

LFR
Regular Committee Meeting
Tuesday 5th May 2020

Co-Presidents: Kirsty Fitz-Poole (KFP) and Jamie Keenan (JK)

Club Secretary: Christos Bitzis-Politis (CBP)

Club Treasurer: Alex Darsley (AD)

Membership Secretary: Simon Mac (SM)

Races Secretaries: Erika Kulikova (EK) and Alex Rendall (AR)

Publicity & Communications Officers: Joey Knock (JKk) and Andrew Corti (AC)

Social Secretaries: Brittany Bernard (BB) and Daniel Brittle (DB)

Coaching Team Coordinator: Matt Haas (MH)

Agenda

Club Treasurer (CT)

Brief update on Club finances

Races Update (RS)

Publicity Update (P&C O)

Social Calendar update (SS)

Membership Update (MS)

Club Secretary

Club Co-Presidents

1. Transition to Gmail
2. The LFR e-bulletin

AOB

Chair: KFP

Minutes: CBP

Apologies: MH, BB, JK

Club Treasurer Update

Brief update on the Club finances

During the month of March 2020, there has been some expenditure, of about £1700, mostly related to paying the invoices for all the LFR venues, as we were still using changing facilities at the beginning of the month.

During the month of April, expenditures were even less than the above, amounting to £247. We have had two more persons registering since the last Committee meeting and since the announcement of having temporarily suspended all registrations and renewals. General discussion on membership issues.

Discussion over allowing non-members to be part of the e-bulletin and of the Members Only FB page, temporarily, until the Club reassumes its normal functions. The Committee has no objection to this, as it will keep those interested and who will eventually wish to become part of LFR engaged and informed.

When it will be decided on the registration fees for the Club Year 2020/21 then those who have already paid the fees before the lockdown will be reimbursed for the months during which the Club was not operational and there will be a clearance to the FB page and to the e-bulletin mailing list, removing all those who will decide not to renew.

The Membership Secretary nowadays sends an email to the Publicity & Communication Officers, with a list of names to have included in the e-bulletin mailing list and allows access to the FB page upon request from those eligible and interested

Races Update (RS)

With all races until the 30th of June being officially declared as cancelled by EA, it seems that the Bridges Relay is also being cancelled. The Club still hopes that the Battersea Relay, which is usually taking place in July, could still be on.

Discussion on proposals for races and ideas on races relative to the Club Championships, and how may we manage to have some races during this period, because we can't have all the races happening when the Club will be going back to normal. The races usually were spread out throughout the year and as we will hopefully have the Cross Country season starting in October, it would be good to have some races before that.

Social Calendar update (SS)

We are very much looking forward to the LFR coffee morning event via Zoom, scheduled for this coming Saturday; it is an experiment and we want to see how it will go. Members will have the opportunity to be allocated to separate "rooms", in case there will be a large number of participants. In addition to that it might be fun to do a few different things, like a small bingo event with some challenges. The SS have already circulated a template for the bingo event, though some further suggestions would be good, to make it more challenging, and if we are not in time to use them now, we could use them at the following session. There is a proposal of using some of the Social Activities budget to buy some vouchers and create two prizes, a female prize and a male one, as this would make the whole activity a bit more interesting and challenging and definitely more engaging. The Club Treasurer agrees to the above suggestion, so a small amount will be spent by the SS on "bingo vouchers".

Membership Update (MS)

There is very little to report on Membership. Besides the two renewals since the last time this subject was discussed, we will start looking at how may we digitise the membership cards, so that we may save further on spending over paper as well, and we are looking at

possible ways to do this. For the time being we don't know how easy this is going to be nor how much time it will demand, so we will see how this will develop and keep everyone updated.

Club Co-Presidents

1. There will be a follow up email sent to all the Club sub-committees (Cross Country, International Trip, LFR Triathlon Coordinators, etc) regarding the transition from the present email accounts to a free gmail, with all paid accounts which are not strictly related to Committee functions closing at the end of May. This measure is in accordance with the policy of keeping all Club expenses as limited as possible.

2. A big thank you will have to go, rightly so, to Andrew and Joey for keeping the e-bulletin ticking over, regardless of the limited content available. The e-bulletin is currently one of the few things available which are keeping the Club together and it's providing a focal point for all LFR members during this period.

AOB

We have had excellent and very encouraging feedback on both the Stepping Challenge organised by Kirsty every Saturday and on the sessions organised by Emily. A great number of members find these activities very inspiring and fun, and have expressed how grateful they are that the Club is able to provide these. The Committee is also expressing their sincere thanks to Kirsty and to Emily for such a great contribution of their time and energy.

The date of the next RCM will be decided by Doodle Poll.