



## Minutes of the April Committee Meeting of Oxford City Athletic Club

**Date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 6.30pm**

**Venue: Zoom/online**

The meeting began at 6.30pm

Apologies: Popsie Wootten, Amy Jackson, Vicki Coyle

Attends: Sylvia Davis, Richard Hart, Debbi Carter, Ray Finch, Katherine Sucliffe, Bryan Walker, Emma Kentish, Gwyneth Hueter, Mark Bristow, Susan Jones, Elton Jones,

Agenda:

- Building
- Presentation night
- Fixtures List/summer season
- Memorial comp
- Clearing date
- LoveAdmin update
- Officials

1. Building: The scaffolding starts within a week. We discussed the damages after the big flood. Mark mentioned we need a strategy for separating the water and electricity from the Rugby club. Richard confirmed that we would like to replace the fuse box and by this way to separate the electricity. Whether we can totally separate we do not get the power outages when they put their flood lights on. Certainly, we can separate out our supplies. Richard mentioned that James the builder recommended to have a shower in the building rather than in the new gym, this would be more cost effective, and the club might afford it. Richard and Ray thought we could put this shower in the room where the XC stuff is at the moment. The water and electricity are already there. Mark asked if this would be electric heated or gas. Richard confirmed it would be electric. Mark asked about the budget for this. Richard confirmed that he thinks it would be around £15,000. Sylvia confirmed that the new freezer room is done, and the sandwich table is out back, and the big freezer is in the shower room. Mark asked when we are planning to open the Gym, Richard confirmed that it is around by end of March.
2. Presentation night: After a long discussion we decided to hold the presentation night in September when we finished the summer season and involve more children and make it bigger than before. We need to discuss the categories and should be more inclusive.

3. Fixtures list/summer season: We have the following events Oxfordshire Junior League, Wessex League, Southern Athletics League, Veterans League, County Championship, all the usual things, and YDL as well. We have the dates and Anett need to send out the fixtures list to the committee. We also will have some QK competitions. We have external bookings as well. This year we won't hosting SAL matches. We have 2 Wessex hosting matches, 6 Midweek Open competitions, 1 Vets League match and 1 OJL match.
4. LoveAdmin: Susan gave us a little bit of report where we are with LA. 230 people registered on the new platform. We will have another 100 when the roadrunner/XC members go on LA. We will set up 16 training groups on the LA platform. We need to go through all the queries with Anett. Team managers can access their groups. Also, Susan mentioned that we can use the platform for selling vests. The waiting list is 65 at the moment, which is great. Debbi asked if the Team mangers can get the age group list from the LoveAdmin. Susan and Anett confirmed that they will be able to provide the right data about early March.
5. Clear-up date. We are planning to have the clear up around the same time when we will have the presentation. Which is around 25<sup>th</sup> of March. We will need to ask people to come along and help.
6. Memorial competition. We are planning to hold a pre-season throwing competition in memory of Wally and Victoria. We need to communicate the date with Jacqui and Michelle Legg. Susan confirmed that Jacqui and Michelle are waiting for the date already. Probably April is the right month to do it. And Anett or Richard will come back to them.
7. Officials. Gwyneth will start looking for officials for our host matches very soon. When you are asked, please show willingness even if you are not qualified officials. Gwyneth told us that Vicki is willing to help to find helpers/officials from the junior group of parents. Gwyneth start looking for starters and timekeepers. Richard mentioned that the QK competitions is the right opportunity to get parents started gaining experience with officiating. Debbie suggested that we send the fixtures list to our qualified Officials before the season starts. Debbie raised the question if we can provide white logoed polo shirt to our officials to look smarter. Richard confirmed that yes, we can organise and Anett or Sylvia needs to find the solution. We discussed if we could sell the kit online and how we can manage this. Richard thinks that if we have parents willing to run the kitchen on juniors` training day (Monday and Wednesday) then it would be easy to buy kit from the coffee shop on those days. Sylvia raised that she would be happy to sell kit during the cleaning and presentation day.

Next meeting is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.