

## ROADHOGGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at The Cricketers

**Apologies:** Jon Heap, Dale Jenkins, Ludo Renou, Valérie Spezi, Jerry Wilkes

In attendance: Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield, Kim Richardson, Keith Dakin, Mark Chamberlain, Jackie Brown, John Stew, Dave Lodwick, Colin Smith, Ian Bass, Steve Wheeler, Steve Martin, Alison Lodwick, Ron Atton, Clare Mendes, Nick Cobley, Rob Taylor, Mal Blyth, Amy Gasper, John Hallissey, Sid Smith, Lucy McMillan, Tom Martin, Richard Norton, Robin Meynell

**Minutes of 2012 AGM:** Agreed

### Matters Arising:

1. Ladies running vests (AOB 6): It was reported that an appropriate size vest for the more petite ladies has been identified and a small stock purchased. Interest in crop tops in club colours will be canvassed when the weather gets warmer.
2. Welcome Pack (AOB 7): Jackie reported that the idea of an information pack to be available for new and prospective members had been discussed further since the last AGM but the logistics were problematic. Whilst there is a wealth of information available on the club's website, it was agreed that there would be value in duplicating certain information on a single sheet of paper (for example: key club contacts, league race dates, league race arrangements, etc). Jackie to progress.
3. Beginner's group (AOB 3): Baz was commended for his efforts in establishing the Scraptoft Joggers beginners' group, which has been meeting weekly on a Monday evening since early 2012 and has 8 – 10 people attending on a regular basis. It was agreed to release funds for publicity if Baz felt that this would be helpful.

### Chairman's Report:

The Chair noted that this was the club's 29<sup>th</sup> AGM and that we would be marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's foundation in 2014. Thanks to the Committee for its support during 2012 and to all the members – who are responsible for the club's continued success. Particularly pleased with the development of the ladies team during the past 12 months with many new members recruited and retained. Also very pleased with the terrific numbers now running for the club in cross-country races – great for Kim after all his years' of hard work.

### Treasurer's Report:

The bank balance at the end of 2012 stood at £1110.65. Total income during the year was £2717.50, made up by:

Members' subscriptions	£1685.00
Secure One sponsorship	£500.00
Kibworth 6 profit	£287.50
Reimbursement from Network	£245.00

Total expenditure during the year was £2257.93, made up by:

Kit (including skychasers)	£963.93
Affiliations	£467.00
EA £375	
ARC £92	
Race Fees	£827.00
Winter League £385.00	
Derby Runner X-Country £243.00	
Round Leicester £120.00	
Livingstone Relays £45.00	

The Treasurer thanked members for the prompt payment of race fees, which is much appreciated. In summary, with a working balance of income over expenditure of more than £400, 2012 had been a good year, thanks to Secure One's sponsorship. He reminded members that the intention is not to build up a significant reserve but to broadly balance income and expenditure, thereby leaving a small reserve to be used for the good of the club and its members.

Looking forward to 2013, we can expect a similar profit from Kibworth. The absence of Glooston from the race diary will have little or no impact on the club's finances. Kit will need to be replenished in line with continued recruitment. It was agreed that the club's bank details would be provided to members who wished to pay membership subscriptions and other dues by BACS transfer.

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

Turn out at races has been brilliant, particularly but not only in the LRRL. Thanks to Tom for organising the block entry for last season's league races. Mark has now qualified as a coach (thanks to the club's financial support) and members were invited to contact him for advice and guidance. He intends to start regular Saturday morning coaching sessions once the weather improves.

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

The numbers of ladies participating in races increased dramatically through 2012 with new members and also others coming back from injury and running well. There is great enthusiasm and an excellent spirit within the ladies team, with small groups of ladies regularly getting together for different types of training runs (for example, using Bradgate Park for off-road and hill training). Larger groups have also got together for "Hoggettes" social events.

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

The cross-country season 2011/12 was once again a record season for Roadhogs; in the league we fielded full teams in every race and held our place in the top division for combined teams. The Mens' and Ladies' teams themselves both finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the second divisions of their leagues. Nick Copley bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the Men's individual placings. We welcomed some new runners but we said goodbye to Miguel Flores who has moved to Norfolk. This season 2012/13 we have seen record numbers running the league for Roadhogs, including a huge team of 31 runners at Markfield and 27 at Sinai Park in Burton-On-Trent! We have again seen a number of new runners trying out cross-country and right now we have enough for two teams; we have come a long way since it was just one or two runners.

In open races, Nick was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2012 Charnwood Hills and won the Gaddesby race last month. Roadhogs competed off road in 2012 at Charnwood, Woodhouse, Arnesby, Tissington, Gaddesby, and Huncote, and probably some others not known to the captain.

Both Nick and Rebecca are hitting top 10 places. Ludo is getting close to Nick. Jackie, Ruth, Jerry and Dale are near the top of their veteran groups. And Clare seems to have run everywhere. But my cross-country award for 2012 went to Colin Bowpitt because he is a good example of a team runner. He is always there and runs well for us. I could have presented the award to any of the many Roadhogs who are also good team runners and I would like to add my thanks to everyone who ran cross-country for Roadhogs in 2012. Thanks also to the Roadhogs who helped at the primary schools' cross country races.

Roadhogs is not an elite club and we do have a very informal team spirit at the events. I enjoy seeing the friendly chat and support which the runners give to each other. I'm sure the road team has the same spirit. New runners are welcomed and encouraged and our steady growth over recent years shows that they usually stay with us.

Finally we now have our new club banner which along with our changing tent has taken Roadhogs up another level. Thanks to the club for financing these, they are much appreciated by the runners. At the last league race at Bagworth the host club had a barbecue going outside their tent; I was thinking about asking for a club catering caravan but to be honest everyone is quite happy with Trudy's and Clare's cakes.

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

**Acting on a suggestion by the Chair, John Stew proposed that the officers be re-elected en bloc. The proposal was seconded by Clare Mendes and passed unopposed.**

For the record, the Officers are:

Chair: DAVE SWAN

Vice Chair: DAVE LODWICK

Treasurer: COLIN SMITH

Men's Road Running Captain: MARK CHAMBERLAIN

Ladies Road Running Captain: JACKIE BROWN

Cross Country Captain: KIM RICHARDSON

Membership Secretary: STEVE MARTIN

Other positions:

Minutes Secretary: ALISON LODWICK

Social Secretary: KEITH DAKIN

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

#### **Constitution and Welfare Officer**

The Vice-Chair presented a new draft club constitution. It was noted that the existing constitution has not been updated since 1984 and is, therefore, out-of-date and not consistent with current good

governance practice. The new draft has been based on a template provided by England Athletics, but with appropriate modifications to reflect the Roadhogs' ethos and current practice.

The new draft constitution assumes the creation of a new post of Welfare Officer. It is now a requirement for clubs who wish to admit young athletes (those aged 16 and 17) to have appropriate provision in place, including a Welfare Policy and at least one Welfare Officer, trained in child protection. Although there is no current intention for Roadhogs to establish a junior section (as some other Leicestershire clubs have done) it would be unfortunate if young athletes who wished to join the club were unable to do so. However, the remit of a Welfare Officer would not be limited to any junior members – they would be available to provide confidential support and advice, and a route for complaints, to any member of the club. Ideally, there should be two Welfare Officers – one male and one female – who regularly attend club events, especially training and races. They may or may not be members of the committee, but must act independently of the committee in carrying out their welfare role.

In discussion, there was support for the creation of two welfare officer roles. The inclusion of a lower age limit for membership (17 years) in the constitution was discussed, but it was agreed that it was not necessary to stipulate an age limit in the constitution as such a rule could be adopted by the Committee when and if it was felt necessary to do so.

**Kim Richardson proposed that the new draft constitution be adopted, amended to include two Welfare Officers (one male and one female) in the list of Club Officers. The proposal was seconded by Mal Blyth and passed unopposed.**

**Alison Lodwick and John Stew volunteered to take on the Welfare Officer roles and were duly appointed.**

#### **England Athletics (EA) – subscriptions:**

Members were reminded that EA affiliation subs will be increased from £5 per member per annum to £10 per member per annum from April 2013. The increase is necessary because EA have been instructed by Sport England to raise £900K per annum to support the administrative infrastructure of the sport. Previously, Roadhogs had paid individual EA affiliation subs on behalf of members, subsuming the sum into the annual club membership subscription. However, in the light of the increase in individual affiliation subs, the Committee agreed at its last meeting to reduce the cost of the club annual membership subscription and to allow individual members to choose whether or not to affiliate to EA. However, members who run competitively on a regular basis are encouraged to affiliate to EA because:

- It is becoming increasingly common for the EA affiliation number to be required for registration for races run under an EA permit (including the Midlands Cross-country championships and relays and most marathons and half-marathons)
- The organisers of LRRR races currently assume that everyone included on a club's block entry are individually affiliated to EA. If race organisers require affiliation numbers in the future, it may be necessary, for administrative reasons, to restrict the block entry to those who are individually affiliated

- The number of London Marathon places allocated to the club is based on the number of club members who are affiliated to EA. If this number drops below 50, the club will only receive one place

In the light of the final bullet point above, **Kim Richardson proposed that individual EA affiliation should be added to the eligibility criteria for entry into the ballot for club London Marathon places. This was seconded by Dave Lodwick and passed unopposed.**

#### **Kibworth 6 2013:**

The club will be organising the LRRRL Kibworth 6 race, to take place on Sunday, 10 March 2013. Fleckney & Kibworth are once again unable to act as co-organisers, so as many members as possible, together with family and friends, will be required to assist on the day. It was noted that, with the exception of those members targeting 100% in the League, not everyone who would like to run may be able to do so. The following action points were agreed:

- Ron and Mal will set the course up
- Kim is not available on the day, but will collect water from Swithland and deliver to Sid Smith (with one bottle to Colin for the WI)
- Colin will provide the permit number for publicity
- Far more marshals must be allocated to car parking than last year (minimum of six required) and arrangements for (i) the order in which car parks are filled and (ii) communication between marshals and with drivers need to be agreed in advance
- It will be necessary to find a way to keep runners who have completed the race off the road at the race finish
- **An extra committee meeting for planning purposes will be held on Thursday, 28 February 2013 at The Cricketers (7.30 pm)**

#### **Membership news:**

Most members have renewed promptly, but not all have completed renewal forms. This is a requirement, even when no details have changed, in order for the club to be compliant in its processing of members' personal information.

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

All events in 2012 were well attended and enjoyed. Pirate Night went well – Keith presented pineapples to Ian and Amy for the best costumes. All current events (quiz night, curry night, Hat Night, Pirate Night and Handicap) will go forward into 2013. There will be trophies for the male and female winners of the handicap (Bec will receive the ladies' trophy retrospectively for her 2012 victory). Additional ideas for 2013 suggested by members:

- 24 hour relay race (Derbyshire in June)
- Race the Train (Wales in August)
- Afternoon picnic and games in Knighton Park followed by an evening BBQ in the Lodwick's garden (summer, if we get one)

### **Presentation Evening:**

The 2012 presentation evening was a great success – the Western theme worked very well and moving the event to November was popular. However, it was suggested that for 2013 hot buffet items (for example, jacket potatoes, kebabs, chicken satay, prawn goujons) should be included to reduce the reliance on sandwiches.

**Jackie proposed that there should be an additional trophy for most improved lady athlete. Seconded by Kim Richardson and passed unopposed.**

**Kim proposed that, in the light of increased numbers of ladies running in cross country, he should be permitted to make two cross country awards - one male and one female. Seconded by Jackie Brown and passed unopposed.**

### **AOB:**

1. Training
  - i. The planned summer programme for 2012 was severely disrupted by the weather. Hopefully, some of the routes that had been proposed will be runnable in 2013.
  - ii. The reps session from Manor Road was well received and will be repeated
  - iii. The suggestion that there should be an occasional “measured mile” event at training was well received. It was noted that both Abbey Park and Watermead Park have measured mile routes
  
2. “Potential “centurions”

The Chair drew members’ attention to the possibility that both Dave Lodwick and Alison Lodwick are hoping to complete 100 consecutive league races during the course of this season – Dave at Markfield and Alison at Hermitage. He also reminded members that John Stew’s campaign to complete 100 marathons was scheduled to conclude with the Leicester marathon in October. He wished all three the very best of luck on behalf of the club.