



RFRC Committee Meeting Minutes

5th November 2014 – 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)

- **Apologies:** Mike Nicholls (MN), Liz Williams (LW), Kris Saint (KS)
- **Previous minutes**

The minutes were approved with the following observations:

Time Trial. PW still to set the dates for the series starting next spring.

The new member pack is now completed. The committee thanked LW for her hard work on this.

- **George Hudson Award Nominations**
 - PW proposed Damon Butler for his running achievements and his work helping the beginners group as a group leader.
 - SW proposed Michelle Lomax for her running achievements and for helping other club members.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The current balance in the bank is approximately £5837. NP produced a set of balance accounts which are added to these minutes as an addenda.
 - Online banking has been looked at. There are two options.
 1. Make NP the primary user but have no authorised payments from the online account
 2. Authorise NP to make payments online as needed.

The second option was approved unanimously.
- **Herepath Half**
 - The race was full and on the day we had 124 runners
 - No problems with volunteers
 - All feedback has been extremely positive and the race will definitely go ahead next year.
 - Next year's date has been set at 25th October.

- **Humdinger**
 - Everything progressing well. The Humdinger course has been measured and we now have a certificate of measurement.
 - The race licence is in the process of being applied for.
 - Taunton Deane have produced a traffic management plan.
 - We are almost ready to apply for the road closure from Somerset Highways.
 - Entries are now open and are starting to trickle in.
 - A signage plan needs to be produced and signs ordered from Running Imp
 - The memento needs to be decided on.
 - Race numbers need to be ordered
 - Marshalling plan to be finalised

- **Club Race Policy**
 - PW proposed that in future all club members who want to enter a club race should first put themselves forward for marshalling. Only when enough marshals have volunteered and the number of surplus marshals is known do we then offer places in the race by ballot to those who want to run. This was rejected by the committee as both unfair and unnecessary.

- **Newsletter**
 - PW proposed a new format to the newsletter. A basic and straightforward newsletter with the emphasis on club news rather than race reports.
 - Two pages and in email format using Mailchimp. Page one is news and page two a mixture of race results (in basic list form) and races coming up in the next month or so.
 - KM to investigate this further.

- **New Membership Rates**
 - Following the decision at the last committee meeting to raise affiliated member rates next April to reflect the increased EA individual affiliation costs PW queried whether non-affiliated member rates should be increased to keep the differential the same.
 - This was rejected as both unfair and unnecessary

- **Groups**
 - MB has produced a draft document for all group leaders
 - A Group Leaders meeting will be set up quarterly. The first meeting is set at 19th November.
 - MB will also set up a Facebook group for Group Leaders

AOB.

- London Marathon Club Places. These have now been received. We have three places. Post committee it was decided to make the draw at the Xmas party. PW to draft a new set of rules for the ballot and winners.
- Xmas party has now been booked at the Wyvern Club. It was agreed to subsidise tickets for members at £5. Non-member will pay £10.

- Social. Various ideas were proposed though it was agreed that the current club socials at Mambos is not a popular option. RF to announce something less formal (this has since been announced).
- SASP. PW and SW have met with Brett Rogers from SASP about ways both organisations can work together. This has been discussed post committee meeting.
- Club Championship. SW has done some work on this and will look at it further.
- Santa Run.
 - i. A route of about 3 miles with mine pies at the end
 - ii. RFRC apply for a collection licence to make a collection for charity on the route. Two charities to benefit – Women’s Refuge and Escape.
 - iii. Post Committee Note. PW has investigated a Taunton Deane Collection licence and it is both expensive and ridiculously bureaucratic. To name but two conditions; we have to have an official auditor who must be an accountant, to certify the collected amounts and this then needs to be placed in an advert in the local press. PW therefore proposes a slightly different format. We run a route taking in various pubs and two supermarkets where we will collect either inside or in the doorway (supermarkets). We do not need a collecting licence for this but we do need to get permission from the landlords or shop managers.
 - iv. Finish to be at the Kings Arms where the money will be counted and refreshments found!

Next meeting date – 8th January 2015