



RFRC Committee Meeting Minutes

2nd July 2014 – The Kings Arms

Chair: Sandra Williams (SW)

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

1. Apologies: Mike Nicholls (MN), Kris Saint (KS)

2. Previous minutes

- The minutes were approved with some comments below.
- Club 10th Anniversary Celebration – There will be a Barn Dance on Friday October 17th. This will be organised by SW and more details to follow.
- Club Base – SW attended a meeting and the project to build a base in French Weir park is likely to go ahead but it unlikely that it will be available for use until at least next year.
- Quiz Night – We will have these at regular dates throughout the year – probably at the Christmas meal and the AGM
- Time Trials – it was felt that the route was very good but that the walk to the start a little too long. In future we will use the Viridor car park on the opposite side of the river to meet for the time trials. A schedule for the next few time trials will be put onto the club website. PW to action.
- Runners ID. SW is still dealing with this.
- Hi Viz Vests with logo – still to be actioned
- Membership Cards. DL produced some sample cards. These were approved – DL to issue to the remaining membership.
- New Member's Pack – LW waiting on PW for discount list. PW to action.
- Dropbox for club documents. This was not discussed at the meeting but is an action from the previous minutes. PW has set up a club Dropbox account.

3. Finance

- NP is working through the existing accounts from Toni.
- NP is not receiving notifications from PayPal. PW to check.

4. Humdinger

- Following a meeting with Adrian Gridling, the Somerset Police Event Planning Officer the original routes have been abandoned because there are too many road closures and at least one would close off all traffic to Hestercombe Gardens and is highly likely to be challenged. Adrian proposed two alternative routes which would have a single road closure. PH has also proposed two further routes – a half marathon route and a 10k. The 10k route was not accepted because it meant running down the

Kingston Road, which PW feels is too risky. The same applies to one of Adrian's proposed routes. The committee agreed that the half marathon route was extremely challenging and fitted the ethos of the Humdinger and so was accepted.

- A 4.5 mile Hurtle route was also accepted. Both routes need to be approved by Adrian but he is not available until the 28th July because he is on holiday. PW to email him the routes as soon as possible on his return.
- All road closures are now handled by Somerset Highways. PW has already contacted Jeff Bunting who has stated that they would not even consider processing a road closure for February until November. PW feels this is completely unacceptable and will be applying for the road closure as soon as possible and will press Jeff for an earlier processing date. The club cannot be in the position of having everything for the race in place apart from a road closure order.
- As part of the road closure application a traffic management plan, marshal positions, road signage plans and a risk assessment need to be supplied. MB to check with Deane DLO to see if they are able to provide the traffic management plan as part of their carrying out the road closure.

5. Membership

- A member was used as an example who joined in February but then questioned why he needed to pay for his membership again in April. The problem the club has is that while this seems a reasonable request, it would mean, in theory at least, that the club has to pay the EA affiliation twice. DL stated that EA have in fact given the member in question affiliation for the current year anyway because by the time they had processed the payment it was too late for 2013/14. He has extended this member's membership for the current year.
- It was also felt that while the majority of those who attend club happily join, there remains a core of members who don't. KM is to prepare a paragraph to go on Facebook as a sticky, and the club website which gives some basic information such as that we are happy for people to run with us for a few weeks but we do expect them to join after that.

6. Club Races

- MB is still struggling to get replies from the Group Leaders.
- It was proposed that we hold a meeting for Group Leaders on the 16th July.

7. Facebook

- We still have a problem that John Ward is the owner of the Facebook group. It was felt that all administrators should be committee members. SW to ask John to resign himself as the group owner.
- A proposal was made to restrict the Facebook group to club members only. In the end it was felt that this would be counter-productive and a vote was taken on leaving the group open to all. This was carried by 7 votes to 2.
- All administrators of the group who are not committee members will be demoted.
- A link to the club Twitter page is to be added to Facebook and the club website. PH and PW to action.

8. George Hudson Award Nomination

- Two nominations were made. Both nominees were approved unanimously.

9. Black Tie Annual Event and Club Awards

- We received a suggestion from Scott Weech that the club holds an annual black tie evening at Oake Golf Club or similar and part of the evening would be a club award

ceremony. It was felt that there would be very little interest in a black tie event which is likely to be expensive but that club awards were a good thing to have.

- PW suggested the Grand Slam award for anyone completing a 5k, 10k, 10 mile, half marathon and marathon in the year (January to December).

10. AOB

- **Email.** PW has set up a club account with MailChimp following LW's suggestion. This is an online mass email service which can be used to generate emails to members without problems of mass mailing and anti-spam measures. PW to send details of the log on details. The service has a reduced version of the club membership database imported (name and email address only). PW to keep this up to date with DL.
- Graham has decided to resign from the committee immediately. This is because of work pressures. If his work situation improves he will consider returning.

Next committee meeting is on 3rd September 2014