

Roadhoggs Committee Meeting

LCCC

7 October 2014

1. **Present:** Dan Bannantyne, Jackie Brown, Keith Dakin, Barbara Hermann, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Steve Martin, Colin Smith, Sid Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan, Kim Richardson,
2. **Apologies:** Ron Atton, Malc Blyth, Lucy McMillan, Barry Waterfield,
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014:** Agreed
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**
None
5. **Chairman's report:**

The Club's overall performance in the 2014 LRRL was disappointing, but there were one or two stand-out individual performances, in particular from Mark R – 100% and achieved sub-6 minute miles in every race (including the John Fraser 10). There is a great deal to look forward to, including the celebration of the Club's 30th anniversary at the Presentation Evening and organising two races in 2015. In a new initiative sponsored by England Athletics, Run Leaders from the Club will be working with the University of Leicester to run beginners' groups at both university sports centres. The Club is moving forward on coaching, with Dan Ban and Steve R doing the LIRF course in November.

6. **Treasurer's report:**

At £1850.00 the bank balance is healthier than it usually is at this time of year due to £500 from EA for our involvement in the University beginners' groups (although this is hypothecated against coaching course fees). The only major expenditure expected before the end of the calendar year are (i) two Derby Runner cross-country races and (ii) the purchase of trophies for the Presentation Evening. Funds raised via Easyfundraising from on-line shopping by members has now topped £40 (although the funds won't be transferred to the club until £100 has been raised).

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

There was not a great deal to report. The absence of Nick and Ludo from league racing was reflected in the final league positions: senior men relegated to Division 2, vet men just managing to stay in Division 2. It would be helpful if our faster male runners could be persuaded to compete in more LRRL races next year. There was a discussion about the options for broadening the Club's competitive horizons and thereby offer more challenges to the faster runners. Examples mentioned included the Midland Road Relays and, in cross-country, the North Midlands League and Midlands relays and the 7 mile Championships in November.

8. Female Road Racing Captain's report:

The ladies had a poor season due to injuries and the prospects for the coming season are not looking a great deal rosier. However, discussions are on-going with Scraftoft Joggers (which are not intending to affiliate to the LRRL or become an England Athletics affiliated club) regarding their ladies running for Roadhogs in the Winter League.

9. Cross Country Captain's report:

The Club has had the go-ahead to organise a Derby Runner race on 18 January 2015. This will be two laps of a triangular course around Bradgate Park. Marshals will be required. The first Derby Runner race will be on 16 November 2014 – with the exception of Roadhogg's race, all venues and organising clubs are as per 2013/2014. Kim will email to canvass interest in the Midlands cross-country relay championships, with Dave L acting as team manager in Kim's absence. Thanks to all Roadhogs who helped out at the recent kid's cross-country event.

9. Kibworth 2015

The Club will be organising the LRRL Kibworth 6 on 8 March 2015. The venue and WI have been booked. However, an official course measurement is required due to the minor modifications to the start and finish positions. A 30 minute road closure has been approved for the start and there will be traffic control (using cones and stop/go boards) in Smeeton Westerby for the finish. Dave L proposed that a small group, comprising himself, Colin and Ian (now traffic management trained) should oversee the final arrangements, particularly car parking. Dave S remarked that the "branded" hi-viz tabards worn by the marshals at the John Fraser 10 had looked very professional. Dave L undertook to investigate the costs of purchasing similar for the Club.

10. Subscriptions 2015

There was a discussion about subscription rates for the coming year. It was noted that: (i) Winter League race fees would be increasing to £4 per runner per race, (ii) EA club affiliation fees had increased by £2 per member, and, (iii) that profits from the two races the Club would be organising were likely to be reduced compared to previous years. However, the Committee recalled that the subscriptions had been increased last year, partly in anticipation of there being 6 Winter League races in 2014 instead of the usual 5. It was agreed, therefore, that subscriptions should remain at 2014 rates but that members should be advised that the increased race fees and EA affiliation fees had been absorbed by the Club.

11. Membership News

Current membership stands at 86, with 66 individually affiliated to EA. It is hoped, therefore, that the Club should receive two London Marathon places for 2015.

12. Social News

i. Presentation Evening

To tie in with the Club's 30th anniversary, the theme of the evening would be *The 1980s*, with tickets priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children. John S intends to convene an organising sub-committee towards the end of October/early November. There was a discussion about various ways in which former members could be traced and invited to attend. Dan will put together a poster for circulation to members.

ii. Quiz evening (early 2015)

The Rose & Crown in Thurnby is no longer available due to change of management. Other options under consideration include the Oadby Owl, the Black Horse in Aylestone and the Horse & Trumpet in Wigston.

12. AOB

i. Jackie's proposal to invite Clare to act as Vice-Captain of the Ladies' Team was accepted.

ii. There was a discussion about broadening the training offering, particularly in the form of parallel rehab sessions on a Wednesday evening for members coming back from injury. It was noted that, with an increased number of trained run leaders, the Club could contemplate offering different sessions to elite, returners and social runners. It was suggested that the trained leaders get together in the New Year to discuss ideas and formulate a plan.