

## Roadhogs Committee Meeting

28 July 2016, L.C.C.C.

1. **Present:** Amy Barnes, Dan Bannantyne Keith Dakin, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Kim Richardson, Colin Smith, Sid Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield, Steve Wheeler, Terry Woodhouse
2. **Apologies:** Ron Atton, Barbara Hermann, Steve Martin, Mark Ramsden,
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016:** AGREED.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** None

### 5. Finances

- i. Steve W commented that there was not a great deal to report:
  - Not much change in working balance since May (still around £3,800)
  - Two/three new members
  - One race with cash collections and payment by cheque
  - Online banking still not activated – pending authorisation by all account signatories

### ii. Event Shelters:

John S reported that prices vary widely, dependent on whether the shelter is branded. The base colour is inexpensive and outer walls and roof can be printed separately. The cheap ones are not recommended as being too insubstantial

- Printed, 3-sided: £1,100 - £1,700
- Plain, no printing: £400 - £500

It was agreed to carry the matter forward, for a discussion of two or three specific options at the next meeting.

### 6. Presentation Evening – survey of members

- i. John S presented a sample menu, priced at £15.00 per head. The consensus was that all the options sounded very appealing. It was noted that those attending would have to advise of their menu choices in advance.
- ii. Terry advised that a DJ who has been used by his daughter's school and several running events would charge £185 for 7.00 pm – midnight. However, a band that he had approached would charge £500 for a set. It was agreed that a DJ would be more economic and offer the option of more control over the music played. Terry was asked to approach the DJ for availability on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- iii. It was agreed that the ticket price should be £18.00, with no charge for children.

### 7. *Heartsafe Runners Project*

- i. Amy reported that the scheme is going to have to be re-named, due to a legal challenge by an existing entity. The new interim name is Leicester Resuscitation Training. The project is to be set up as a limited company with charitable status, with the aim of delivering free high-quality CPR and defib training to running clubs and parkruns in Leicestershire. The intention is for ambassadors from each club to cascade the training through their membership.

- ii. Hayley and Trudy are trained and available as potential Roadhogg trainers. A possible date for training, potentially in partnership with Wigston Phoenix and West End, was discussed – provisionally 6 October, but subject to availability of trainers, venue, etc.
- iii. It was agreed that the Club should make a donation of £50 towards the cost of equipment purchases for the project.
- iv. Amy also reported that sadly a Barrow runner died at the Derby Ramathon, despite CPR being administered by a number of fellow-competitors (including Roadhogg Steve R). There was an issue around mistaken identity which arose because the runner had not completed the reverse of his race number. Amy asked if the Club could encourage members to fill out the emergency details every time they enter a race.

## **8. Race Promotions**

### **i. Bradgate DRL**

In the calendar – Sunday, 11 December 2016. This clashes with the Turkey Trot, which is likely to reduce numbers somewhat, but all other potential dates were ruled out for a variety of reasons. All arrangements as per the last time we organised the race. The Park will require £1.50 per runner, but a profit in the region of £200 is anticipated (in addition to the likelihood of very positive PR for the Club).

### **ii. Kibworth LRRL**

Dave L reported that he met with staff at the school earlier in the day. There is some doubt whether they will be able to accommodate the race:

- In order to comply with fire regulations, we will need to know numbers in advance (the hall has a capacity limit), which will entail a fundamental change to registration arrangements for LRRL Winter League races. Although there is support amongst League delegates for a move to advance registration, this is not yet League policy and is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Building work at the school will affect the Sports Centre carpark – but it is likely that this will be used as a congregation area pre- and post-race
- The main car park in being extended – but this may not be complete by the time of the race. It is likely that a car occupancy limit (as per DRL races) will be required
- The Medical Centre is moving to a new build opposite the school – building works will be ongoing when we hope to host the race
- There is concern regarding the WI using the lobby area, due to the potential impact on emergency egress. The WI may have to relocate outside to an event shelter in the congregation area. John S offered the use of one or more of LCCC's event shelters
- The school toilets are not adequate for the size of the field and portaloos will be required. The League is looking into a quote for block booking for the Winter League races
- No indication of venue hire fee as yet – but likely to be in the region of £500 - £600.

Notwithstanding the above, a provisional date for the race was agreed – Sunday, 12 February 2017.

## **9. New members update**

Two/three new members in the last three months. Posters have been distributed, but only displayed in the Leicester Running Shop at the moment. Copies to will be given to Dan and Dave for distribution to Aylestone and Parklands Leisure Centres. A second parkrun takeover is being arranged for September.

## **10. Member Attrition**

Dave L presented an analysis of reasons for non-renewal of membership this year. By far the most frequent reason is relocation. There does not appear to be any real cause for concern. However, the low joining rate so far this year suggests that we need to find a way of broadening our appeal without losing the Club's friendly ethos. Dave L and Dan are working hard to increase the offering to middle-ranking and elite runners. We could have a stronger profile on social media (as, for example, West End does) but time is the limiting factor. Terry offered to conduct a survey of other clubs' social media activity for the next meeting. Amy suggested that we could have a presence at the Queens' Road/Victoria Park community events. John S advised that there is possibility of LCCC's indoor school being made available to the Club as a regular meeting place as an alternative to Manor Road, as part of the cricket club's community programme. This would have a number of advantages including access to the outfield for circuit training, bar, changing facilities and plentiful parking. There was strong support from the meeting for the idea to be explored and John S agreed to put together a proposal.

## **11. Coaching and athlete development**

The Tuesday coached sessions have been going much better and Dave L thanked Dan for his support. He proposed that, for the winter, the emphasis be shifted to hill repeats and interval sessions – using Peace Walk, Lancaster Road and Victoria Park.

## **12. Results round up/Members' Achievements**

- Jackie, Charlotte and Emma continue to run well
- Trudy was very fast at Hungarton
- Sophie is doing a marathon almost every weekend and recently completed an ultra
- Baz completed the 100k Race to the Stones in two blocks, with Max completing the first 50k
- Mark R was 10<sup>th</sup> in the Leicester 10k (Abbey Park)
- Club Handicap – Graham and Amy were the first in (the water station was much appreciated)

## **11. AOB**

The slim line ladies vests sourced and printed by Amy were much appreciated, but quantities were very limited (as they were a discontinued line)

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.