



# **REDHILL ROAD RUNNERS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Wagon and Horses, Redhill, Arnold.

## **Present**

Dave Walsh (D.W); Martyn Newton (M.N.); Hayley Purdy (H.P.); Jo Stocks (J.S.);  
Valerie Walker (V.W.); Simon Nash (S.N.); Leigh Stubbs (L.S.); Mark Davis (M.D.);  
Wendy Lawson (W.L.)

## **Apologies**

Pete Henley (P.H.); Phil James (P.J); Soheila Yousef (S.Y.); Francesco Lari (F.L.)

## **Chairman's Introduction**

L.S. opened the meeting at 20.00pm.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Reviewed and agreed.

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

Louise Kelly is no longer a member of the club, she has changed clubs and has agreed that the club may retain what she has already paid towards membership. There were 7 new members join the club last month.

M.D suggests that members are encouraged to use the BACS transfer method to pay membership fees rather than the S.I. route. (S.I entries charge 5% to the club for each member using this method). Cash payers are to be discouraged. D.W. commented that the S.I entry method had encouraged members to pay their fees before January 1<sup>st</sup> and before then members had been leaving it late in the year to pay. M.D said using internet banking would be just as easy for members.

The preferred method of payment will be by BACS transfer from now on and the price increase has been voted in.

County Champs entries for January 5<sup>th</sup>2019 will require membership having been paid on or before December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (entries must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup>) as the club must pay for these places and does not want to lose money on entrants who don't renew their membership on time.

Membership prices are as follows:

First claim adult place: £32

Second claim place: £16

Junior under 18 places: £16

There are two Virgin London Marathon club places to draw off this year, to qualify members must have had at least two full years paid membership (and be paid up for 2019 membership before the draw and didn't win the draw last year) and qualify for a Grand Prix Finish. Members who qualified for good for age will not be included in this draw. Members wishing to enter this draw should speak with Leigh Stubbs.

The Christmas Fuddle Raffle prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize the choice of a piece of kit or Newstead Abbey Dash place

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize the choice of a Beanie, T shirt or Newstead Abbey Dash Place

## **Social Secretary's Report**

Dovedale was a success.

There is a social Curry night organised for 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Someone needs to put up the Christmas Fuddle food lists, and someone needs to organise a Christmas lights run, plus two run leaders/coaches need to take a torch run into Bestwood County Lodge.

## **Fell Running**

No action, there are no fell runs organised at present.

## **Kit Report**

W.L. stated we are well stocked now, and £700 worth of vests had been ordered. Currently there is £1623 (selling price) worth of kit in stock.

M.D. suggested a new system of replacing stock when an item falls below 2 in stock and only replenishing by 5. D.W. says that the amount of stock that the club is carrying now, might be due to the expanded range the club has now. i.e. Club jackets, training vests and the need for larger sizes.

It was agreed across the board that vests will now be £18 the same as club T shirts. It has been noted that club shirts take between 3-6 weeks to arrive after ordering.

Wendy says that someone borrowed a top at one of the cross-country events and then replaced it with a much older vest.

Tamzin's Facebook Poll about changing club colours was undertaken on her own initiative and was not an official survey on behalf of the club Committee. D.W. expressed his gratitude to Tamzin for raising this issue, which was further discussed during the meeting. M.D. highlighted the need to understand the issues that members are having with the present kit. D.W. suggests there could be an issue with the material such as the fabric is causing nipple chaffing to some members. M.D. raised the a concern that changing the material could make the kit expensive. D.W. suggested that we have too much invested at present in our stock of club vests to change the colours, it would not be economically viable. He also raised concern that not everyone may find it easy to buy new kit should all members be required to do so due to a change in club colours.

The committee agreed that the club should not change its colours at this stage. L.S. is to give W.L Richard's email to see how much a change in fabric for the club vests would cost.

J.S. got back on the subject of crop tops, and says they were too expensive and the samples she received were too short.

### **Finance Secretary's Report**

HP raised concerns about cash payments to the club, due to logistic difficulties with documenting receipts. This has been an issue for some time which previously proposed solutions have not resolved. Going forward as of today the club is going to be a cashless club. H.P. has set an online account up in which she will send details to M.D. and D.W. for them to register with as 'co-signatories'. This way she will be able to check who has paid what there and when. For payments all receipts will go to H.P. and she will submit the payment for authorisation by M.D., D.W. or L.S. Leigh has been added by mandate to the signatory and this will automatically give him access to the online banking. The club's online banking details will be given to members for them to pay their club membership and pay for any Redhill kit they may wish to purchase. Cash payments will no longer be accepted. L.S said that payment for kit should be done through BACS and then for H.P. to inform W.L. when the payment has been made, so that W.L. can then hand the item of kit over to whoever has paid for it. It was also agreed that M.N. was no longer to accept cash for membership and that members should be strongly encouraged to use BACS payment to the club.

At 14 November the club's within year outgoings exceed income by £2.2k. This is mainly due to the following reasons;

1. It was previously agreed by the committee that Newstead Abbey Dash was not to make a profit this year and due to the significant issues with timing and results in the in previous 2 years we decided to pay £1,253 on chip timing in 2018. The Newstead Abbey event cost approximately £1,500 in total and the club made a small loss of £90.28.
2. Our clothing range has increased and therefore we have £1.6k worth of stock we are currently holding.
3. SI Entries are charging us 5% on our payments through them so we can be paying roughly £200 fees for people paying this way.

The coach for the Dovedale Dash cost £405 this year and the club raised £342 for seats on the coach making a loss of £63. The club also gave £100 towards the Social Summer Barbeque.

M.D Said we need to question chip timing for Newstead Abbey, while D.W. suggested to increase the Newstead Abbey entry fees; this was agreed. M.D. also suggested a £15 entry fee and to give a free mug to participants D.W. said that this could be discussed at the next committee meeting. L.S pointed out that the Newstead Abbey Dash was the club's biggest loss.

The club keeps entries down to 250 as to increase this number would involve more costs for medical cover and the club would have to start providing porter loos, which would be even more expense,

County Champs entries cost the club £5 each, and it was suggested that if the entrants were to have to pay for their own places the club wouldn't find anyone to represent them. H.P. suggested that the club should ban members for 3 events if they don't show up to an event that they put their name down for and the club has paid for them.

It was decided that the discussion on these race events would be discussed more next meeting.

### **Coaching**

Coaches will need to safe guard and have their CRB checks done before April. The CRB check lasts for 3 years and after April it will cost the club £10 for an online course for each coach wishing to get a CRB check, so to save the club this extra expense all coaches need to have completed this before April 2019.

### **Other Business**

It was mentioned that Redhill Road Runners used to organise the Christmas Relays which were then taken over by Notts Athletics. Notts A.C are no longer organising the Christmas Relays. D.W. pointed out that the club has not got time to do this now for 2018, but suggested this issue could be revisited for 2019.

L.S, D.W. and M.D. will be looking at next years races to be put on next year's Grand Prix qualifying list for next year. This is to be done by the next committee meeting.

P.H is looking at next years fell running according to L.S.

The cut off date for anyone wishing to upgrade from C<sub>2</sub>5K to full membership for £15 is the end of December, after this they will have to pay for a full priced membership.

F.L has given the club an application form for a Community Grant. The grant could help pay for coaching and rent for use of the Youth Centre. The money for the grant will come from Michael Pain who has already funded the badminton club and other clubs at Redhill. L.S asked the committee if they were happy to put the application in and got a yes vote.

Clive Greyson has sent the club an email about disclosing the financial situation of the club and it has been agreed that the club will make available the end of year PAL accounts on its website. The end of year accounts will be verified by Dennis (a contact of M.D) before being made available.

The minutes from committee meetings are also going to be made available on the website. L.S. said they will need to be proof read by 2 out of the 3 chairs/vice chairs. L.S being he chairman and M.D and D.W being the two vice chairmen.

Concerned was raised about injuries sustained during club runs. One member fell during a couch to 5K run and subsequently had ankle problems. C<sub>2</sub>5k runners are not club members, but sign a disclaimer prior to joining the programme.

Another member recently twisted her ankle while on a run in Bestwood Country Park. No-one had a mobile phone with them and another member who had been on the run went to fetch the car to pick the injured member up, while 2 other runners stayed with her in the park. Because no-one had a phone with them and Kev took a while, no-one was able to check that he hadn't got lost. DW suggested that coaches/run leaders carr a mobile phone. It was noted that these phones would not carry personal details of all the runners, and it was not felt that this should be a requirement of coaches/run leaders. The discussion on run leaders/coaches carrying mobile phones was left open.

### **Next Meeting**

Possibly Wednesday 12/12/2018

### **Finish 21:23**