

## RFRC Committee Meeting

4 May 2016 - King's Arms

Present: Sandra Williams (Chair), Phil Wilson, Ron Foord, Scott Weetch, Ben Timpson, Peter Hall, Nadine Prouse, Kris Saint

In Attendance: Val Perigo

### 1 Apologies

Mike Nicholls, Malcolm Boon

### 2 Review of Previous Minutes

- LiRF Refresher Workshop – Decided to leave this for the moment as SASP are covering it.
- Photos – these are still required from the committee members.

### 3 AGM Members Suggestions

- Club Finances – Prudent Reserve The meeting agreed to aim start and finish each financial year with £3,000 in the bank as way of a reserve.
- Marketing of Club
  - **SaW** is meeting with John Lewis (Taunton Marathon, Half and 10k race director) to put together a piece for the Gazette.
  - **SaW** to place photo of Sarah Capstick and George Hudson Award on website.
  - **BT** to take on role of updating the fb page more regularly. All the committee to assist in this task.

### 4 Proposed new committee member – Eliza

- Eliza expressed an interest in joining the committee with a role of organising social events. All agreed and discussed the arranging of a club outing to a running festival.

### 5 Humdinger Sponsors Update

- **SaW** will discuss with John Lewis.
- **RF** advised that SW Motorhomes had offered a sponsorship.
- Perry and Prouse have offered sponsorship.
- Discussion about the issue of a t-shirt or a buff to advertise sponsorship – to be paid for by the sponsor(s). Possibility of Jual to sponsor for t-shirts.

### 6 George Hudson Award Nominations

- All agreed to continue not to allow committee members to be nominated
- Decided to place a poll on fb following each committee meeting throughout the year with votes for member of the month with people nominated by the committee and an option for members to add others. The member each time with the most votes will go through to the George Hudson Award nominations at the next AGM.
- **SaW** nominated Lynn Cunningham for her encouragement to other club members as well as her own achievements.

### 7 COACH Report

- Being built. Nothing further to report currently.

- 8 **Track**
- **SaW** has contacted 1610. RFRC are on a very good deal at the moment and the meeting decided not to go for private use. However will invite the Tri Club to share the cost with us. Any non members using the track should pay £4 directly to 1610 on the night.
- 9 **Warm-ups on Club Night**
- **SaW** will provide a 10 warm-up prior to setting off on the run. A note was made that the announcements must start promptly at 6.30. It will be announced at club next week to start the following week.
- 10 **IT and Website**
- **BT**, Ola Timpson and **PW** will meet to discuss the Humdinger website.
- 11 **Club Disciplinary/Grievance Policy**
- Observations from re-drafted policy:
    - RFRC do not have a members only area on the website. It was agreed to put the results of any grievance in a file on the fb group as that is members only.
    - Grievance can be put in writing or can be via email or verbal.
    - If the committee have not responded in 3 days the member should chase in case the communication has not been picked up.
- 12 **AOB**
- a. Sasp awards - SaW will speak with Helen Phillips as she has experience in nominating.
  - b. Club kit-kids – All decided that this is not currently required. Any member wanting a child's RFRC top for supporting an event can always get a t-shirt printed.
  - c. George Hudson voting/recognition -
    - i. All agreed that at the next AGM the Chair will advise the meeting who has been nominated and why.
    - ii. Discussed possibility of a ballot box being taken to club on Wednesday with the forms to encourage more voting.
  - d. Marketing – see above (3)
  - e. Members voice/suggestions
    - i. Regular parkrunners do not like the time trial course. All agreed that this is the best (and safest) option available.
    - ii. Group 6 appear to be running too fast for their band and creating a big jump from group 7. There also appears to be a problem with looping. **SaW** and **MB** will try to resolve.
  - f. **BT** will email Somerset Series reports and put them on the website as well as putting them on fb. **PW** to set up a Club Championship page on the website.
  - g. Discussed possibility of adding a vest/t-shirt in with joining fee with an opt out to encourage people to run races in club kit.

- h. **PW** to change t-shirt sizing on membership renewal section of the website as they are incorrect.
- i. 160 members now renewed for this year. 110 have not.
- j. **SaW** will remind members to enter London Marathon Ballot if they intend to try for a club place.
- k. Discussed the possibility of managing club Brighton entries in a similar manner to London for next year.
- l. **PH** to ramp up Herepath organisation soon.
- m. Committee email/fb group – the meeting decided that group discussions should take place on the committee fb group rather than via email.

**Next committee meeting: 6 July 2016**