

Roadhoggs Committee Meeting

The Cricketers

9 April 2013

- 1) Present: Ron Atton, Jackie Brown, Mark Chamberlain, Keith Dakin, Alison Lodwick, Dave Lodwick, Steve Martin, Colin Smith, Sid Smith, John Stew, Dave Swan, Barry Waterfield
- 2) Apologies: Kim Richardson, Barry Waterfield. (Malc Blyth also not present)
- 3) Minutes: Agreed
- 4) Matters arising from the Minutes: Many members had purchased flashing armbands for winter training.
- 5) Chairman's report:

Dave S noted that we had made a good start to the racing year – particularly the ladies team. However, he felt that the highlight of the year so far was the Kibworth 6 in the LRRL. He felt that it was one of the best races that Roadhoggs has staged, mainly due to the remarkable support of members, their family and friends on the day – even though it was Mother's Day and several members were celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. He felt that we had really worked well together as a club and he thanked everyone for contributing to a successful event.

- 6) Treasurer's report:

The current bank balance stands at £2587.53, with outstanding liabilities of £390.00 (England Athletics affiliation fees). Colin thanked members for paying their membership subscriptions promptly. Life members were reminded that the club pays only their basic subscription and that they are personally responsible for their EA affiliation fee.

The Kibworth 6 generated a profit of £305.40, as follows:

Receipts:	£1288.40
Race permit:	£10.00
Hire of school:	£189.00
Chip timing:	£392.00
LRRL:	£392.00
Total expenditure:	£983.00

- 7) Men's Road Running Captain and Coach's report:

The men's team had made a good start to the season and was benefitting from the enthusiasm of some new, younger members. The Senior men are currently in the middle of Division 2. The Vets were just out of the relegation zone of Division 1 but it is unlikely that they will be able to maintain that position to the end of the season.

Mark has been doing a lot of work with Harry and Lee. Saturday track sessions have been very poorly attended due to the cold weather. With the warmer weather and lighter evenings, Mark is looking to alternate sessions between Saturday and Wednesday (for example, he ran a hill session on the previous Wednesday evening).

Several members of the committee asked about coaching provision for the weaker runners. Mark advised that coaching sessions were open to everyone and that different ability levels could be accommodated within a single session. It was suggested that some of the weaker runners are inhibited from attending sessions alongside our elite runners and would appreciate a separate coaching session, focussed on their particular needs. Mark undertook to give the matter further consideration.

8) Ladies Road Running Captain's report:

Jackie was pleased to report that both the Senior and Vet Ladies were top of their respective Division 2. Rae, Amy and Charlotte are running especially well. She is actively chasing up members before every race to ensure that we get full teams out, as it is sometimes difficult for the ladies to fit in races around work and family commitments, particularly during the first few months of the year when the LRRL and Derby Runner overlap. There are a number of ladies preparing for London and they have been encouraging and supporting each other through joint training runs and hill sessions. She is hoping that a number will be back in the LRRL at Markfield, as they will be tapering their mileage by then.

9) Cross-country Captain's report:

Roadhogs continued to field strong teams in the league races at Foremark and Fosse Meadows in February, and at Holly Hayes in March. We held our place with 8th in division 1 of the overall league, whilst the men finished 3rd and the ladies 4th in division 2 of their leagues. Nick and Jackie finished 4th and 5th in their individual age groups. This was a great result all round considering how we compete against some much bigger clubs. And we saw more debut runners for Roadhogs this season than ever. Outside of the league, there was a record 12 Roadhogs in the Charnwood Hills race with Nick and Bec leading in the teams, and 10 in the Belvoir Off-road Challenge races led in by Jerry in the marathon distance race and Dale and Ruth in the shorter 16-mile. It has been good to see so many new Roadhogs trying out at cross-country. From the early days when we were lucky to get more than one or two runners out we now see squads of 20 or more, and the newer runners stay with us so they must enjoy the difference in racing cross-country from racing on the roads. Best of all is our friendly team spirit, with banter and laughter in the tent and everyone supporting everyone else.

10) Kibworth League Race 2013

Dave S thanked Ron for setting up the course, Sid for setting up the water station and Ian for doing a terrific job organising the car parking. It helped greatly that we had more marshalls than in previous years and that many were available from early morning (8.15 am onwards).

Starting the race from the school access road was very successful and made the start easier to manage. There was one slight problem at the finish, with the first dozen or so finishers missing the tunnel, but that was quickly rectified. Colin reported that he had received an email from the WI – they felt the event had gone well and would like to be asked next year, but requested that, if at all possible, we avoid running the race on Mothering Sunday!

11) Summer Race 2014

Members were reminded that we had agreed to take a “sabbatical” from putting on a summer race this year, with a view to identifying an alternative to the Glooston course. Ilston-on-the-Hill and Burton Overy are strong candidates, as both offer a range of good routes on quiet country roads, with easy access from the city. Of the two, Burton Overy is closer to town and has the slightly larger pub. It was agreed that further investigation of possible venues in Burton Overy (for example, the Village Hall) and a suitable parking field should be undertaken.

12) Social News

Keith has a number of events in the pipeline:

3rd May: curry (or alternative) night

15th or 22nd June : camping

July: Roadhoggs Got Talent event

August: picnic and games in Knighton Park followed by a BBQ chez Lodwick

There was also support amongst the Committee for a club trip in late summer to a race on the East Coast – hiring a coach and accommodation for runners and their spouses/partners.

13) Membership news:

On the basis of 2013 fully paid up subscriptions, there are 58 paid up and life members (with 39 also affiliated to EA).

14) Other business:

- a. The Committee was reminded that the new constitution provides a framework for dealing with disciplinary matters, but that this needs to be underpinned by a full procedure. The Welfare Officers were asked to draft disciplinary and complaints handling procedures for the Committee’s consideration.
- b. Dave L advised the Committee that he has been elected to the East Midlands Regional Council.
- c. The Committee was advised that three officers have now been trained in safeguarding and child protection (the two Welfare Officers plus the Vice-Chairman).