

Roadhogs Committee Meeting

11 October 2016, L.C.C.C.

1. **Present:** Amy Barnes, Dan Bannantyne, Keith Dakin, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Kim Richardson, John Stew, Dave Swan, Steve Wheeler, Terry Woodhouse
2. **Apologies:** Ron Atton, Barbara Hermann, Steve Martin, Mark Ramsden, Colin Smith, Barry Waterfield,
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 28th July 2016:** AGREED.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**
 - i. Event Shelter
Dave L reported that ordering a branded shelter had been put on hold pending the development of a logo that is easier to reproduce. Terry offered to take logo development forward in conjunction with Dave L, working to a ball-park figure for costs of £150.00. Dave L further advised that, based on informal discussions with other clubs which use event shelters, the final cost is likely to be considerably less than the higher end of the price range than discussed at a previous meeting.
 - ii. Second parkrun takeover
Dave L reported that this had been another successful event, with positive feedback from regular parkrunners.
 - iii. Use of social media
Terry reported that a survey of the use of social media by other clubs suggests that Roadhogs isn't missing anything major, although Dave L commented that it would be helpful to have a public club Facebook page. However, the website is not mobile device-friendly and Terry offered to assist Dave L make some improvements.
5. **Finances**
 - i. Steve W presented a balance sheet and reported:
 - Online banking now active
 - Working balance as at 10th October 2016 was circa £2570.00
 - Subs income down on 2015 as fewer members, but this is also reflected in lower race fees
 - "Donations" include easyfundraising sums
 - Livingstone Relays race fees not yet processed
 - Manor Road showers – second payment not yet made
 - Overall – comfortable position from cash perspective
 - ii. Purchase of ladies vests:

Dave L reported that Rob Pullen at the Running Shop has a further limited supply (8) of small-sized ladies vests in Roadhogs colours. The meeting approved the purchase and printing of the vests. Amy to progress.
6. **Equinox 2017**

Dan reported that the organisers of the 2017 event have abandoned individual payments and moved to a team pre-payment format. This means that, for a team of 8, an up-front payment of £400 would be

required. As there is already interest from 5/6 Roadhoggs in entering a team, the meeting agreed that the club would fund the advance entry fee for one team.

7. LRRL Winter League

Dave L reported that:

- There will be a new Results and Registration Secretary for 2017, so hopefully results and tables will be produced in a more timely fashion
- The delegates meeting which will decide the 2017 races is on 24th October 2016
- A change to registration arrangements for Winter League races is required to ensure that race organisers know how many runners are taking part in advance of the race starting (so as not to invalidate race licences and venue limits). It is likely that the delegates will approve a proposal requiring some form of advance registration for all races. In this event, the Roadhoggs subscription model (whereby the Club pays the race fee for every fully paid-up member who participates in a winter league race and this is reflected in the membership subscription) is no longer viable. This means that Roadhoggs cannot decide on the 2017 membership subscription rates and a further committee meeting will be required to discuss the matter after 24th October.

8. Potential Club Relocation

John S advised the Committee that, as part of LCCC's community engagement initiative, Roadhoggs has been offered free of charge:

- Use of LCCC's indoor school as a base for Wednesday evening training
- Access to the licenced bar after Wednesday training
- Limited access to the gym on Wednesday evening (cardio equipment, but not free weights)
- Use of the perimeter and outfield areas for structured sessions (for example, interval training, beginner running, etc)
- The possibility of hosting Monday night training in the future

In return, LCCC would expect Roadhoggs to provide a rolling programme of beginner running courses (equating to four 8 week courses per year).

In discussion, the following positive points were made:

- Access to the gym would be potentially beneficial for injured runners and help to maintain engagement with the club
- Use of the perimeter and outfield areas would potentially mean that the Tuesday coached sessions are more attractive
- Access to the indoor school and licenced bar may promote greater sociability after Wednesday training runs

The following concerns were raised:

- Loss of access to a large number of attractive routes, particularly during the summer
- Potential alienation of a proportion of the existing membership
- Security of tenure – is there a risk of “eviction” at short notice in the event of a change of management?
- Too few currently active Run Leaders to support a rolling programme of beginner running courses

It was agreed that members should be consulted before a decision is taken, and that views should be canvassed not only on support or otherwise for a potential relocation but also of the willingness of

members to be trained as Run Leaders and to be responsible for a least one beginner running course per year.

It was agreed that Amy and Barbara would produce an on-line survey of members, with a view to reporting the results to a further meeting of the Committee towards the end of November.

9. Presentation Evening

- i. John S will produce a menu and flyer to be circulated to members.
- ii. Terry advised that the DJ has been booked for 26th November 2016.
- iii. Dave L will set up a PayPal facility to take payment, with an alternative cash option (money to Keith).
- iv. Awards:
 - Men's Cross-Country: Fabio and Ben
 - Ladies' Cross-Country: Barbara (with Trudy mentioned in despatches)
 - Men's Road Running and Most Improved: Dave L will liaise with Mark R re. his nominations
 - Ladies' Road Running: Jackie
 - Ladies Most Improved: Charlotte (with Trudy, Jeannette and Liz mentioned in despatches)

10. Heartwise Runners Project

- i. Amy reported that there will be a training session for Roadhogs on 3rd November 2016 at LCCC. There will be four trainers on the night and refreshments will be provided. 10 members have already expressed an interest.
- ii. It was confirmed that the Club should make a donation of £50 towards the cost of equipment purchases for the project.

11. Race Promotions

- i. Bradgate DRL

Venue has been booked for 11th December 2016, with exclusive use of the top car park. The permit application has been submitted, but the course needs to be checked to ensure that it is still usable.

- ii. Kibworth LRRL

Dave L reported that the school is waiting for him to produce a detailed risk assessment.

12. New members update

Gurmit (full member) and Dipika (social member) have joined since the last meeting. Roughly 60% of members have responded to the request to provide emergency contact details.

13. Coaching and athlete development

The Tuesday coached sessions, with an emphasis on hill repeats and interval sessions using Peace Walk, Lancaster Road and Victoria Park, will start on Tuesday, 18th October 2016.

14. Results round up/Members' Achievements

- Jackie was first v50 lady in the LRRL Summer League
- 100%s in the 2016 LRRL were Ben, Trudy, Marcus, Dave L and Alison

- Vet Ladies finished second in Division 1 but all other teams were relegated
- Jackie and Charlotte both achieved PBs at the Peterborough Half-Marathon

15. AOB

- i. County Cross Country Championships on 7th January 2017 at Burbage Common – it would be good to field some Roadhoggs teams (no clashes with DRL or LRRL)
- ii. Keith announced that he intends to step down as Social Secretary at the AGM – the vacancy needs to be advertised nearer the time.

16. Date of Next Meeting: TBA, but towards the end of November