

## ROADHOGGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 28 January 2014 at L.C.C.C, Grace Road

**Apologies:** Ron Atton, Mal Blyth, Jon Heap, Dale Jenkins, Steve Robinson, Sid Smith, Trudy Sharpe

In attendance: Dan Bannatyne, Ian Bass, Jackie Brown, Martin Capell, Will Carter, Rachel Clark, Nick Cobley, Keith Dakin, Barbara Hermann, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Steve Martin, Tom Martin, Richard Norton, Kim Richardson, Vicky Salt, Colin Smith, Ruth Stevely, John Stew, Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield, Jerry Wilkes

**Minutes of 2013 AGM:** Agreed

### **Matters Arising:**

It was noted that the following policies and procedures (approved by the Committee) are now in place and available on the club website:

- Code of Conduct
- Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure
- Protection Policy for Young and Vulnerable People

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

The Chair apologised that notice of the meeting was slightly less than that specified by the Constitution. He observed that it was the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year but he felt that 2013 had been a most significant year, citing:

- The number of individual race winners
- The number of team awards
- Three centurions (Alison and Dave Lodwick in the LRRL and John Stew joining the 100 Marathon Club)
- The progress made in terms of putting members' welfare to the fore

He thanked all the members of the Committee for their support, but especially to (i) Colin S for looking after the Club's finances and (ii) Dave L for his work in maintaining the website and with the LRRL.

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

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance at the end of 2013 stood at £1516.15. Total income during the year was £2541.07, made up by:

Members' subscriptions	£2140.00
Social events	£85.67
Kibworth 6 profit	£315.40

Total expenditure during the year was £2065.00, made up by:

Kit	£456.50
Affiliations	£642.00
Race Fees	£966.50

As £239 (profit from the Presentation Evening) was set aside to subsidise the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, this left a working surplus of around £200. The Treasurer advised the meeting that Tom Martin had agreed to audit the accounts.

Looking forward to 2014, we could expect income to be down by around £300 as Fleckney & Kibworth would be staging the 2014 Kibworth 6 LRRL race.

### **Men's Road Running Round-up:**

The Chair reported that the Men's Team had had a good season, holding station in their respective divisions against stiff competition. He observed that it was a significant achievement for the Senior Men to stay in the top division (achieved as a result of consistent performances throughout the scoring eight). The team had also seen success in the Livingstone and Round Leicester Relays, as well as in the inaugural University Relays. He highlighted some individual achievements:

- Nick won a cross country and a multi-terrain race
- Jerry won a 40 mile race around Coventry
- There were outstanding ultra-distance runs from Chris
- Rex is still going strong at 81
- Significant improvements in performance by Mark R, Ludo, Steve W and Will

The team had made a good start to 2014, with 4 in the top 50 (and 6 in the top 100) at Kibworth – even in the absence of the club's three fastest male runners.

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

Jackie reported that the ladies team had had a good season, although it was sometimes a struggle to get the numbers out in all three divisions they're competing in. However, it was great to see the ladies give the men a run for their money.

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

Kim was pleased to report that Roadhoggs enjoyed another successful cross country season in 2012/13. His report is reproduced verbatim:

"In the league, the men's team finished 3rd and the ladies 4th, both in division 2. In the combined team we are in division 1 and we finished 8th out of 10; that may not sound like much of a result but it's like the football Premiership; we are the smaller club promoted to the bigger division and to hold our place there is an achievement in itself. We fielded full teams plus many more at all races except at Foremark and Holly Hayes where the ladies were one short and would have finished higher but for that. Nick Cobley established himself in the top 10 but Ludo Renou gained some ground on Nick and both are pushing each other to better performances. Rebecca Bromwich also broke into the top 10 for the ladies, and Jackie Brown into the top 15. Our club tent and banner have served us well and give us a base at the league events.

In open events Nick Cobley won at Gaddesby and Beacon. We blitzed the Huncote Hash in 2012 and the Charnwood Hills in 2013, both very demanding events.

Individually, Nick and Jackie received my captain's awards in November, both for excellent performances during the 2012/13 season. Jackie has also been an inspiring ladies Captain and we are beginning to see the girls get results as good as the men, or sometimes better. We continue to attract new runners; 10 guys and 8 girls made their cross country debuts for Roadhoggs during the season. Several runners improved during the season, most notably John

Davies, Steve Wheeler and Amy Gasper. But we said goodbye to Clare Mendes, and for a short while, Robin Meynell, who have moved to China to teach them about Loadhogs.

So far in 2013/14 we are holding our places after 4 league races, with the men 5th and the ladies 4th in division 2. In the combined division 1 we are currently 1 place down in 9th but we have a decent cushion over 10th place which is the relegation spot, so I am hopeful that we will keep our place in the top division. Outside of the league we have run strong teams in Gaddesby and Huncote which I will report on in more detail next time. And we entered senior and masters teams in the Leicestershire County Championships for the first time, with our lady masters' team gaining bronze medals.

I have mentioned some individuals but I must also thank everyone else. We have 20 or so solid team runners; the guys who are always there and can be relied on to run well and support the team time after time. And we have other guys coming along every now and then or trying out cross country. Altogether 33 guys and 14 girls ran cross country for the club during the 2012/13 season, which is a new record, and I would like you all to keep coming back. Plus I will keep working on getting more Roadhogs to enjoy running off the roads and getting muddy."

This section of the meeting concluded with the presentation of County Championship Medals to the Masters Ladies Team: Jackie Brown, Vicky Salt and Ruth Stevely.

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

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

<b>Office</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Chair	Dave Swan	Colin S	John S
Vice Chair	Dave Lodwick	Barry	John S
Treasurer	Colin Smith	Keith	John S
Men's Road Running Cpt.	Keith Dakin	John S	Tom
Ladies Road Running Cpt.	Jackie Brown	Dave L	Kim
Cross Country Captain	Kim Richardson	John S	Keith
Social Secretary	Dan Bannatyne	John S	Keith
Membership Secretary	Steve Martin	John S	Keith

The following were appointed/reappointed to the Committee:

Ron Atton, Mal Blyth, Barbara Hermann, Alison Lodwick\*, Lucy Macmillan, Sid Smith, John Stew\*, Barry Waterfield

\* Club Welfare Officers – appointed by the Committee

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

All events in 2013 were well attended and enjoyed. Keith thanked everyone for their support and enthusiasm. All established events (quiz night, curry night, Hat Night, Pirate Night and Handicap) along with the club barbeque (hosted by the Lodwicks) and Camping Weekend will go forward into 2014. It was agreed that the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations should be combined with the club barbeque.

The recently held Presentation Evening was a great success, with the new venue and catering being very well received. The Working Group approach to planning the event worked well and will be repeated. Keith and John S were thanked for their hard work which ensured that the evening was such success.

## **Network/LRRL news:**

Dave L advised the meeting of the following:

1. County Standards for men and women – these are a set of time standards for different distances banded by age and are now available on the website. Those achieving a particular standard in 5 different distances within one season will be eligible for a certificate.
2. Coach co-ordinator meetings – an opportunity to exchange best practice with coaches from other clubs and to attend occasional visiting speaker events.
3. England Athletics are withdrawing funding from networks. Hopefully, Leicestershire will continue as it is self-funding via other income streams.
4. The 2013 LRRL race at Barrow was cancelled due to safety concerns and the League cannot guarantee that other scheduled races will not be lost this season. The issue has arisen as the informal (and illegal) road closures have been used for races in the past are no longer being approved by local level councils. Responsibility has now been transferred to the County Council which has to enforce the law. Barrow left it far too late to apply to the County Council for a formal road closure. The LRRL will be meeting with council officials shortly to agree a framework for the future. There are likely to be financial costs as, although the Council will not charge for their officers' time in dealing with road closure applications, any closures will have to be advertised.

## **AOB:**

1. Life Membership nomination  
Ian nominated Baz Barratt for a life membership in recognition of his success in setting up Scraptoft Joggers. Dave S advised that the nomination would be considered by the Committee at the appropriate time.
2. County and regional events  
There was a discussion regarding the desirability of encouraging our elite runners to participate in County and Regional events (such as the Midlands Road Relays and similar). It was suggested that elite runners should have the opportunity to stretch themselves against different competitors from outside Leicestershire although there was a concern that clashes with LRRL and Derby Runner League races would significantly impact on the strength of Roadhoggs teams in the club's target events. It was agreed that the Committee would discuss this further.
3. Coaching
  - (i) There was a consensus that the club needs greater strength in depth in terms of coaching and it was agreed that the club should sponsor John S to undertake the Coach In Running Fitness qualification (he has already completed the Leader IRF level).
  - (ii) There was a discussion regarding provision for prospective members – there have been occasional problems with runners coming along to try our training sessions being "stranded" between pace groups. It was suggested that more use could be made of loop back runs and specialised training sessions (for example, interval training and hill repeats) which are better suited to multi-ability groups. It was agreed that the Committee would discuss this further.

(iii) There was a discussion regarding support for injured members – there was general agreement that the club could do more to keep runners engaged with the club when they are injured or recovering. It was agreed that the Committee would discuss this further.