

LFR Regular Committee Meeting Thursday 10th January 2019

Co-Presidents: Kirsty Fitzgerald (KF) and Jamie Keenan (JK)
Club Secretary: Christos Bitzis-Politis (CBP)
Club Treasurer: Warren Swart (WS)
Membership Secretary: Simon Mac (SM)
Races Secretaries: Julia Robinson (JR) and Alex Rendall (AR)
Publicity & Communications Officers: Mary Cormack (MC) and
Andrew Corti (AC)
Social Secretaries: Daniel Brittle (DB) and Waldo Miguez (WM)
Coaching Team Coordinator: Adrian Mark (AM)

Agenda

Club Treasurer

Financial Update (relevant to financial reports previously distributed among Committee members)

Publicity and Communication Officers

General update

Social Secretaries

Social Calendar Update

Races Secretaries

Update

Membership Secretary

Update

Club Secretary

Role of Welfare Officer (relevant to documents previously distributed among Committee members)

Suggestions as to economise time during the LFR AGM

Gay Games Rome 2019

LFR Sponsor

AOB

Chair: KF

Apologies: DB, AM, SM, WM, MC

Minutes: CBP

Report and discussion on the incident of Wednesday the 9th January, at the Kentish Town Leisure Centre.

Email from AN to Co-Presidents describing the incident and relative response on our side.

Further discussion on the issue, with some general practical admonitions to share with Membership, which could prove very useful to have such admonitions permanently on the Club's website and weekly appearing on the e-bulletin.

Action to take

CBP to follow up by writing to the venue in regards to the incident, requesting to be kept informed with reports on the progress of the research and enquiries by the local police.

JR is to include on the Club's web-side some useful admonitions, as per above suggestions

AC is to include a short relative blurb on the weekly e-bulletin.

Financial Report (CT)

28 members were generous enough as to donate money toward the Christmas presents for the LFR eateries and changing venues, with the final amount being £133.

The amount spend on Christmas presents was £171, so the amount gathered through these donations will be set back on that.

The LFR Christmas Social event (dinner and party) had a net subsidy of £580 pounds this year, as there has been an

unexpected saving of £400 for two reasons: the OutSavvy fees were calculated twice, saving the Club ultimately £240 and the second reason being that LFR were in the end not charged for the amount of £160 over a number of canapés, which were initially calculated and charged though not delivered.

On the other hand, there has occurred the unexpected expense of £254 which have been claimed as postage expenses over the mailing for the distribution of club vests to members

Accordingly, the financial budget for the next Club Year is planned to receive several updates, relative to the updated membership numbers.

Discussions relative to the Green Belt Relay and to the fact that this year LFR is putting the costs of the hotel accommodation and such, back to membership. As it has been discussed and voted, due to the rise of costs, the Committee has decided not to subsidize the GBR this year, whereas last year we managed to subsidize each participant by £33. The GBR has been heavily subsidized in all previous years and although it is considered as one of the most beloved racing events among membership and a flagship event for the Club, the subsidizing amount equals the registration yearly registration each member has to pay, when subtracting the EA fees.

Discussion on an indicative idea relative to the GBR costs

Discussion relative to the LFR venues and the invoice forms received. There are several invoice forms which need to be chased up. We are still waiting to receive invoices from the Seymour Centre and The Castle, whereas the Porchester has been paid until end of November, and we are processing the invoices of the Kentish Town Centre this week.

An unexpected source of income has come through the form of £18 from selling LFR tokens to Monday runners, for The Castle lockers.

Updates relative to the AGM venue and date.

The date decided for the LFR AGM will be Friday the 15th of March, the venue will be an auditorium close to the King's Cross area. Discussion on the relative expenses.

Races update (RS)

Having terminated with the process of the Club Championships Survey, what currently need to be done is to go through the results received and collect all important data. LFR Race Secretaries are in the process of considering a number of races to suggest and have for the LFR Races Calendar for the new Club Year.

These races will be relative to next year's Club Championships, and they need to be chosen and have them communicated well in advance.

There has been requested to have the Coaching Programme communicated to membership as much in advance as possible, possibly with two months in advance, as membership would like to know not necessarily the name of the coach who will be delivering the session on every particular evening, but just the plan of the coaching, so that runners may schedule their coaching well in advance.

Publicity update

In their wish of making the e-bulletin as light and as interesting as possible, LFR P&C Officers will not be inserting any marathon moments anymore, instead there will be featuring short blurbs of Club runners talking about runs that they have signed for, as offering the members through the e-bulletin some good ideas for running,

Discussion over the Adidas Shoes Trying Event which took place during the evening of a track session, which was an excellent opportunity to attract runners, as we have had 16 runners turning up on that evening, and it was also a good opportunity for LFR to have some external visitors.

Membership Update (SM, in absentia)

We have currently 527 members and we are on the way to hit the 554 members that we had last year, with still two more months of the Club Year to go, ultimately needing 27 members to match the membership of last year.

On an average and for each month, we will need 14 members to either join or renew their membership as to match last year.

Considering the numbers of new members only, we have had an average of 12 members per month over the past 10 months.

Out of the current 527 members, 475 are male and 52 are female, with 407 being members who have renewed their membership and with 120 completely new members.

Social Calendar Update (DB, in absentia)

The January Social will be titled “LFR does the 2Brewers Pub Quiz” and it will take place on Wednesday the 30th of January. Social secretaries will be creating a FB event for this purpose and will be also sending to the Publicity Officers a relative blurb to insert in the E-bulletin for next Monday.

In regards to the social event for the month of February, and as it is LGBT History Month, LFR Social Secretaries are searching to suggest an entertaining event related to this subject, while in the meantime they happen to be very much open to suggestions.

Club Secretary

Discussion over the role of the Welfare Officer and certain further clarifications relative to the phrasing of both the proposal and the role in general.

Discussion relative to suggestions as to economise time during the LFR AGM

Discussion over the Euro Games of Rome 2019. Input and relative feedback from those who have already registered.

Discussions relevant to the suggested LFR Sponsor and to document previously circulated by the CS among Committee members

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Discussion relevant to the research and introduction of a different App for the LFR bag-drop bookings. The rationale behind this research being that Committee aims to find what will be potentially the best and the most encompassing app for such purposes, at the same time minimizing as much administration as possible for all those involved. Discussions relative to exploring further MyCrew and to the value of sending the list of attendees out before each of the Thursday and Saturday runs to the CL and CLAs of the day.

Discussion relative to the intentions of remaining within the present Club Committee, in the same or in a different role, for the next Club Year.

Committee has established that the two final RCM for this Club Year will occur on Monday the 11th of February and on Tuesday the 5th of March, with Committee members requested to please incorporate these dates into their own calendars.