

Roadhogs Committee Meeting

The Cricketers

9 July 2013

- 1) Present: Malc Blyth Mark Chamberlain, Keith Dakin, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Kim Richardson, Colin Smith, Sid Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield
- 2) Apologies: Ron Atton, Jackie Brown, Steve Martin
- 3) Minutes: Agreed
- 4) Matters arising from the Minutes: Alison reported that work is progressing to develop disciplinary and complaints procedures.
- 5) Chairman's report:

Dave S congratulated the following members for their achievements in recent races and/or the LRRL Winter League awards: Bec (LRRL 2nd Senior Lady), Chris (16th in the Hardmoor 110 mile race), Jackie (LRRL 2nd V45 Lady), Jerry (winner of the Coventry Way Challenge), Nick (LRRL 6th Senior Man and winner of the Beacon Hill Solstice Run). He was pleased to note that the Club was putting out strong teams in both league and non-league races. He welcomed recent new members, including Nathan, Drew, Ashley, Vicki and James and remarked on the continuing positive contribution of the website to the Club's profile.

- 6) Treasurer's report:

With a positive balance of £2008 in the bank and only one outstanding expense (approximately £120 for ladies crop tops), the Club's current financial position is healthy.

- 7) Men's Road Running Captain and Coach's report:

Mark welcomed Ludo's return from America and noted that Nick and Harry are doing well. He also drew attention to the continuing progress of Steve W and John D (although noted with regret that the latter had recently picked up an injury). Amongst the new members, James seemed to be particularly promising. With regard to coaching, there seems to be little interest amongst the membership for coaching sessions but he is providing advice via email and 'phone.

There was a discussion regarding the Round Leicester Relay in September. It was noted that the rules require a Mixed Team to include five ladies and the category is particularly competitive with the biggest clubs fielding strong teams. It was agreed, therefore, that it would be sensible to include our fastest one or two ladies in a Men's Team, as permitted by the rules. It was further agreed that our "First Team" should include the fastest 13 runners in the club who wish to participate (established by transparent criteria published in advance)

and that reserves should be drawn from the “Second Team” by rank order.

8) Ladies Road Running Captain’s report:

Jackie provided the following report via email to the Chair:

“Things are going really well. We have good turn out for races and everyone is doing really well. Becs is very much on form and a lot of the ladies are really improving and coming into their own. We are struggling a little in the ladies vets department as not many of us old uns!! so if injured or other commitments we are down on our numbers.”

9) Cross-country Captain’s report:

Nothing to report, other than to remind members that the first race of the new season will be at Foremark in October.

10) Kibworth League Race 2013

Dave S thanked Ron for setting up the course, Sid for setting up the water station and Ian for doing a terrific job organising the car parking. It helped greatly that we had more marshalls than in previous years and that many were available from early morning (8.15 am onwards). Starting the race from the school access road was very successful and made the start easier to manage. There was one slight problem at the finish, with the first dozen or so finishers missing the tunnel, but that was quickly rectified. Colin reported that he had received an email from the WI – they felt the event had gone well and would like to be asked next year, but requested that, if at all possible, we avoid running the race on Mothering Sunday!

11) Social News

Keith reported that the recent Curry Night at More was very successful – good venue, good food and good atmosphere, with something for everyone. Similarly, the camping at weekend at Wolvey was well supported (with 18/20 in attendance) and the weather, games and BBQ were enjoyed by all.

Forthcoming events:

- 17 August – BBQ chez Lodwick
- 21 August - 5 mile Club Handicap. It was agreed that a route around Victoria Park should be used as a safer alternative to the Manor Road – Stoughton route
- 8 September – Mablethorpe 10K, possibility of Club-organised trip for runners, partners and families
- Autumn/Winter – Quiz Night and Skittles Evening

It was agreed that the Presentation Evening should be held once more in November, and the following trophies will be awarded:

- Athlete of the Year
- Chairman's Award
- Men's and Ladies' Road Running Captain's Awards
- Cross-Country Captain's Awards (Male and Female)
- Most Improved Athletes (Male and Female)

It was noted that a Roll of Honour of previous award winners on the club website would be desirable, but that this will have to be a long-term project as the archive is patchy at best.

12) Races in 2014

It was reported that Fleckney & Kibworth are, once more, not in a position to organise the Kibworth 6 as a Winter League race and it was agreed that Roadhoggs would offer to do so again. Kim said that, perhaps in 2015, he would like the club to organise a cross-country race, subject to a suitable alternative to the Beaumont Leys course being found.

13) Network news:

Funding has been secured for a further year, although it is limited and project-based. The Network's priorities are:

- Getting coaches into clubs by funding training
- Running coaching sessions (using expertise from within the Network rather than relying on Flying Coaches)
- Cascading knowledge from CIRFS and LIRFS

The next Open Club evening will be at Fleckney & Kibworth on 16 July

Dave gave information about the Club Standards Scheme:

- Grid of times for particular events in age categories. Has been expanded to include events relevant to slower runners. At the end of the season, any runner who has beaten the age standard at five different distances is awarded a certificate
- The Network is promoting a common set of standards, support by the LRRL
- Aim is to improve motivation and raise performance standards
- Entirely voluntary

14) Membership news:

The club now has more than 50 members affiliated to England Athletics so will qualify for two London marathon places

15) Other business:

- Call for nominees for the UK Athletics UK Members' Council (voluntary, nominees require the support of seven clubs in addition to their own)
- Committee asked to reflect ahead of the next AGM whether the committee membership should be more reflective of the club's younger age profile
- Club will not be entering a team in the Rainbows relay event this year (little interest)