

ROADHOGGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 21st February 2017 at L.C.C.C, Grace Road

Apologies: Leah Boatman, Emma Raven, Richard Curtis, Kim Richardson, Steve Robinson, Ian Bass, Rob Milstead, Dale Jenkins, Steve Martin, Trudy Sharpe, Hilary Buckley

In attendance: Dan Bannatyne; Jackie Brown; Liz Butler; Martin Capell; Keith Dakin; Brian Feldman; Amy Gasper; Shaun Heaphy; Barbara Hermann; Alison Lodwick; Dave Lodwick; Tom Martin; Ben Milsom; Richard Norton (guest); Tim Parry; Mark Ramsden; Marcus Shaikh; Colin Smith; Sid Smith; John Stew; Dave Swan; James Thurman; Barry Waterfield; Steve Wheeler; Charlotte Wood; Terry Woodhouse.

Minutes of 2016 AGM: The minutes were agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's Report:

- i. 2016 saw a steep decline in membership – down from 100+ to just over 80. The Committee looked at the reasons given for non-renewal: all were related to personal circumstances. So far this year, the membership split is: 50 full, 14 honorary, 6 social.
- ii. Road – it was a tough year for the men, with both Senior and Vet Men finishing 6 out of 7 in Division 2 but escaped relegation thanks to league restructuring. The women's performance was stronger, whilst the Senior Ladies were relegated to Division 2, the Vet Ladies finished second in Division 1.
- iii. Race promotions – we had a successful race promotion at Bradgate Park in the Derby Runner League and made a small profit but gained a lot of goodwill and kudos for a very enjoyable race. Thanks to all who helped and ran. Thanks also to those who helped at our recent Kibworth race promotion. We also mounted two successful parkrun takeovers at Victoria Park.
- iv. Coaching – coached sessions included strength and conditioning in the summer and hill/interval work in the winter. Numbers attending were relatively small but regular.
- v. Wednesday training – the Improvers group has proved a useful pathway to membership, attracting people who lack the confidence to join a club and/or who classify themselves as beginners, even when they can run.
- vi. Many thanks to all the officers and committee members, and in particular to Colin, Ron and Steve (M) who are standing down. All three have held a variety of roles over the years and made a massive contribution – thankfully, they will all still be involved with the Club.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve delivered his first report as Treasurer:

- i. Thanks to Colin for his help in getting up to speed with the role and to Dave L for his support.
- ii. The Club has a healthy surplus of £770, income from members (£2,700) was down on the previous year, but we benefitted from donations, including £120 via easyfundraising. Only 20 or so members

participate at the moment – would encourage all members who shop online to register with easyfundraising as it is a useful income stream for the club. We also made a healthy profit from the DRL Bradgate race promotion (£260).

iii. Expenses totalled in approximately £2,800 comprising:

- £900 race fees
- £1153 affiliation fees
- £240 kit
- £100 Manor Road showers
- Small amounts for logo redesign and trophies

Men's Road Running Captain's Report:

Mark R delivered the following report:

Whilst the 2016 Road Running League was generally a disappointing season for Roadhogs, with both the Vets and Senior Men finishing 6th out of 7 team, there were plenty of great individual performances over the course of the season. Ben Milsom, James Thurman, James Boyd, Dave Lodwick, Marcus Shaikh amongst others had terrific seasons, posting plenty of PBs and showing plenty of promise and improvement in their times in various race distances. It was also very encouraging to see some new members make their debuts in various runs including Gurmit, Max, Steve (Barnes), Shaun, Lee, Edd, Brian and Marc. It has also been great to see the return of Sam (Jolly) and Lee (Hubbard). Therefore, I feel we should all be optimistic that the 2017 season can show further signs of improvement both for the Mens teams as a whole and for individuals and hopefully can see us rise in Division 3 and push for promotion.

Ladies Road Running Captain's Report:

Amy delivered the following report:

It's been a pleasure to captain the ladies teams for the 2016 season and I'd like to thank all the Hoggettes for their support. Whilst the Senior team were relegated back to division 2, our Veteran ladies have been running from strength to strength, finishing 2nd in division 1, the highest ever finish by a Roadhogs ladies team.

The success of the Veteran team has been down to the consistent fast pace of Jackie, Charlotte and Emma. Charlotte achieved 2nd place V40 in the Winter league and earned the most improved athlete award for 2016. Jackie had an outstanding season, finishing 2nd V50 in the Winter league and 1st V50 in the Summer league. What an inspiration to us all and deserved winner of the ladies athlete of 2016 as well as the Roadhogs Athlete of the Year.

Whilst numbers out racing have been down, especially in the Seniors, we have welcomed some new ladies in fine form, notably Rachel Dearden and Leah Boatman. Barbara and Trudy have shown resilience and endurance with ultra running at Equinox and Alison and Trudy were the only ladies to achieve 100% attendance in the league races.

New for this season we introduced a What'sApp group to make car sharing easier. We also sourced some new hi-vis running tops from Sporting Capers, which were well received and generated a profit of £52 for the club. We held our first CPR training event for members as part of the Heartwize runners scheme and we will continue to build on this important initiative going forwards in 2017.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to captain the team and I wish everyone continued success for the future.

Cross Country Captain's Report:

Amy delivered the following report on behalf of herself and Kim:

2016 was a mixed bag of cross-country success for Roadhogs. In the Derby Runner league 2015/16, the Mens team just about held their own in finishing 7th in division 2 (6th in 2014/15), whilst the ladies lost a bit of ground at 11th (7th in 2014/15). In the combined league we achieved 7th, a decent result considering that we were relegated from the top division in 2015. We did miss our top guys but other Roadhogs stepped up; Fabio and Ben battled throughout the season with Ben just having the edge in points, but it was so hard to choose between them that the Captains' award was shared between them at the presentation night in November.

For the ladies, Vicky and Emma were scoring good points for us early on, but were unable to carry this through to end of the season. Barbara won the captains award for consistent appearances and sheer determination. Special mention too for Steve Robinson and Trudy, for consistent running for team Roadhogs. We welcomed some new faces, and with our regular cross-country runners we managed full teams in the Mens races though the ladies struggled towards the end.

We are just over half way through the 2016/17 league. At the end of December, Roadhogs men were 9th, ladies 10th and combined 9th. But we are getting good turnouts and, if we keep this up, we could start to climb in division 2 in the second half of the season. Individually, Sam Jolly, Ben Milsom, James Thurman, Sam Winters, Emma Raven, Jackie Brown and Rachel Dearden are leading the way, whilst our Chairman Dave Lodwick is enjoying some of his best runs in a long time so is certainly leading by example!

Only Brian contested the County champs in January 2016. We also saw Roadhogs running at the usual local open races at Arnesby, Charnwood, Gaddesby, and the end of the year Hash at Huncote, which enjoyed decent weather for a change. In December 2016 Roadhogs again hosted a league race at Bradgate Park, once again a brilliant success thanks to the great venue, spectacular course, and all of the volunteer help on the day from members and their families and friends. Bradgate remains the most popular race in the league and brings a lot of good credit to the club.

It's always good to see Roadhogs at cross-country events. Our regular runners enjoy the different challenges of cross country and our new guys come along and try out and usually come back for more. We have a great team spirit, we appreciate the tent and the post-race refreshments from Trudy and Ben, and we hope that more and more Roadhogs come and join us and enjoy running off-road.

Election of Officers:

Dave L advised the meeting that Keith had confirmed his decision to step down as Social Secretary and wished to put on record his sincere thanks to him for his efforts over many years – his tireless enthusiasm and positivity have contributed greatly to the Club's spirit. Dave also advised that the Committee had agreed that responsibility for organising social events should no longer rest with one individual but would be shared across the Club.

The table below sets out those nominated for and appointed to officer roles for 2017.

Office	Appointed	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Dave Lodwick	John Stew	Sid Smith
Vice Chair	John Stew*	Steve Wheeler	Jackie Brown

Treasurer	Steve Wheeler	Barry Waterfield	Dave Swan
Men's Road Running Cpt.	Ben Milsom (vice James Thurman)	Alison Lodwick	Dan Bannatyne
Ladies Road Running Cpt.	Barbara Hermann (vice Jackie Brown)	Jackie Brown	John Stew
Men's Cross Country Captain	Kim Richardson	Sid Smith	Steve Wheeler
Ladies Cross Country Cpt.	Amy Barnes	Sid Smith	Steve Wheeler
Membership Secretary	Dan Bannatyne	Keith Dakin	Steve Wheeler

The following were reappointed to the Committee:

Appointed	Nominated by	Seconded by
Keith Dakin	Dan Bannatyne	Terry Woodhouse
Brian Feldman	John Stew	Amy Barnes
Alison Lodwick*	John Stew	Steve Wheeler
Tom Martin	Sid Smith	Dave Swan
Sid Smith	Keith Dakin	Colin Smith
Barry Waterfield	Dan Bannatyne	Dave Lodwick
Terry Woodhouse	Barry Waterfield	Barbara Hermann

* Club Welfare Officers – appointed by the Committee

Race profits – charitable donation:

The meeting was reminded that, due to the restructuring of Winter LRRL race fees, the Club had made a significant profit from staging the Kibworth 6 - £800. Dave L suggested that, given the scale of the windfall, it would be appropriate to make a generous charitable donation. Potential recipients suggested from the floor included Heartwize Runners or charities supporting the homeless and/or mental health. Following a vote (18 for Heartwize versus 1 for a homeless charity), it was agreed to donate £200 to Heartwize.

Leicestershire Road Running League – update on online entry system:

Dave L reminded the meeting that individual online entry for Winter League races had been introduced because the previous system of registration on the day had become untenable with the increasing size of fields – with no way of knowing how many runners were taking part, there was a real risk of entry limits being breached and insurance invalidated. However, due in large part to hype and hysteria, the early races have sold out in a matter of hours (or less) and there has been pressure from some clubs for the League to devise a way to guarantee a minimum number of entries for each club. Two of the solutions proposed by clubs so far are (i) increase race limits – generally not possible due to the size of venues, and (ii) splitting the League into two geographic divisions (either East/West or North/South) and restricting clubs to one set of races – which is unlikely to be popular with runners. Ideas were invited from the meeting and suggestions included:

- Club quotas, protected for a certain period of time after entries open
 - Dave L advised that it would be impossible for run quotas in parallel with any of the existing online entry systems and it is highly unlikely that a provider could be found to build a system that accommodated them
 - Quotas are likely to be problematic for small clubs with a high proportion of racing members, such as Roadhogs

- Recycling places
 - Dave L advised that in all races places were being recycled almost exclusively within clubs – at Kibworth, only a handful of places were made available for recycling between clubs. Additionally, maintaining a reserve list involves an additional administrative burden that only a minority of race directors are prepared to take on
- Increase the number of races by requiring clubs to organise a race every other year as a condition of League affiliation, or stage popular races twice a season
 - The meeting was reminded that the biggest limiting factors on the Winter League is the limited availability of venues big enough to cope with the size of fields that are becoming the norm
 - All of the races create disruption, albeit of limited duration, in the villages they pass through – staging popular races twice would put the goodwill of residents at risk
- Close the League to new affiliates
 - This is a rule change that could only be approved at the League’s AGM (in October) but Dave L said that he would be happy to propose this on behalf of the Club
- Discontinue separate Winter and Summer League competitions – if there was just one competition, some of the panic would be alleviated
 - Dave L agreed to propose this at the next League Delegates’ Meeting

Open floor:

The following matters were raised by members from the floor:

- i. Feedback on the revamped Club website:
 - a. Looks boring when viewed on a tablet
 - b. Now Google-friendly, but columns may need to be re-ordered
 - c. The websites of other clubs look brighter and more attractive
 - i. Our site is considerably more content-rich than those of other clubs - could go for a more modern presentation, but would lose a lot of the content
 - d. The websites of other clubs are confusing
- ii. The new Club event shelter, the purchase of which was supported by a generous donation from a member, was positively received.

AOB: None