

## **Roadhoggs Committee Meeting**

### **Cow and Plough**

**4 October 2011**

**1. Present:** Ron Atton, Jackie Brown, Mark Chamberlain, Keith Dakin, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Steve Martin, Colin Smith, Sid Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan

**2. Apologies:** Kim Richardson, Barry Waterfield

**3. Minutes:** Agreed

#### **4. Matters arising from the minutes:**

i. Vertical flag – not ordering yet due to lack of funds. Need has diminished as Kim has found old flag

ii. Advertising in Leicester Link for next 9 months (free)

iii. Race for Life – marshals were requested two days before the event. Three members volunteered. Organiser apologised – had been thrown in deep end and unaware of RH's previous involvement

#### **5. Chairman's report:**

i. Warm welcome to John and Jackie

ii. Not a massive increase in membership this year. Four new people at training last Wednesday, including one quite fast lad. Jackie had a word with young ladies – intending to return (needed support)

iii. Incident at Countesthorpe race (two members have fallen out) – being investigated by the Chairman. Unprecedented for the club, sure that it can be resolved.

#### **6. Treasurer's report:**

Going into winter with £600 in the bank (instead of customary £1300). Reduced surplus is partly as a result of sending members on coaching courses - will recoup some monies from Network. Minor cash flow problem as expenditure due (XC up to £3 per race plus Manor Road showers - £50). Not disastrous but need to be prudent for time being. Staging Kibworth Winter League race will help.

#### **7. Road Racing Captain's report:**

i. Round Leicester went well

ii. Coaching course cancelled due to lack of interest – has been re-arranged

iii. Leicester Marathon/half have quite a few entrants

## 8. Cross Country Captain's report:

Nine men and five ladies on Sunday (Markfield); scored in both leagues. Good performances – Mike was 10<sup>th</sup>, Nick 15<sup>th</sup>, Ceri 72<sup>nd</sup>. Jackie 30<sup>th</sup>, Ruth 43<sup>rd</sup>. Clare M made debut.

## 9. Network Meeting

- i. Coaching Co-ordinators' meeting
- ii. Joint session with West End next week with S&C coach
- iii. Chip timing proposal provisionally agreed by Network now to LRRL
- iv. Kids XC went well, more than 1300 children, very positive feedback re. course and venue. Very well marked out course. Comms with schools remain a problem. RH provided reasonable support as hares/tortoises

## 10. Glooston

### 2011

Lost £4.23, so just about broke even.

### 2012

Move back by a week? Depends on when other clubs are timing their races

Gap between Huncote and September programme? Would we have manpower? Also Olympics in this period.

Move to Sunday morning? Week after Stathern? Would then be the Sunday before Hungarton, so not a runner.

Keep as is for another year? Improve marketing (already in Runners' World, advise clubs, could do more fly posting at more races, particularly in Northampton and East Midlands GP)

Major problem is location – perceived to be remote and difficult to get to. Many more races in the north of the county. Kibworth and Langton are/were lowest attended races in leagues

What about staging 5K in parallel with 10K at a small discount and gift rather than cash prizes? Issues re. expense (numbers, two sets of officials, two finish funnels). Defer for further consideration.

Proposed: stay with Saturday, around same date, and improve marketing at East Midlands GP races, other sports clubs/leisure centres in Market Harborough, Fleckney and Kibworth, more colour posters earlier on (Easter). **AGREED**

## 11. Subscriptions 2012

Four scenarios:

- Keep them the same
- Reduce subscription to £20 but runners pay all race fees
- Increase subscription to £30 (and pay race fees as now)
- Two tariffs depending on regularity of races participated

Now paying for more people to race than 5 years ago – draining the coffers. £350 in winter league race fees in 2011, likely to pay £300 in Xc fees by end of 2011, £350 to EA, £70 to ARC, £10 per vest for each new member from £1500 in subs

Most clubs charge £15/£20. All apart from Hinkley don't pay race fees. A number of other clubs charge for training nights. No reason to charge for training. Difficult to collect money at XC, easier at Winter League races. Current structure hugely beneficial to race obsessives, but social runner subsidise. Good argument for not charging for XC – need to encourage racers

Proposal: all-inclusive rate for people who race include Winter League and XC races and EA accreditation. £15 for those with no interest in races.

Counter proposal: £20 subscription and then charge for all race fees

Counter counter proposal: All inclusive sub of £30, honorary members should pay for races (collected at end of Winter league). **AGREED**

## 12. Chip timing

Winter league doesn't need chip timing (except at Ashby) – disc system works well in closed races. Benefit would be for summer league – sometimes have to wait quite a while for results and there are errors on a regular basis. League wouldn't have a say in whether summer league races used chip system – race directors can decide to use their own system and charge accordingly (eg Swithland, Hinkley Half etc). Some support for chip timing in view of declining number of volunteer officials necessary to operate traditional system. Club will vote against the adoption of chip timing in winter league races.

## 13. AGM and Presentation Evening

All in one didn't work particularly well – not everyone took part in the AGM, detracted from the enjoyment of the evening, business wasn't as well conducted as it might have been.

AGM – skittle alley at Rose & Crown in Thurnby. Second Tuesday in January 2012.

Presentation Evening – WMC in Duncan Road, £100 for an evening. Rowing Club is £230. Kitchen available at both venues. Buffet again – but with better portion

control. Alternative – hot fork buffet from chafing dishes. Mark to investigate further cooking facilities, dates towards end of January and costings. Reduce value of first raffle prize and withdraw other cash prize. No support for proposal that Committee members sponsor awards. Need to think about nominations.

#### **14. Social**

Successful quiz night. Keith apologised for short notice due to computer problems. Next event will be skittles evening and curry night before Christmas. Pirate night on Wednesday before Christmas (female participation is much less at themed nights – needs to be more discipline so group doesn't get so spread out).

#### **15. Membership**

71 current members

Ballot for club places – need to ask Kim to apply for places and then to work out who is eligible.

#### **16. AOB**

Nothing additional.