

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	
<b>Venue</b>	Burmoor Close	
<b>Present</b>	Sue Yendley Anita Girvan Nykki Webber Nigel Maggs Stuart Hill	Stan Cragg Gillian Peck Alan Hannibal Pete Galpin Alex Tindall Andy Matson
<b>Apologies</b>	Mike Gullis	
<b>Recorded By</b>	Stuart Hill	
<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies.</b>	
2	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting.</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Anita, seconded by Alan	
3	<b>Matters Arising.</b> All matters arising were dealt in the relevant section of this meeting's business	
4	<b>Treasurer's Report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid in: £72.00 in subs</li> <li>• Paid in: £173.00 from kit sales</li> <li>• Paid out: £212.00 for kit purchased</li> <li>• Paid out: £40.00 on trophies</li> <li>• Paid out: £80.00 race licences</li> <li>• Paid out: £35.00 tri affiliation</li> <li>• Deposit account: £1480.40</li> <li>• Current account: £1666.32</li> </ul> <p>It was discussed and accepted that Pete would record income and expenditure for tri activity separately from other club income and expenditure. This will identify a "pot" of tri money that can be used to cross-subsidise the various tri activities as required.</p>	Pete Galpin
5	<b>Frostbite.</b>  <u>BRJ Frostbite in 2011:</u> Alan summarised the current position. None of the venues listed in the previous minutes are available for the BRJ Frostbite. C & C were briefly in the frame for hosting but have since withdrawn. It has been decided that the BRJ race will take place at Hinchingsbrooke Park, using shared marshalling between the clubs. Adrian Jarvis is liaising with the clubs to request 2 marshals from each. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The route will differ from the Hunts AC route</li> <li>• BRJ is responsible for the route plan, recce and marking</li> <li>• Riverside to manage start and finish</li> <li>• Car parking marshalling will be required</li> <li>• The route requires the gate on the road to be unlocked (<b>Action: Stuart</b>).</li> <li>• Children's entertainment before the presentation is required.</li> <li>• Alan has already booked the Countryside Centre</li> </ul> <p><u>Frostbite Presentation Evening:</u> May 14<sup>th</sup> at Peterborough Running Club. Alan has tickets (already 15/30 sold).</p> <p><u>Junior Awards:</u> The committee needs to nominate a BRJ boy and girl Junior</p>	Alan Hannibal Stuart Hill Alex Tindall

	<p>Runner of the series. The result needs to be returned by 19<sup>th</sup> March. Stuart will email round the nominations, from a list of candidates prepared from the results by Alex (<b>Action Alex and Stuart</b>). Alan to provide Stuart with contact email for the result (<b>Action Alan</b>).</p>	
6	<p><b>Social Events.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social events have not been well-supported recently.</li> <li>• The St Ives Football Club is a potential venue for future events e.g. the Xmas party. Nykki has contact with them.</li> <li>• There are various pub runs coming up, plus the Frostbite presentation evening.</li> <li>• Social events to be re-visited e.g. after the marathon season.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Fundraising.</b></p> <p>Fundraising over the last 12 months has been outstanding: £5030 has been raised. This has been assisted by David Cleaver and Andy Barber's employers doubling the JustGiving amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All monies have now been collected.</li> <li>• The charity presentation will take place at the Pig and Falcon pub run (<b>Action Sue and Nigel</b>).</li> <li>• Sue would still like to do the club calendar.</li> <li>• A curry night was discussed, potentially at the former Spice Inn who run a charity night.</li> <li>• Next year the club could raise money for itself e.g. via quiz night etc. To be discussed at AGM</li> </ul>	<p>Sue Yendley Nigel Maggs</p>
8	<p><b>Running Club Committee Report.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginners Course: Going well - good feedback</li> <li>• Need for clear publicity for Club Championship Awards in 2011</li> <li>• The discussion forum has been removed from the website, and Facebook is being used for arranging runs etc, which is not ideal</li> <li>• Problems have arisen contacting members at short notice, e.g. at race starts – request for mobile numbers, e.g. via a trusted contact (<b>Action Alan and Alex</b>)</li> <li>• Club calendar is back on the website and the tri activities will be incorporated (<b>Action Alex</b>)</li> <li>• Guesstimate Run will be held in 2011, but a new venue is being researched because of problems with the chip shop in 2010</li> </ul>	<p>Alan Hannibal Alex Tindall</p>
9	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes place on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2011</li> <li>• Draft agenda to be distributed to committee by Nigel (<b>Action Nigel</b>) – committee members to amend and return by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (<b>Action All</b>)</li> <li>• Andy will present an update on the tri section</li> <li>• Nigel will contact Lucy regarding the hall in Godmanchester (<b>Action Nigel</b>)</li> </ul>	<p>Nigel Maggs All</p>
10	<p><b>AGM Sub Committee Representation</b></p> <p>At the AGM Gillian will propose the creation of a tri representative position on the main committee (<b>Action Gillian</b>)</p>	<p>Gillian Peck</p>
11	<p><b>Swim Membership</b></p> <p>Gill described scenarios for swim membership. Members must pay to swim with the club for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Proposal: A separate swim membership is established. Price to be confirmed. Raised by Gillian, seconded by Pete. Carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Nigel Maggs</p>

	<p>Proposal: A club joining fee is imposed, payable only by new members. If existing members do not renew within one month of the start of the membership year they revert to new members and must pay the joining fee plus their membership renewal fee. Raised by Gillian, seconded by Stan. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Swim membership price and joining fee amount to be established at AGM <b>(Action Nigel)</b></p>	
12	<p><b>London Marathon Ballot – Issues Arising</b> Alan summarised the issues relating to the London Marathon ballot. A copy of Keith Douglas’s email explaining the events that established the draw results is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>In summary, Paul Salmon has written to Alan via SMS to complain. Alan has rejected his complaint because the ballot was open and fair. Subsequently Paul has expressed a wish to resign his membership of the BRJ and has requested his entire 2010-2011 membership be refunded and also requested a return of the charity funds he was responsible for collecting at the GNR.</p> <p>The committee discussed and agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resignation is voluntary and does NOT trigger any refund.</li> <li>- Charity funds CANNOT be returned as they had been given by members of the public in good faith to the charity nominated at the BRJ AGM.</li> </ul> <p>Nigel will draft a written response to Paul on behalf of the committee rejecting both requests.</p> <p>Alan has been in contact with Paul Salmon via SMS text and he will forward the relevant texts to Nigel <b>(Action Nigel and Alan)</b></p>	Alan Hannibal Nigel Maggs
12	<p><b>London Marathon Bus:</b> Nykki has been in contact with Dews. Nykki will email the club to find the level of interest before booking. The coach could also be shared with other clubs. A decision to be taken within two weeks <b>(Action Nykki)</b></p>	Nycki Webber
14	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> The following items were discussed: Alan: Sunday bike rides. A request to use a time trial bike has been received. The committee decided that time trial bikes are not appropriate. Andy: tri information is now on the website Anita: more encouragement is required to boost attendance, both at races and club runs. There was general agreement that negative comments have put people off, particularly from Frostbites where participation should be more important than scoring. Gillian: whole club events are beneficial, e.g. treasure hunts Alex: the website is being assessed for a complete re-vamp, possibly to include online membership renewal and payment Stan: raised the issue of the running sub-committee having no terms of reference or elected members. The committee agreed that both the running and tri sub-committees should be referred to as “working groups” from now on to reinforce the fact that the only decision making body is the main committee. Stuart: Eastern Athletic Assoc – no takers for the forthcoming AGM</p>	
15	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Venue tbd</p>	

Nigel thanked Sue for her hospitality. The meeting closed at 9:50

**Appendix**London Marathon Club Place Draw – Keith Douglas Email to Committee Feb 02  
2011-02-10

I understand that there is an item on the BRJ committee agenda to discuss the allocation of club places for the London Marathon. From what I have heard, there seems to be some misunderstanding about Paul Salmon's inclusion or otherwise in the draw. I was involved in the draw for the club places, and all six runners who put their names forward, including Paul, had the same chance to get one of the club places. The three who didn't get a place, including Paul, were just unlucky in the draw. Nobody was excluded from the process, but I perhaps need to explain what happened and why that is the case.

The initial draw took place on the Tuesday before Christmas. Five runners were in the draw for 3 places, and the usual process was followed of drawing out the names in reverse order, so the first name drawn out was 5<sup>th</sup> on the list for places, the second drawn out was 4<sup>th</sup> on the list etc. Those in positions 1, 2 and 3 got the club places – Michael Wenn, myself and Phil Pearsons. An email was sent out late on Wednesday night by Alan confirming the result and requesting the lucky runners to collect the forms on Thursday evening at the club run.

It became clear on the Thursday, as a result of the email, that Paul had requested that he should be included in the draw but had been omitted by mistake. One option would have been to do the draw again. However, that would have been unfair on those who had been successful in the first draw. The solution that was proposed, and was agreed to be followed at the Thursday club run, was to put six pieces of paper in a hat, 5 of them blank and one with Paul's name on it. Whatever position Paul's name came out of the hat would be his position amongst the list of other runners, and if necessary runners would be moved down one on the list to accommodate Paul. Whatever the outcome, that solution would have led to the least amount of disruption. In fact, Paul's name came out of the hat first so his name was put in 6<sup>th</sup> place on the list and none of the other runners changed position.

Subsequent to the draw, questions were raised about Paul's eligibility for the place as he is a second claim runner. That was not, however, relevant to the draw process that took place, as he was included in it anyway. The reason that he didn't get one of the club marathon places was because he was unlucky, in the same way that Sue and Mike Gullis were. The question of his eligibility for a club place would only arise if he had, in fact, been lucky in the draw and had been granted one of the club places.

Keith