

AGM MINUTES 2023: CHILTERN CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chiltern Cross Country League held remotely on 13th July 2023

Present:

Ian Robinson	Banbury Harriers		
Hayley Vinnicombe	Bedford & County		
Richard Gould	Bicester AC		
Nicky Pittam	Bearbrook Running Club		
Justin Spencer	Bracknell AC		
Trevor Brawn	Chiltern Harriers		
Matt Hamilton	Dacorum AC		
James Lowe	Leighton Buzzard AC		
Richard Inchley	Leighton Buzzard AC		
Mick Bromilow	MMKAC		
Jim Bennett	MKDP		
Mark Exley	Northampton AC		
Becky Honour	On the Run Aylesbury		
Bill O'Connor	Queen's Park		
Andy Collins	Redway Runners		
Fiona Turner	St Albans AC	Paul Durbin	St Albans AC
Lloyd Cross	Shenley Striders		
Thomas Galliford	Stevenage & N Herts		
Hilary Needleman	Tring Running Club	Claire Shelley	Tring Running Club
Pat Card	Vale of Aylesbury	Robin Barrett	Vale of Aylesbury
Stuart Ingham	Watford Harriers		
Jess Wynn-Wernick	Wellingborough & DAC		
Duncan Griffin	Wycombe Phoenix		

Apologies (before/after meeting):

Ellie Morris - St Albans Striders	Emma Gould – Bicester AC	Tricia Thorp - Daventry
Charlie Pughe - Thames Runners	Paul Gooding - Bedford & County	

Last Year Minutes: Re-circulated before meetings & accepted.

Reports: These were circulated to clubs before the meeting for pre reading & review. Anyone who missed the AGM, is advised to read the reports in conjunction with these minutes.

Chairman's Report: Accepted as a good report of the 2022-23 season.

Match Attendance: Mick Bromilow highlighted some key facts from the supplied reports – reduced number of athletes participating in the league but those who took part attended more fixtures. Given the low cost of entry for club's v's commercial running events and the huge effort to host fixtures we hope all clubs will look at ways to encourage attendance – maybe by including some Chiltern League fixtures within your club championships etc.

ACTION: ALL

Treasurer's Report & Finance Plans:

Accepted as an accurate report of the costs of running the league overall finances.

There is no proposed increase in the charges to clubs for the forthcoming season – in order to hopefully encourage greater participation and avoid placing greater financial burden on clubs. Given the projected costs this will reduce the financial reserves. It was stressed that the league is run on a not for profit basis but the predicted reserves at the end of the 23-24 season is felt to be adequate. Clubs should plan on the basis of a potential cost increase for the 2024-25 season.

ACTION: ALL

Both guest fees and lost numbers will be charged at £5 each for this season. These can be paid in cash or electronically – either prior to or at the fixture.

ACTION: ALL

Future of the League:

We are indebted to the six/seven clubs in recent years who have been so accommodating in hosting our races. Finding venues with adequate parking or access to nearby town parking has been problematic. We need the participating clubs to look for more venues and consider hosting a match. This doesn't need to be every year – especially if more clubs come forward! We would encourage clubs to pair up with other clubs close by to share hosting. On the Chiltern League website is a briefing document outlining the requirements in terms of parking, toilets and courses plus the financial and human resources available. and Richard is happy to discuss this in more detail. The dates and approx. distances are fixed by UK Athletics and are generally the same Saturdays and weeks each year. We will liaise with the potential hosts to agree a calendar that best suits availability.

2023-24 Season

It were thinking we might have only 4 matches this season, but we are very pleased Watford AC have agreed to host at Cassiobury Park, if they are guaranteed support from other clubs in terms of marshalling, equipment and course marking and clean up. We hope that the larger clubs that don't currently host a match, will look to support Watford as needed. Watford AC will advise the league committee the number of marshals and other help they need and we will then be contacting the larger non hosting clubs. As per previous years all non-hosting clubs are required to supply marshalling support for one fixture.

ACTION: NON HOST CLUBS

Fixtures & Hosts

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| • 14 th October: Keysoe Equestrian Centre, near Bedford | H: Bedford & C |
| • 11th November: Teardrop Lakes, Milton Keynes (not XC Challenge) | H: LBAC & MKKAC |
| • 2nd December: Stopsley Common, Luton | H: Luton AC |
| • 13th January: Cassiobury Park, Watford | H: Watford AC |
| • 10th February: Horspath, Oxford | H: Oxford AC |

Could all clubs, who do not currently host a fixture please discuss if they could host a fixture in the 2024-25 or future seasons and look at potential venues.

ACTION: NON HOST CLUBS

Any Other Business:

- 1 The **portal system will be updated and ready in mid-September for all Clubs to clean up** – remove people who are no longer members or unlikely to participate, check members UKA numbers are valid and register new participating members. Add UKA numbers for any of your members who have moved up to U13.
- 2 **Please check your email & telephone contact details with the league as the officials** need them, to keep you updated. You may have more than one official nominated if it helps your club. Please send them to secretary@chilterncl.co.uk Make sure you state your club & the full name of the representative. If people don't wish to use their private emails, they could ask their club website manager to set them up a Chiltern League club contact email address (including the club's name) which is forwarded on to them.
- 3 **We will inform you before the first fixture which will be the one fixture where you need to provide marshals to help the host clubs.** Each club are to provide one marshal, larger clubs two, to cover the whole day including course set up and take down. This can be a combination of people sharing the role but they will need sufficient overlap and share contact details to get to their marshalling point.
- 4 Awards - please continue to look in Club store cupboards & cabinets or ask members, if they have the perpetual cups or shields, as many of these have gone missing since before covid! Please bring them to the next fixture if you find them!