



RFRC Committee Meeting Minutes

7th January 2015 – The Kings Arms

Chair: Sandra Williams (SW)

Present: Phil Wilson (PW), Kate Mackenzie (KM), Ron Foord (RF), Peter Hall (PH), Nadine Prouse (NP), Malcolm Boon (MB), Dave Loader (DL), Mike Nicholls (MN), Liz Williams (LW), Kris Saint (KS)

- **Apologies:** None
- **Previous minutes**

The minutes were approved with the following observations:

Hi Viz – RF wanted confirmation on what was needed and will make further enquiries

ICE Tags. SW still investigating. PW pointed out that ICE tags can also be bought from parkrun

- **George Hudson Award Nominations**
 - NP nominated Sarah Capstick for her commitment to club as a group leader, despite being capable of running in a higher group. And her personal achievements and improvements as a club runner
- **Club Race Colours**
 - After recent photographs from the Stoke Stampede showing club runners in non-RFRC club kit PW proposed reminding club members of the rule stating club colours should be worn. It was decided that this would be counterproductive since the majority of members do abide by this rule. A comment could be added to the newsletter and a general reminder to members sent before popular local races (e.g. Taunton Half).
- **Track**
 - A proposal has been received that Jo Carritt should be paid for her track coaching. This was felt to be inappropriate for a number of reasons and was rejected unanimously by the committee.
 - It was speculated that there may be problems with the level and lack of coaching at track sessions and it was felt that the approach is not sufficiently inclusive. SW is proposing to go to track and coach on alternate weeks.
 - There is also a problem with non-members using track session. Various options were discussed but it was felt that the simplest option was to continue with track being for members only. How this is policed was also discussed and the simplest option is to have a weekly sign-in sheet. This is also important for ICE reasons too.

- **Group Leaders Meeting Report**
 - Meeting took place on 19th November 2014 – minutes are pending for the meeting
 - First aid kits for group leaders was raised. It was the opinion of this committee that these can be very simple and do not need to be in the form of a specific official first aid kit. Just a few dressings and antiseptic wipes in a Ziploc bag are sufficient for most running injuries.
- **Committee Posts/AGM**
 - DL confirmed that he will be standing down in April
 - A date of April 17th (Friday) was suggested. PW to check with the Albermarle Centre for availability
 - Entertainments of bingo or quizgo were suggested. SW to investigate
- **Humdinger**
 - Everything still progressing well.
 - The race licence has obtained from ARC.
 - The road closure application is submitted. Somerset Highways will email the closure notice to PW once approved.
 - Entries: Humdinger 92 and Hurtle 37 (figures from 13/01/2015). Expected entry levels around 150 Humdinger and 50 Hurtle.
 - PW advised that there is quite a large capital outlay for additional equipment this year and profitability is questionable.
 - NP asked if Perry and Prouse could have some publicity from the race in return for use of the land rover as support vehicle. This was approved.
 - NP and PW will promote the race through additional activity on the race Facebook and Twitter pages
 - Marshals meetings confirmed for 14th and 21st Jan (both Weds) after running at the Kings Arms

AOB.

- MN has received an invitation from John Lewis to attend the Taunton Carnival annual presentation evening and asked if anyone else was interested in attending. SW and MB agreed to attend with MH.
- SW proposed that committee meeting dates should be advertised on the club website and invitations should be made for member's suggestions a week before each committee meeting.
- RF has been investigating a long sleeved club shirt. He will send round details later.
- Membership: PH has confirmed that EA affiliation for any new member joining Jan to March is extended until the end of the following membership year. So a new affiliated member joining in January has EA membership until the end of March, the following year. He has proposed that anyone joining the club in these months should therefore get the same deal from the club. This neatly solves the annual problem of anyone joining in the first three months of the year getting a bad deal. The suggestion was approved and the website will be updated.
- PH proposed that he makes a formal complaint to Facebook for infringement of Intellectual Property by the unofficial RFRC Facebook group. He has since submitted the complaint.

Next meeting date – 4th March 2015

