

ROADHOGGS LEICESTER A.C.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE COW AND PLOUGH ON 29TH JANUARY 2008

1. Present :

Dave Swan, Colin Smith, Dave Lodwick, Alison Lodwick, Kim Richardson, Keith Dakin, Mark Chamberlain, Ron Atton, Craig Atton, Barry Waterfield, Sid Smith, Jerry Wilkes, Martin Capel, Peter Sloneczny, Tom Martin, Matt Topham, Simon Friar, Jon Heap, Rob Milstead, Baz Barratt, Rachel Moyes.

2. Apologies:

Steve Martin, Carl Atton, John McDonald, John Stew, Trudi Sharpe.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM:

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were agreed and adopted.

4. Matters Arising from Previous AGM:

- i) The proposed purchase of a laminator for producing signs for road races was not actioned.
- ii) Matt and Kim are still using Aon postage without issue at present. The Chairman is to be informed if this situation changes.

5. Chairman's Report:

Dave S reported 2007 as a good year in terms of membership and general progress of the club, with +20 regular runners on training nights and +30 runners in the races. A team was also fielded in Cross Country. The Presentation Evening social event held last week was a big success with much of the credit going to Mark for organising it.

Special thanks were given to Dave Lodwick for his work on updating and producing the website and the newsletters, both valuable recruitment tools.

Thanks were also given to Colin for looking after the books for the year, to the two captains for their work throughout the year and to the regular committees work.

Goodbyes and good wishes were said to Richard Verschoyle, with his move to Norfolk now complete, and to Mike Price who is taking a year off from the committee following his triple heart bypass, though hopes to be back running soon. Vacancies are now available on the committee.

6. Treasurers Report:

Small profit made of £123.82 in 2007

Income & Expenditure for 2007

- i) Members Subs + £952.00
- ii) Glooston Race +£27.35
- iii) Affiliations – English Athletics -£161.00

(This will increase next year as fees have increased from £3 to £5 per member and also may have to register more members.)

lv) Kit – No purchases this year, though order now going in. Sales of +£35.

v) Social - £322 (Covers a range of expenses inc showers at Manor Road, Trophies, Room hire)

vi) Race Fees – Winter -£237.50

Round Leic -£110 Main ones

vii) Road Race – Profit of+ £27.35 (No money received from Old Barn Sponsorship)

This Year

Glooston Race to be run again, hoping to make more of a profit this year, though limiting numbers

Winter League races – record entries for first 2 races.

Balance Going Forward £1987.03

Sponsorship was discussed, with Dave S querying last years non payment by Old Barn pub which has now been written off. Dave L said need to know position for this year, asking for cash up front this time. The question of whether we needed sponsorship was asked by Kim, with Colin confirming that increased membership had balanced things with out it. Dave L commented that new kit purchased this year will reduce balance but that there is enough credit to act as a buffer. Subs levels were discussed and it was agreed to maintain current levels. Option of putting on a hog roast at Glooston race proposed to increase profits.

7. Road Running Captain's Report:

Steve reported a good year for road racing, with 5 'ever presents' and Keith missing just one and Rob just a couple. Hoping for more next year. Special congratulations went to Peter who had an excellent year, Rob for 2 marathons completed and Dave and Dave 'ever presents'. Benidorm trip was a success, hoping to expand it this year in November with a trip to Majorca. Two teams were also entered to the Leicester Round Relay. A provisional date of 28th September 2008 was given for the Leicester Round Relay this year.

8. Cross Country Captain's Report:

Kim reported a much better year for Cross Country , maintaining a full mens team in every race. Six runners made their debut to Cross Country (7 including Swannie) last year and thanks were given to new runners and the regulars alike. Usually bottom of the league due to the absence of a

full team, Roadhogs were placed 8th out of 12th in the 2nd division . (Two divisions now exist)

Ladies – Sally Waterfield completed one race, Trudi a couple and Rachel has also raced, though need 3 at once.

Chris Mann has almost fully recovered from eye injury.

9. Election of Officers:

The following people were elected:-

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Dave Swan	Colin	Ron
Vice Chairman	Dave Lodwick	Dave Swan	Sid
Treasurer	Colin Smith	Rachel	Dave L
RR Capt	Mark Chamberlain	Kim	Peter S
X Country Capt	Kim	Dave L	Jon Heap

Rachel M volunteered to be Membership Secretary

Committee :- Ron Atton, Baz Barratt, Steve Martin, Rachel Moyes, Sid Smith.

Dave Swan requested new members of committee: - Alison Lodwick, Keith Lakin and Barry Waterfield volunteered.

10. Roadhogs Races:

Annual Cross Country Relay 5 scheduled for 30th March (event for approx 50 teams who didn't go on to National finals). Dave Lodwick has looked at Parklands at Oadby for possible venue, Kim to have a look at this and Huncote. Kim made an early request for help on the day. Dave Lodwick and Kim to organise event.

Summer Road Race – 21st June 18.00 start. Ron has informed the Village Hall committee and run Hog Roast idea by them. Dave Swan said an early flyer would be drawn up once issues of sponsorship, hog roast and race mugs had been clarified. Dave L questioned success of race mugs and general opinion was they went down well. 130 were printed last year (only 2 left) so need to consider how many to print for this year. May have to add £1 to race fee to ensure costs are covered. Ron proposed 225 entry places due to likelihood of some people not turning up. Dave S stated toilets and narrow start to race were reason for limit. Use of 'car park' was still ok, £50 for use of field organised by Ron. Ron also to liaise with Dave from pub on sponsorship. It was agreed that advertising for race to be done via Runners World, as it worked well last year and other options are expensive.

11. Training and Roadshow Events

Dave S said a good pattern of training had developed on Wednesdays and proposed the same format would be followed as 2007, with Winter at Manor Road and Summer still doing the pub runs, all on Wednesdays.

Monday evening St Andrews group was also running well and everyone seemed happy to continue.

Roadshows were discussed and it was decided that despite a lot of effort from Mike and some publicity in papers they didn't really achieve what they set out to, with not many people picked up.

Dave S suggested an open evening at the start of Manor Road Winter season to try and pick up new University students. Keith proposed organising a roadshow from a larger venue such as Blaby and Kim proposed incorporating it into a pub run such as Bakers Arms in Blaby. Idea to be pursued in the next meeting. On a query from Baz as to whether we needed new members, Mark said we should aim for 50 as this equates to 2 London Marathon places.

Dave L asked Mark if he would organise and coach some Speed sessions, Thurs 6.30 to 7.30 seen as the best time. Dave S to advertise and see how many people turn up.

12. Social Events :

Annual dinner – Mark thanked everyone for attending & felt it was a success. Dave S formally thanked Mark for his efforts and John Stew for providing the alcohol. The option of a bigger venue next year was discussed depending on membership eg Kirby Muxloe golf club

Other social events. Do we want anymore? It was proposed they could be incorporated into Wednesday night eg Handicap and pirates. Craig suggested expanding the European half marathon trip.

13. AOB:

Dave L proposed that minutes from the AGM and other committee meetings are put on the website. He also said new business cards are required with e mail addresses on.

Dave L also raised the issue of kit on behalf of Steve, to see if any additional items are required, and proposed a long sleeved top in breathable fabric for Winter Cross Country. Keith suggested a shower proof top. Dave L to put available kit in the website.

Mark C suggested The Western as an alternative venue for meetings, which may be quieter. Mark to follow up.