

Birmingham Swifts LGBT Runners
Committee Meeting, Monday 26th April 2021
19:30 – 20:30 Via Zoom

AGENDA:

1. Welcome/Apologies
2. Agree minutes of last meeting and AGM (proposed by AB)
3. Current membership numbers
 - This is following the new EA year beginning and Thursday runs resuming
4. Successes and problems with the resumed Thursday runs and ongoing plans
 - Is the app working?
 - Starting out group
5. New run leaders
6. Upcoming events
 - Club races (proposed by DW)
 - Preliminary plans for summer socials
7. Updated kit
 - Yearly updated designs
 - Possibility of run leader vests
8. AOBs
9. Date of next meeting

MINUTES:

1. Welcome/Apologies
Apology from David who will join late.
2. Agree minutes of last meeting and AGM (proposed by AB)
Minutes for both agreed.
3. Current membership numbers
Steady increase over the last few weeks, word seems to be getting out and new members have been returning.
Need to check how we can make sure that new members can do the membership form and add a reminder to the run app information.
4. Successes and problems with the resumed Thursday run and ongoing plans
Mid-sized groups seem useful, particularly with the canal runs. These are to continue.
With the changing group sizes, we are to be more mindful to balance the group numbers before the runs start. Groups to be made at the end of the warmup before it starts.
Intentions to being a starting out group asap. Look to start it in June and spend May planning for it.
Consideration of having a 'new runner briefing' at the warmup to make sure they are aware of everything they need to know. Will see how it goes over the next few weeks.
5. New run leaders

Virtual courses are running but no places currently available. Committee will keep checking. There is a small budget for publicity, everyone to think of ideas for what this could be used for.

JP and JS confirmed agreed as the new run leaders when courses are available.

6. Upcoming events

Superhero run this week. Everyone to encourage members to wear outfits and create photo opportunities.

BBCHM 3rd July – cheering squad if we are allowed.

GNR 12th September

Regency 10k September

London Marathon – no new place for us this year as we have a rollover from last year.

Brum Half/10k – Hopefully have food at the Fox afterwards.

Other races are popping up too, DW to keep us updated.

Virtual Run/Race: Chance of running it into a Birmingham Pride Run in September.

This year will remain a virtual run, however we could push this as fundraising to fund a physical race next year.

Consider using an official site to get entries, there will be a fee, but it might also increase the number of entries we get to offset this.

As this is straying away from the original idea of a 'Sturgess Stagger' memorial run, we could have a different event in his name so that it's not forgotten. Initial suggestion would be a cake social on the day of the virtual race.

Will likely need a subcommittee.

7. Updated kit

General agreement on refreshing the design of the running vests that aren't the official club kit. This doesn't have to be yearly. Suggestion of having a club competition.

Run leaders vest are a good idea to stand out, particularly for new runners. Needs further research.

8. AOBs

Safety of valuables was brought up regarding Thursday runs. Feedback from The LGBT centre regarding opening times and what we can do at The Fox to increase security needed before a decision is made.

As there are new things coming up it might be worth having a May newsletter to cover a Questionnaire (is there interest for a virtual race,) launch the T-shirt competition, announce the Starting Out group, and share photos from the superhero run.

9. Date of next meeting

17th May. Slightly earlier than usual to agree the Newsletter and Starting Out details.