

## Roadhoggs Committee Meeting

### LCCC

1 July 2014

- 1) Present: Dan Bannatyne, Malc Blyth, Keith Dakin, Barbara Hermann, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Steve Martin, Lucy McMillan, Colin Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield
- 2) Apologies: Ron Atton, Jackie Brown, Kim Richardson, Sid Smith
- 3) Minutes: Agreed (subject to correction of the venue of the meeting, which was held at LCCC not The Cricketers)
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes
  - a) Round Leicester Relay  
The committee was advised that the event would definitely not go ahead this year.
  - b) Roll of honour  
The committee was advised that the roll has been finalised (to the extent possible) and is available on the website
  - c) Club publicity and promotion  
No action has been taken to distribute posters around local leisure centres. It was agreed that it would be sensible to delay more active promotion until winter training has started (when Wednesday sessions are at Manor Road every week) and that the advice of a club member who is a marketing professional (Natasha) should be sought first.

5) Chairman's report:

Dave S informed the committee, with regret, that a good friend of the club, Michael Richardson (ex-AON) had recently passed away. Dave S observed that, whilst never a runner, Michael was always willing to support the club, and marshalled at many races organised by the club.

Dave S noted that reasonable numbers had been turning out for races, although absences due to injury amongst our faster runners have impacted on the results. He thanked Tom, on behalf of the committee, for his efforts with organising the block entries.

6) Treasurer's report:

Colin noted that after an atypical first quarter, the club's finances had returned to normal, with a cash balance of £1649.81. There have been two major items of expenditure: the EA affiliation and membership fee (£665) and the purchase of a

batch of hoodies (£450) although the majority of the latter should be recouped. There are no outstanding bills and nothing of note on the immediate horizon, however, it was noted that £239 has been set aside for the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Looking further forward, Colin informed the committee that the venue has been booked for the Kibworth 6 in March 2105, but at a significantly increased cost - £260 (compared to £180 previously).

7) Men's Road Running Captain's report:

Keith echoed the vote of thanks to Tom for organising the block entries. Keith also thanked Dan for organising the Livingstone Relays in his absence. He noted that we are getting good numbers out for races and that people are enjoying their racing. However, absences due to injury (Will, Sam) and work commitments (Ludo) have affected the team's results. He observed that several of the newer members are quite quick, but seem to have little interest in racing. Finally, he advised the committee that he and others would be supporting Jerry in his personal Leicestershire Round run in mid-July

8) Ladies Road Running Captain's report:

The following was supplied by Jackie via email and read out on her behalf:

"As you know after the winter league, unfortunately it looks like we will be relegated at the end of the summer league . So as the manager I am a little worried about my job and being sacked! Hopefully we might get a parachute payment like they do in football to soften the blow. Our ladies have made some brilliant achievement in their running and our marathon ladies have excelled and going from strength to strength. Trudy is improving all the time, Barbara did a fantastic job in Edinburgh after very limited training and was the second Roadhogg in. Vicky and Ashley did really well at Stratford marathon and Valerie and Lucy in the half. Natasha is also doing well at half marathons probably because of Trudy and Valerie dragging her out on their weekend runs. And a big welcome back and great to see Vicky Salt running again. The ladies always do us proud and after nagging and begging they come out in force and almost every race we are getting our teams out. Well done, ladies, keep it up."

9) Cross-country Captain's report:

In Kim's absence, Dave S relayed a progress report on the proposal to stage a Derby Runner race in 2015. Kim has obtained permission to use Bradgate Park for the race and the car park will be made available (with the parking fee rolled into the race fee). It will be a two lap course which Kim will be reconnoitring in the coming weeks. A date has yet to be agreed but it is likely to be in January. The club's most significant non-racing input will be in the provision of marshals.

## 10) Athletics Network and LRRL Chairman's Report

- a) Dave L, in his capacity as LRRL Chair, advised the committee that the forthcoming race at Hungarton will be the first run under the new regime and will require a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TTRO) for the start and finish. From now on, almost all league races will have some sort of traffic restriction. He thanked John Skevington (Wreake Coach and Network Co-ordinator) for the huge amount of work that he has contributed to ensuring the LRRL races are legally compliant.

He advised that LRRL Winter League race fees have been set at £4.00 per runner. Additionally, the LRRL "levy" for Summer league race fees has been set at £1 per runner (which covers legal, medical and road signage costs incurred by the league on behalf of organising clubs). It is for organising clubs to decide whether to absorb the levy or increase their race fees. Dave L noted that, without the Leicester Mercury sponsorship, the LRRL levy would have been considerably more.

There was a discussion regarding the start time of Summer league races, prompted by the excessive heat at Swithland and Prestwold. It was noted that all LRRL league races are compliant with regard to standards for provision of water (Prestwold included an additional water station over and above the minimum number required). Anecdotally, it appeared that at least some of the small number of runners who had required medical attention as a result of the heat had failed to follow pre-race advice.

- b) The Network has launched a Coaches' Club for coaches and run leaders to meet and share best practice. The Network will also be offering a one-off "bridging" course (to sit between LIRF and CIRF) this summer. Finally, all are cordially invited to attend an open training session at Huncote (8 July).

## 11) Social News

Events so far:

- a) There was a good turnout at Edinburgh for the marathon and half-marathon – although half of the Roadhogs in attendance did not run due to injury or childcare responsibilities
- b) Rae's farewell BBQ – good turnout, thanks to John S for use of BBQ and food
- c) Clare's homecoming – a good evening. Thanks to Trudy for a Great Wall Run themed-cake.

To come:

- d) The date for the camping weekend has been set for 16/17 August

- e) Club Handicap – toward the end of July. There will be a new course, run from Illston on the Hill. Dave L will calculate handicaps. A small number of volunteer marshals will be required
- f) BBQ – 23 August 2014, at the Lodwick's
- g) Equinox 24 Relay – 21 September: we have one team of 6 so far
- h) Presentation Evening – 29 November 2014: The theme will be the 1970s. A working group will convened in September to plan the details.
  - i. Dave S asked for suggestions for new life members to be announced at the Presentation Evening
  - ii. Former members will be invited to help celebrate the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary – we will need to track down those who have dropped by the wayside and send out invitations
  - iii. Ticket price to remain at £10 – only need to cover costs and don't want to discourage people from attending
  - iv. London Marathon draw – will use the same method as last year (and the year before). We hope to have two club places.

Other ideas:

- i) Skittles at the Rose & Crown (Thurnby)
- j) Quiz night

## 12) Membership News

93 members on the database, but this includes approximately 10 "lapsed" members. Around 60 members are also registered with EA (life members were reminded that they should pay £10 if they wish to affiliate to EA, plus their race fees).

## 13) Other business:

- a) Coaching – have significant coaching deficit at the moment (for example, we can't offer track sessions). John S will hopefully go for qualification later in the year which will go some way to addressing the gap, but it would be desirable to have more members trained as coaches. The club will provide support with costs.
- b) Easyfundraising – it is now possible raise club funds via internet shopping.
- c) Kibworth 6 – date set for 8 March 2015. The start and finish have been repositioned and there will be some traffic management in Smeeton Westerby. Ian and Richard are both qualified in traffic management. Venue booked and WI notified (for provision of cakes and hot drinks). Course still needs to be re-measured.
- d) Leicester University Beginners' Group – have been approached by EA to set up beginners' group in collaboration with University. John S and Dave L will organise, pending training of University run leaders (November).
- e) Thanks to John S and LCCC for use of excellent venue
- f) Next meeting: 7 October 2014