

Birmingham Swifts LGBT Runners
Committee Meeting, Monday 22nd February 2021
20:00 – 21:30 Via Zoom

Holly (HMM) – Chair
Alex (AB) – Club Secretary
Ian (IB) – Treasurer
David (DW) – Race Secretary
Luke (LTD) – Inclusion & Welfare Officer
Daniel (DB) – Media Secretary

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Agree minutes of last meeting (proposed by AB)
3. Brief reports from committee members
4. Current plan for AGM
5. Are the benefits of being an affiliated member easily available?
6. London marathon club place
7. Member Awards
8. AOBs
9. Date of next meeting

MINUTES

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Agree minutes of last meeting (proposed by AB)

Minutes agreed.

3. Brief reports from committee members

Chair: Bingo has seen low engagement but remarked that it's nice having something going.

Treasurer: Nothing new to report, has already submitted finance report in preparation for the AGM.

Remaining committee members had nothing to report outside of the existing agenda items.

4. Current plan for AGM
 - Details confirmed. (14th March via Zoom.)
 - Reminder to go out on social media tonight.
 - Next AGM could be moved to December because it takes a while to hand over to new committee. Example given that changing the name on the bank details takes time and this would happen at the same time as the new EA affiliation payments.
(IB)
 - To be explored later in the year.

- Suggestion from AB to make a memory video for Drew. Agreed, **action for AB.**
 - Mention of possible memory run in the autumn, to be discussed after AGM.
- LTD suggests to make a video from committee. LTD will follow this up if there is time.
- Confirm second communication to members

5. Are the benefits of being an affiliated member easily available?

(This came up at the last AGM, with the events of the last year this may be asked again. AB proposes we ensure this information is available in advance of the upcoming AGM.)

- IB confirms affiliation information is on the website
- Regarding the coaching benefit of EA, we are waiting for coach training to be running again and have a volunteer in mind for this.
- Discussed the possibility for people to donate to the club if they don't want to affiliate. IB gave examples of how this could work. Will be confirmed after AGM as there is a motion to confirm the membership fee, and if it is changed this suggestion would likely be irrelevant.
- Affiliated BBQ or event possibility to reward affiliation in the summer.
- LTD would like welcome emails when people run with us for the first time. HMM suggests a welcome pack on the website LTD agreed. **Action for LTD preparing this to go online.**

6. London marathon club place

- Currently it looks like we will have another marathon place. AB to continue looking and updating as information is released.
- Will still be kept to people who entered the public ballot.
- AB asked if we want to draw the ballot at the AGM regardless of whether we have the place confirmed. Agreement that we won't draw it until we know definitively, but will announce this at the AGM for clarity to members.

7. Member Awards

- AB asks if we will do member awards like we normally would, and how (e.g. google form, zoom poll, etc.)
- Decision that we would not as the social aspect is important here. We will look to do this in the summer at an in person event, e.g. the BBQ depending on what we are allowed to do.
- The committee will think about if we would like to thank anyone for their input over the last year as a 'mini awards'. Run leaders were an example given.

8. AOBs

- HMM Reminder to wear kit as much as possible as runs resume – especially at parkrun as this is good advertising.
- AB suggested we look at refreshing the available kit. Suggests keeping a 'core' kit (official race kit,) and have one that is updated yearly to encourage more purchases and raise funds.

- IB express that when runs resume it would likely be the mini groups initially, and asked for run leaders to be given plenty of notice if things may be starting again.
- IB pointed out that the website needs to be updated with photos of socials etc. **IB to action.**
- LTD Asked about having an app. **IB to look into.**
- HMM suggests we have something to promote the committee/run leaders on the website, in order to have familiar faces for new members. This will come after other website updates.
- DB suggests we have run leader vests, to make them stand out on runs and also help advertise. **IB to look into.**

9. Date of next meeting

- Next meeting will be AGM on the 14th March 2021.

Close of meeting.