



RFRC Committee Meeting Minutes

4th March 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), Kris Saint (KS)

- **Apologies:** Liz Williams
- **Previous minutes**

The minutes were approved with the following observations:

ICE tags. SW produced sample tags, which were approved. She will email members with info from 1st April (new membership year).

Club Colours. Agreed to issue a reminder to members before the Taunton Half/Marathon

Track. Still a few issues, mainly around catering for runners from the lower groups. SW has not been able to speak with Jo but will put something into place in future months.

Committee Meeting Dates – still need to be added to the club website

- **Humdinger/Hurtle**
 - Both races to either start together or with a shorter interval. It is easier to start both races together for the timing team.
 - A change in race route was looked at but it was decided to keep both routes the same
 - At the time of the meeting it was undecided whether to use Full on Sport or Runners World for online entries. Runners World have the advantage that by using them the race is automatically advertised in the RW magazine etc. Next year's race is already registered as an event with Runners World.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - There is a balance at the moment of approximately £3800 in the club account.
 - Final accounts for the Humdinger to be published when ready.
 - NP will make a financial statement at the AGM
- **George Hudson Member of the Year Award.**
 - DL proposed Jan Burton for her help with the Humdinger.
- **DBS**

- PW proposed that any person organising a group outside of the main club times (i.e. Wednesday and Sunday) should be asked to obtain DBS clearance. This is free for voluntary positions. This was rejected until such a time as it becomes a legal requirement.
- **Group Leaders Meeting Report**
 - There are some problems with the lower groups with groups 6 and 7 being leaderless at the moment.
 - SW proposed that group leader requirements should be less formalised since this might be putting some members off.
- **Club Kit**
 - The Ladies vest is no longer available as it is discontinued. It was agreed to supply unisex vests in the future.
- **RFRC@ parkrun**
 - Quantock Harriers will be “taking over” parkrun this month by supplying all but a few core team volunteer positions. This is an excellent opportunity for them to promote their club as well as to celebrate the parkrun phenomenon. PW suggested that RFRC do the same thing. Need to find a date when most are available. Some days in May to be investigated.
- **400400 Challenge**
 - This is a charity event being organised by a runner who will run a marathon route every day over several weeks, each route, support etc, being provided by local clubs. RFRC have been approached to help out.
 - A route has been drafted which incorporates loops out from the town centre. Each loop varies in distance from a couple of miles up to around 9. This will take place in September on a Sunday so plenty of opportunity for club members to run some of the legs as well. Basing in the town centre means we can provide a drinks/feed station and get some local publicity (Tone FM for instance).
- **AGM**
 - The Albermarle Centre has been booked.
 - Quizgo to be used for entertainment after the main meeting
- **SCAA**
 - The Somerset County Athletics Association hold regular meetings and it was suggested that we should attend these to give the club a presence at county level.

AOB.

- Time Trial – date agreed of last Wednesday in April.
- Taunton Athletics Club – have offered RFRC the use of their clubhouse for track nights. They are keen to establish contacts between the clubs and to share resources.
- Race Against a Car. SW has been approached by the organisers to put a team together from RFRC. It is organised by Red Bull and they pay for transport to Silverstone race track. More details when available.
- RF queried the cost to hire the track on Monday evenings. He was charged a different rate!

- KS agreed to take on a new role on the committee of “Race Champion”/publicist

Next meeting date – 6th May 2015