

Birmingham Swifts LGBT Runners Committee Meeting, Friday 9th July 2021

19:30 – 20:30 Via Zoom:

Attendees: HMM, AB, IB, DB, DW

AGENDA:

- 1. Welcome/Apologies**
- 2. Agree minutes of last meeting and AGM (proposed by AB)**
- 3. Clothing**
 - Run Leader vests
 - T-shirt design competition
- 4. Events**
 - Theme run for Drag Day
 - Viability of social events with lockdown roadmap
 - Parkrun takeover
 - Virtual (Pride?) Run
- 5. Run Leader Feedback**
 - Starting Out group: practicality, viability, dates
 - Other Run Leader feedback from their meeting
 - Ambassadors
- 6. Newsletter**
 - Date/content
- 7. AOBs**
- 8. Date of next meeting**

MINUTES:

1. Welcome/Apologies

Apology from Luke. (AB)

2. Agree minutes of last meeting and AGM (proposed by AB)

Minutes accepted by members present. (AB)

3. Clothing

Run leader tees or vests are available in white with a set printable area on both front and back. (IB)
IB to ask Kings Heath runners to see what they have managed to get, looking at the possibility of getting something hi-vis. Look to create something Based on previous design but some small changes to make it unique. To have 'Run Leader' on back, and possibly names (smaller) on front.

Standard kit – to advertise current vests (IB to action on Facebook, AB to include in newsletter.)

T-shirt competition like last year. Launch with newsletter and give 4 weeks to put entries in. (AB plan and put in newsletter.)

4. Events

Run for non-binary day next week – run in colours from the flag on Thursday 16th. (All to promote across social media.)

Agree no marketing of social events until restrictions have ended. Start planning a BBQ behind the scenes and talk to Andy for dates. All other events pinned for now until more is known regarding what is allowed.

Parkrun are ready to pencil in a day for takeover. We normally around Pride so suggestion of doing it around then. (DW to liaise with the Parkrun representative.)

Virtual Pride Run – 2nd Oct suggested date (or the week including.) Week after Birmingham Pride. Keep it simple this year. Funds go to the Swifts to help towards a real world race next year. No snood, probably no podcast. IB to look into StuWeb but may be too expensive depending on expected numbers.

5. Run Leader Feedback

Starting Out Group 7th October on Thursday evenings alongside social run. Advertise to the universities as it ties with the new term.

In the meantime, look at breakaway groups on a Thursday. Either more relaxed or 'elite' to alleviate skill disparity. To trial over upcoming weeks.

We need a push in the diversity in our promotional materials, particularly as we are currently getting more new members.

We have a confirmed budget for one coach to be trained, and the potential to fund a second from club funds or extra funding. Agreement to keep coaching sessions to affiliated members for now but review this once the coaches are trained as this might take time with covid delays and the need may change. Agreed on a 2-year minimum commitment, particularly if we are using general funds.

Leaders are in agreement for ambassadors to assist on runs. Will be put out to the members to get volunteers – via socials (IB) and newsletter (AB).

Run leaders have asked for feedback on routes or for suggestions of new routes. AB has asked if the run leaders can put together questions and this will be sent out.

6. Newsletter

To go out after restrictions have ended so that the information is correct. To include information on ambassadors, membership options, swiftember, t-shirt competition, vests for purchase, poll for running routes and the new membership form for the next 12 months.

7. AOBs

HMM to speak to Andy for a secure place for valuables on a Thursday. Also suggested it was worth checking the ongoing status of the LGBT centre and accessing the Swift items in storage there. HMM asked if we were limited on numbers for Pride parade – AB to check as point of contact.

8. Date of next meeting

09th August pencilled in but will be agreed closer to the day based on how the ease of lockdown goes.