

## RFRC Committee Meeting

1 July 2015 - King's Arms

Present: Sandra Williams (Chair), Malcolm Boon, Kate Mackenzie, Nadine Prouse, Liz Williams

In Attendance: Val Perigo

### 1 Apologies

Peter Hall, Lee Macklin, Kris Saint, Phil Wilson, Ron Foord

### 2 Review of Previous Minutes

#### Track: (Action: SW)

- Training session with Charlotte Fisher will go ahead shortly.
- SW has spoken with Jo Carritt to change evening but she's not keen. The meeting decided to stick with Monday as nobody has actually complained, the attendees seem happy enough and it was agreed that there is no basis to believe that people in the lower groups are too intimidated to join in.

#### Newsletter: (Action: KM & LW)

- KM will send content to LW in August with next newsletter due out in September 2015.

#### Longrun Meadow parkrun: (Action: PW & SW)

- The club are due to fill all the volunteering roles at LMP on Saturday 11 July and someone will attempt to run with the club flag.

#### Club Charities: (Action: KM)

- KM continues to work on this.

#### Event Clips: (Action: RF)

- To be discussed next meeting due to absence of RF.

#### Website: (Action: PW & SW)

- PW to show SW how to update website to help to keep it up to date.

#### 10k Training Group:

- No progress to report.

#### Group Leaders: (Action: MB)

- The meeting noted the shortage of group leaders in place tonight.
- SW suggested splitting group 3 into 2.
- The meeting commented on their concern about over formalising Wednesday evening runs but it was felt that due to club numbers some structure was inevitable.
- The meeting considered whether club members felt that being a group leader was too much pressure and that there are no real benefits in undertaking the role. The possibility of approaching potential candidates personally was discussed.
- A group leaders meeting is to be arranged.

Flier: (Action: SW)

- Two fliers are now available. 500 standard RFRC and 100 beginners group. There is a mixture of A4 and A5.
- The beginners leaflets need to be distributed as a priority.
- LW has also updated the Herepath Half flier.

Car Stickers:

- LW has looked into this and they are too expensive to be considered in the numbers we would require.

Banners: (Action: LW)

- Cost would be £30-£40.

3 **George Hudson Award – Candidates** (Action: All)

There were no further suggestions.

4 **Paypal and alternatives** (Action: NP & PW)

- The issue is that the account is still in the name of Darren Webb (previous Treasurer).
- The meeting considered deleting the account and starting again but noted that the account was previously in MB's name so it could be possible to change it.
- NP will look into alternatives.
- To discuss further next meeting due to absence of PW.

5 **Participation for non-members and non-renewing members** (Action: PH)

- The meeting agreed that 3 months is sufficient time for members to renew and that they should be removed from the facebook group after that period. This also fits in with the EA membership which runs until the end of June.
- *Postscript note. PH has pointed out that the constitution states that membership is not considered to have lapsed until six months after the renewal date. This cannot be changed except at the AGM or an SGM so the current renewal date has to stand for the moment.*

6 **London Marathon rule changes** (Action: SW)

- Following discussions with other clubs SW proposed the following changes to application for RFRC VLM places:
  - must have entered the general ballot for that year;
  - must have been an RFRC member in the previous as well as current year;
  - must wait 3 years after obtaining club place before re applying;
- The meeting agreed adding that the committee will chase the people who have the places to ensure that they have rejoined for the new year.
- SW will email all committee members to obtain full committee agreement.

7 **Trail Group – open to non-members** (Action: PH)

- PH would like to add some non-members to the facebook trail group page due to other club members wanting to join in the group runs. The meeting agreed that to encourage good relations with local clubs this is a good idea.
- It was further discussed that an invitation for members of other clubs visiting the area to join in our runs should be posted on the website. Also mentioned was the possibility of hosting a 'welcome evening' was mentioned.

- 8      **Club funded level 1 coaching courses (Action: PW & SW)**
- Draft guidelines produced by PW were distributed and the meeting agreed these will the following amendments:
    - should not be backdated;
    - being a group leader or deputy for at least 3 months should be amended to has led a group x number of times – this change due to several members of the same group having applied and also that some may not feel able to be a group leader until completion of the course;
    - remove the mention of having no outstanding disciplinary matters – this was deemed to be a bit ‘heavy’;
    - all agreed that a commitment to helping out/volunteering post course is required.
  - SW is trying to set up a course in Taunton which will require 12 runners. Club currently want to fund 4 or 5 runners. The meeting agreed that current group leaders should have first chance at these funded places and formal offers will be made.

- 9      **Treasurer’s report**
- Current balance is around £2,800 with outgoings from April – June 2015 being £856.90.

- 10     **AOB**
- LW: Press article in Gazette re new beginners group. Unfortunately this appeared in the paper with incorrect date and there is concern that people may turn up tomorrow. SW will ensure that someone is there. (Action: SW)
  - LW: New club photo. The meeting agreed that an updated photo will be taken next Wednesday (8 July) by LW’s husband. MB will bring club flags. Status will be posted on facebook to ensure everyone wear’s club kit. (Action: LW & MB)
  - LW: Mars Fund. Money is available through the Mars Fund for clubs for a limited 5 month period which started in March. TRC have received £700 as noticed by NP. The meeting agreed that RFRC should apply. This needs to be done as a matter of urgency due to the finish date of the funding. (Action: SW)
  - SW: Christmas social. Proposed joining a party group where all the arrangements are made on your behalf this year as way of a change and we mix with other groups. SW believes that the cost will be £10 per head at Oake Manor. Also mentioned was the possibility of the Rugby Club. (Action: SW)
  - SW: Committee evening food. The meeting agreed to pay more for chicken nuggets and veggie burgers instead of sausages.
  - SW: Social on Sat 27 June. This was a great success. Proposed something similar every 3 months and will look at next event to be held after the Taunton 10k. (Action: SW)

**Next committee meeting: 2 September 2015**