

Roadhogs Committee Meeting

24 November 2016, L.C.C.C.

1. **Present:** Dan Bannantyne, Barbara Hermann, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Kim Richardson, Colin Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield
2. **Apologies:** Ron Atton, Amy Barnes, Keith Dakin, Steve Martin, Mark Ramsden, Sid Smith, Steve Wheeler, Terry Woodhouse
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 11th October 2016:** AGREED.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** None
5. **Potential Club Relocation**
 - i. Barbara reported the results of the consultative survey of members regarding the possible relocation of the Club's base to L.C.C.C.:
 - 35 members took part
 - Do you think that the Club should move to LCCC?
 - Yes: 20/35 (57%)
 - No: 15/35 (43%)
 - Reasons given in favour of moving included:
 - Better facilities would encourage members to socialise after training
 - More convenient location
 - Gym & bar facilities attractive
 - Good venue for running routes (Canal and Central Way)
 - Access to different pool of potential members in a highly populated area
 - Opportunity for injured members to cross-train using LCCC gym on Wednesdays and thereby stay in touch with club
 - Reasons given against moving included:
 - Manor Road is more convenient
 - Cow & Plough is popular
 - Routes would be less attractive
 - Loss of summer running routes outside Leicester
 - Unable to get to LCCC for 7.00 pm
 - Travel time/traffic to get to Aylestone
 - Concern regarding ability to resource beginner running course commitment and pressure on existing run leaders
 - Concern regarding having to learn new run routes and risk of getting lost
 - Would you be prepared to get involved as a run leader?
 - Yes:16/35 (46%)
 - No: 19/35 (54%)
 - Other comments:
 - Move Monday night training to LCCC, leaving Wednesday at Manor Road
 - Great venue for winter training, not so sure about the summer months
 - Reservations about range of possible routes (not as nice as the ones from Manor Road and overlap with Monday sessions)
 - No need for club to expand – Club should focus on needs of current members.
 - ii. John S informed the meeting that he would only be happy to be instrumental in moving the Club's training base to LCCC if there was overwhelming support from the membership for the move – he did

not wish to see the club fragment. He had had advance notice of the results of the survey and had concluded that, in view of the narrowness of the majority in favour, there was no overwhelming support for moving. He had, therefore, already advised the CEO of the LCCC that the Club would not be moving.

iii. In discussion, the following points were made:

- Some members expressed surprise at the closeness of the vote and the degree of support for Manor Road
- Some members of the committee felt that an opportunity had been lost to expand the club

6. 2017 Membership Subscriptions

Dave L reminded the meeting that on day and block entries will no longer be available for the forthcoming LRRL Winter League races. This means that our current membership subscription model, which includes race fees for the LRRL Winter League and Derby Runner Cross Country League races must be reviewed. The meeting considered a paper which proposed two options: Option 1 (a lower subscription, with no race fees) and Option 2 (a higher subscription, with cross country fees included). In discussion, the following points were made:

- The number of members running in LRRL Winter and Summer League races are very similar, so it is unclear whether including the Winter league race fees acts as an incentive
- Only one other club in the LRRL pays members' race fees – Ivanhoe, which uses some of the profits from staging the Ashby 20 to do so
- As the arrangements for entering Derby Runner cross country races has not changed, there is no logistical reason to remove these fees from the subscription
- Some members felt that it would be inequitable to include cross country race fees in the membership subscription and exclude road race fees as there are many members who do not want to run in cross country

A vote was taken: 6 members voted for Option 1 and 3 for Option 2. It was agreed that the Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair, should set the 2017 full subscription rate within the range £25 - £30 and that the Club should absorb the PayPal transaction fee to encourage payment of subscriptions online. Dave L reported that Steve W was minded to increase social membership to £16. It was further agreed that, in the light of the profits generated by the Bradgate cross country race and the healthy surplus in club finances, that the Club would pay the race fees of any member running in the remaining Derby Runner cross country races of this season.

7. AOB

- i. In the light of the interest shown by members in training as Run Leaders, it was agreed that the Club should pay for three to be trained in 2017. Dave L will take this forward, taking into account regularity of attendance at Wednesday training.
- ii. Dave L advised the meeting that the Club's new logo was now available – it is much clearer and reproduces more cleanly. With the logo in place, the event shelter can be ordered. Dave L will obtain quotes for options for the committee to decide via email.
- iii. Dave L thanked Terry for his assistance in making the Club's website more mobile and Google friendly
- iv. Dan has put in a great deal of time and effort to collect emergency contact details from members. We are now looking at ways of sharing the information with run leaders.

16. Date of Next Meeting: TBA, but after the 2017 AGM.