

## **ROADHOGGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 10 January 2012 at The Cricketers**

**Apologies:** Mike Munday, Miguel Flores, Tom Martin, Hannah Bishop, Mal Blyth, Dale Jenkins

In attendance: Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield, Kim Richardson, Keith Dakin, Mark Chamberlain, Jerry Wilkes, Jackie Brown, John Stew, Dave Lodwick, Colin Smith, Dan Bannatyne, Ian Bass, Ceri Davies, Adam Clarke, Steve Wheeler, Steve Martin, Alison Lodwick, Ron Atton, Clare Mendes, Valerie Spezi, Ludo Renou, Nick Cobley, Rob Taylor

**Minutes of 2011 AGM:** Agreed

**Matters Arising:** None

### **Chairman's Report:**

Thanks to Committee and an especial welcome to new Committee members, Jackie and John.

We have seen a gradual growth – gain 10 and lose 5 most years – now up to about 70. Need drive to attract and retain more ladies in particular. We have had new business cards printed. We staged another successful race at Glooston and will be organising a forthcoming LRR race at Kibworth (25.3.12)

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The bank balance at the end of 2011 stood at £629.07. During the year we collected £1538.50 in members' subscriptions and had outgoings of £2147.72 which left a deficit of £609.22. This is the second successive year the expenditure has exceeded the receipts, but we have drawn on substantial reserves to invest in new kit and coaching/leadership courses. This should deliver benefits in the future – for example, Trudy has started a Saturday beginners' session that will hopefully generate new members in due course. However, this year we need to keep expenditure within the limit of income. The main items of expenditure in 2011 were:

Affiliations: EA £395 ARC £75

Courses: £520 (a refund still to come)

Showers at Manor Road: £100

Race Entry Fees: Winter League £340; X-Country £310; Leicester Round £120

This year both Winter League and Cross Country entries have risen from £2.50 to £3.50 so we have, with reluctance, increased main subscriptions to £30 to cover this, which we still think is good value. Promoting the Kibworth 6 should generate between £300 and £350. This should give us plenty of scope to do what we want without further depleting the bank balance.

### **Road Running Captain's Report:**

Disappointing that some people do leave but have good runners coming through (including Nick, Ludo and Miguel). Doing coaching course at end of January.

### **Cross Country Captain's Report:**

Last year we had just had our best cross country season. This season has turned out to be even better. At the end of the 2010/11 league we needed to get a decent team out in the last race at Bosworth in March to hang on to 2nd place in division 2 and make the National Final. We did better than that; we won the division and the combined team were promoted to the top division. We also ran the National Final in Burton-On-Trent against some other league winners from around the country and did fine considering we were the only second division team there. In season 2011/12 Roadhogs are continuing our good cross country form with full teams in just about every race and we are

well placed in division 2 both the mens (3rd) and ladies (4th) leagues. Also we are hanging on to mid table (6th) against much stronger opposition in the combined league division 1.

There were also some other races as well where you could see Roadhogs skipping through the mud and grass, and its good to see Roadhogs competing in cross country runs all over the place from the pleasant village events like Arnesby and Gaddesby to the killer races such as Huncote Hash and Charnwood Hills.

There have been some great performances and I would like to thank everyone who ran for us in all the races. Whether you were a high point scorer, good team runner, or having your own battles further back in the race, you are all important to Roadhogs. I am pleased to see so many Roadhogs running cross country and would only add that if you haven't joined us yet then come and try it and see for yourself.

Finally, my thanks to the club for the tent ... it is proving to be really useful.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Chair: DAVE SWAN (Proposer John Stew, Seconded By Alison Lodwick)

Vice Chair: DAVE LODWICK (John Stew, Mark)

Treasurer: COLIN SMITH (Barry, John Stew)

Men's Road Running Captain's MARK CHAMBERLAIN (Ceri, Dave Lodwick)

Ladies Captain: JACKIE BROWN (John, Ceri)

Cross Country Captain: KIM RICHARDSON (John, Dave)

Membership secretary: STEVE MARTIN (Ceri, Colin)

Minutes secretary: ALISON LODWICK (Colin, Barry)

Social Secretary: KEITH DAKIN (Kim, Dave)

Committee members: RON ATTON, BARRY WATERFIELD, SID SMITH, MAL BLYTH

#### **LRR L Kibworth 25 March 2012:**

Kibworth High school (8.30 – 12.30). ARC Certificate in place. Measured distance certificate in place. Kibworth WI refreshments. Notified Leicestershire Constabulary – nice reply. Leicestershire Highways – no response yet. Will have referee (Peter Osborne, Carol Fossard or John Skevington). Still to do – car parking at Health Centre and Cricket Club, need to contact; arrangement with Beaumont to collect finish funnel; advise stables as a matter of courtesy (Colin and Ron); marshalls from Fleckney and Kibworth – would be happy to assist if asked; Swithland Water – Kim will arrange; collection of club entry fees – Steve to do. Will be using chip timing so won't need quite so many on the finish (still some uncertainty about details, but company is committed to providing system at each race, hopefully backed up by videoing of the finish). Will allow as many members as possible to race but will need a lot of support on the day for marshalling etc.

#### **Glooston 2012:**

Ian Bass is to sponsor Glooston to the tune of £500 (the race to be known as the SecureOne Glooston 10K)

23 June would be date if we went with regular weekend. Rothley – 5 June; EMPG – Tuesday evenings; Hungarton on Wednesday 4 July. Regular clashing races – but not being advertised yet. Would not lose out any more than we normally do. Race for Life being run on weekend on 30 June and 1 July – have asked for marshals already. If we agree a date now and Ron can clear hall – get on to publicity as soon as possible (flyers at Kibworth, coloured posters for display in local gyms etc). **AGREED – 23 June 2012 at 6.00 pm, 10k only**

Dave S will contact Ade Blyth re. entries; Kim will contact Dave Weedon re. flyers and Swithland re. water

#### **Presentation Evening:**

Take up a bit slow at the moment but should get around 50. Play Your Cards Right, disco towards the end of the evening.

### **Social secretary's report:**

All events in 2011 well attended and enjoyed. Pirate Night went well. This year – more of the same, but new ideas welcome. Joint event with West End was really successful – would like to do another one of those. Frequency is about right (something every 2/3 months): quiz night, skittle evening, curry night etc. Would be nice if there were more members who go to the pub after league races – will decide on venue in advance so that it can be publicised in advance.

### **Membership news:**

Early in the year, so not much information has come through yet. Only need to ask for completed membership forms for renewing members if details have changed.

### **AOB:**

1. Would all committee members notify Dave S if they change their email address
2. Training nights: good turnout last week in terrible weather, so seems to be working well. Putting routes on website very helpful. Need routes with adequate parking. Mix of road and off-road (particularly when away from Manor Road) – could put more off-road in, but increases risk of getting lost. Members would prefer to go to new venues or at different times. Some members don't like some of winter routes (eg Evington) – priority has been to avoid repetition, but if some routes are really unpopular, they can be deleted. Members expressed appreciation of loop backs, particularly in the winter. Handicap also popular. Plea for runners to stick together, particularly when training is off-road in the summer. Will need to be more discipline if runners are to stay together.
3. Saturday morning beginners group based in Aylestone – one member has expressed interest in Wednesday training. Word of mouth and notice on website at the moment. Intention is to attract people who haven't run before. Baz considering similar group based at Scraftoft.
4. Dave Swan has received email from Psychology student at Loughborough University – researching into eating attitudes and habits of long distance runners (longer than 1500m). Has asked to come along to training session and issue questionnaires.
5. Race for Life has asked for our participation. Two races on Saturday (30.6.12) and one on Sunday (1.7.12) at Western Park. Let Dave S know.
6. Complaint re. ladies vests – don't fit correctly. Jackie to receive copy of brochure.
7. Welcome pack – would help to promote club, particularly to women. Jackie to discuss with Trudy. Wide ranging discussion about difficulties about gathering information with training base on the pavement outside Manor Road. Led onto discussion regarding desirability of hiring a regular training venue, but no conclusion reached.
8. Network – couple of expert sessions coming up in next couple of months. More can be organised if there is interest. More joint events with West End could be arranged. Not getting as much financial support from the Network as we had anticipated (still chasing subsidy for use of member data and due £100 for Mark's coaching course).