday over the next four weeks.

LTD suggested looking at additional challenges like 'most distance covered'. Committee to look at the possibility of using Strava for this as a potential future event.

4. AOBs

IB provided feedback to the Committee regarding his discussions with other organisations regarding a potential 'Pride Run' to tie in with the Commonwealth Games. HMM noted that this would likely require significant fundraising and member engagement. General consensus that this would be a great opportunity but will be revisited when the appropriate time.

LTD asked the committee if anyone would like a supportive role to help them out, giving the example of a Vice Chair. No member indicated a need for this, and it was noted that after the last year there would likely be little uptake.

AB suggested that if the Swifts do another Virtual Race this year, a sub-committee could be arranged to oversee this, taking a similar role in practice to what LT was suggesting.

AB informed the committee of a comment on "the lack of communication from the Swifts" recently. General agreement this was down to lack of races or club runs due to the lockdown(s) when we would normally share news and updates. LTD suggested providing monthly updates following committee meetings and reducing the newsletter to every 6 months. For now the committee are remaining with seasonal newsletters provided there is a reason to communicate, to be reviewed.

5. Date of next committee meeting agreed as 22nd Feb via Zoom. Discussion and agreement of having one on the last Monday of the month for the foreseeable future.