

ROADHOGGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 3 February 2015 at L.C.C.C, Grace Road

Apologies: Dan Bannatyne; Martin Capel; Mark Coulson; Brian Feldman; Steve Robinson; Peter Sloneczny; Valerie Spezi; Barry Waterfield.

In attendance: Ron Atton; Ian Bass; Mal Blyth; Jackie Brown; Keith Dakin; Barbara Hermann; Alison Lodwick; Dave Lodwick; Tom Martin; Steve Martin; Richard Norton; Mark Ramsden; Kim Richardson; Colin Smith; John Stew; Dave Swan; Steve Wheeler.

Minutes of 2014 AGM: The minutes were agreed, subject to one correction (the addition of the Cross Country Captain to the table of officers).

Matters Arising:

- i. The award of Life Membership to Baz was confirmed at the 30th Anniversary Presentation Evening
- ii. County/Regional events: there had been insufficient support from the membership to participate in recent events, in part due to clashes with League races, but it was agreed that they should continue to be brought to the attention of members
- iii. Support for injured members: carried forward

Chairman's Report:

The Chair thanked members of the committee for their support during 2014. He commented that the Roadhogs "family" continues to flourish and highlighted the tremendous Derby Runner Cross Country race that the club had organised in January, which had elicited terrific support from the club as a whole. He thanked Kim, in particular, as Race Director of the Bradgate race. He also thanked Dave L for his hard work during the year, particularly in relation to securing Temporary Traffic Restriction Orders for many of the L.R.R.L races.

Treasurer's Report:

Colin reported that the Club's working surplus was around the usual amount for the time of year and that the Club's finances were secure. Anticipated forthcoming expenditure includes: Club hoodies; fee for the Manor Road showers (£100); advertising (£156 for one off publication aimed at small clubs). The Presentation Evening generated a small surplus of £90 which would be carried forward to other social events. A profit of circa £200 was expected from the Bradgate Derby Runner race. A profit is not anticipated from the forthcoming Kibworth L.R.R.L race, as entries are uncertain and the cost of the venue was significantly higher than in previous years.

Men's Road Running Captain's Report:

Keith reported that the year had gone very well, despite the relegation of the Senior Men's team from Division 1. Almost everyone in the club was doing something outside of Derby Runner and L.R.R.L races, from parkrun to ultramarathons. Attendance at training nights has been exceptional as we have welcomed new members and members coming back after long periods of injury.

Ladies Road Running Captain's Report:

2014 was a difficult year for the Ladies, because of absences due to injury, and both the Senior and Vet Ladies were relegated from Division 1. However, the team has made a positive start to 2015, with several Scraftoft Joggers running for Roadhogs in the Winter League and we're hopeful of the return of some of those missing in 2014.

Cross Country Captain's Report:

Like Leicester City, Roadhogs are in the top combined division and battling to stay there, against much bigger and stronger clubs. Last season 2013/14 we finished 8th out of 10 and only the bottom club is relegated, so we are still there. This season we are struggling again and currently sit in the relegation position, but that's not through any lack of support or effort from our cross country runners. Apart from being one mens runner short of a full team in the first race at Markfield in November, we have been well supported with James and Rebecca Bostock leading the way. Following the 7 xc debutants last season, this season we have already had another 10 running their first xc races for us, and at Bradgate last month we set a new club record of 34 runners despite being the host club!

In the separate mens and ladies leagues we are in the second divisions, both teams finishing well in the top half last time. The men are currently holding that position but the ladies have slipped a little but can recover some ground with 2 races still to go.

Outside of the league, we were well represented in the favourite local events at Gaddesby and Huncote in December, and various long distance trail events, although we did not contest the County Championships last month as it clashed with a league event.

In November I presented the xc awards for 2013/14 to Vicky Sutton and Dale Jenkins for their great running for us through the season. We have missed Nick, Jackie, Vicky Salt and Bec Bromwich through long term injury or illness but Jackie is already coming back to us and I hope the others will also. And I must mention Jerry Wilkes's phenomenal solo 100-mile cross-country run round the county in August, which he completed though sheer grit and determination and with some support from club colleagues, even in the middle of the night.

Finally, a brief mention of the Bradgate xc race in January. We set new league records for numbers at the first time of asking, and apart from a car parking nightmare as we were so overwhelmed, the event was very successful and we have received good feedback from other clubs. We are talking to Bradgate about making some changes and they are positive about us returning there. Many members gave their time to help at the race, but I must especially thank Dave Lodwick for his organisational help and support right back to last summer when we first started planning it.

I would like to thank everyone who is prepared to get out there and get muddy for the club.

Election of Officers:

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

Office	Nominated, seconded and appointed
Chair	Dave Lodwick
Vice Chair	John Stew*
Treasurer	Colin Smith
Men's Road Running Cpt.	Mark Ramsden
Ladies Road Running Cpt.	Jackie Brown
Cross Country Captain	Kim Richardson
Social Secretary	Keith Dakin
Membership Secretary	Steve Martin (<i>pro tem</i> , pending replacement at earliest opportunity) ¹

The following were reappointed to the Committee:

Ron Atton, Mal Blyth, Barbara Hermann, Alison Lodwick*, Lucy Macmillan, Sid Smith, Barry Waterfield, Dan Bannatyne

¹ Subsequent to the meeting, Dan Bannatyne agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary

* Club Welfare Officers – appointed by the Committee

Colin proposed a vote of thanks to Dave Swan for his valued contribution as Chair over many years (seconded by Dave L and enthusiastically endorsed by the meeting). Dave L proposed that Dave S should be appointed as Life President of the Club (seconded by John S and enthusiastically endorsed by the meeting).

Colin advised the meeting that he wishes to stand down as Honorary Treasurer at the 2016 AGM.

Bradgate Park 2015:

An extremely successful event, with more than 620 entrants (500 were expected) and a lot of very positive feedback at the end. Whilst most aspects of the race organisation worked well, car parking was a major issue – we had expected 300 cars, but 400 turned up. This, combined with other major events in the park and glorious weather, meant that the main and overflow carparks were filled and runners resorted to parking illegally in Newton Linford. Despite this, the Park Manager is keen for us to return. One option that is being explored is to have exclusive use of the Old John Car Park, with overspill on the adjacent country lanes, so that parking could be actively and more robustly managed. Timing would be crucial, however, as snow would mean that the car park would be unusable, so the race would probably have to be put on in either October/November 2015 or in March 2016.

Kibworth 2015:

The meeting was advised that a permit has been issued for the new course and a road closure for the start has been issued. The start/finish equipment and traffic control signage will be collected following the Markfield race. Water is on order for the finish drinks station. The WI will be setting up their refreshment tables from 8.00 am. All Hogs should park in the car park furthest out from Kibworth – but should be advised that they won't be able to leave until after the race has finished. Ron and Mal will set out the course signage; Dave L, Richard and Ian will be responsible for the organising the road closure and one-way working in Smeeton Westerby.

Social secretary's report:

Keith asked for new ideas for the 2015 programme to augment the old favourites: Quiz, Skittles, Curry and Camping. The first event is likely to be Skittles in the next few weeks.

Network/LRRL news:

Dave L advised the meeting of the following:

1. The Network is now entirely self-financing as England Athletics (EA) has withdrawn funding.
2. EA/UKA are piloting a one day (six hour) emergency first aid course for race organisers and the Network has bid to host one of the pilots. If it goes ahead, there will be one free place per member club. Certification will last three years. It was noted that there are a number of qualified first aiders in the club including John S, Trudy and Ian.
3. County Standards – Dave L has calculated everyone's and submitted them. Certificates will be issued in due course.
4. parkrun – another one has just started in Melton Mowbray, with Market Harborough to follow shortly. Also in the pipeline: Loughborough and a second for Leicester.

Membership:

Approaching 50 paid up members (in addition to life memberships). The option to pay subs via Paypal has proved very popular.

AOB:

1. parkrun takeover – other clubs have done this; need a minimum of 15 volunteers; looking at a date in the summer (after Kibworth) but it would be good if some members could learn roles in advance.
2. Coaching/development
 - a. Beginners Group – necessary to “nurture” those graduating from beginners group on a longer term basis to ensure conversion to club running, so plan to incorporate an improvers/recuperation group as part of the offering on Wednesday training nights. Alison will try to co-ordinate trained leaders to ensure that improvers can be supported each week.
 - b. Whilst not wanting to change the relaxed ethos of the club, the trained leaders would like to offer ambitious runners the tools to improve, so plan to offer structured sessions (for example, hill repeats on Peace Walk) in parallel with the social training run during the course of the year. In order to support this, we will need to invest in the upgrading of some of our run leaders into qualified coaches.