

OUCH Hybrid AGM Meeting* Minutes

7pm 18 November 2021



In attendance (f2f): Emily Baldock, Radu Cimpeanu, Alexandra Crai, Jan Mol, Richard Plater, Jason Smith.

In attendance (online): Alan Darbyshire, Phelim Daniels, Julie Deacon, Anu Dudhia, Maija Dudhia, Stuart Higgs.

The meeting was preceded by the viewing of the #20 OUCH Virtual Handicap, won by Anu. With the secretary not being present, the minuting responsibilities herein are taken over by now ex-president RC, who is also balancing a lead hydration officer role. The nature and intensity of the distributed workload thus means matters are reported compactly and in approximate manner.

1. Minutes of the last meeting/matters arising

It was noted that the AGM coincided with Richard's birthday, which provides temporary guest pub rights for the present week. After much deliberation, The Royal Oak was selected as suitable option.

2. Committee and officer election

President: Unprompted, **Jan Mol** has noticed not having previously served as President. The committee quickly endorsed a new era under wise and enthusiastic leadership.

Consultant statistician: The statistical anomaly of **Stuart Higgs** having joined the Zoom call has resulted in elevated credentials and responsibility.

Treasurer: **Emily Baldock** has served as treasurer-elect for the evening and picked up the role on a permanent basis following substantial official credentials. It was confirmed that this would not conflict with present political turbulence on holding a second appointment.

Race awareness officer: **Alan Darbyshire** has agreed to continue the challenging role and provide guidance for a (hopefully) more open era.

Social secretary: In light of valuable past activity in challenging times (and having missed one key pub event), **Richard Plater** will continue to serve as social secretary, with the pre-Christmas gathering as immediate target.

Secretary: Being a role which favours concentration in pub-like settings, **Radu Cimpeanu** is getting his training wheels as part of the current meeting and will be happy to serve.

Webmaster: **Anu Dudhia** for life.

New role – Recruitment and social media officer: with present societal dynamics fluctuating, the club must preserve its strong image and use it to find new recruits. **Jason Smith** will lead this role, with Radu Cimpeanu providing assistance in the Twitterverse.

3. Statistician report

Milestones have been noted in terms of both miles and pints and advancement towards a brighter and more data-rich future has been agreed.

4. Race awareness report

The slowing down of the race calendar has been noted, however parkruns have been run, half-marathons have been successfully attempted across Oxfordshire and the Chilterns and there was good representation at the Oxford Town and Gown 10k. Stronger activity is expected to resume in the following year.

5. Treasurer report

Under new management, the treasury is expected to undergo a full audit (which may or may not involve a hammer) in order to assess the health of our finances and determine the best investment and expansion strategy moving ahead. It is rumoured that at least 20p and 50 pesos should still be available, with the club thus having appropriately hedged inflationary hazards.

6. Nutrition officer report

The role of nutrition officer is hereby retired following an active and rewarding year, with Sainsbury's vegan pizza confirmed as the best selection, while a pineapple-centric alternative has been nominated as the poorest of choices.

7. Awarding of President's Mug

RC has nominated **Victoria Bennett** as awardee of the President's Mug for valuable services in providing social cohesion, positive energy and community spirit at a time when it was needed most. 📌 **Action:** the precise location of the mug itself is to be determined and subsequently passed on, with former president Hannah Kennedy being first in the line of enquiry.

8. Upcoming social events

The OUCH pre-Christmas gathering is soon to materialise, with details to follow from our social secretary (December 18th and the Sandford Lock area have been identified as viable early targets). Trail shoes are advisable irrespective of concrete arrangements. The OUCH not-a-Christmas dinner will then be subject to risk assessment early in the New Year.

9. Date of next meeting

Estimated to be November 2022.

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