

RFRC Committee Meeting Minutes

15th May 2013 – The Kings Arms

Chair: Geoff Eggleston (GE)

Present: Phil Wilson (PW), Kate Mackenzie (KM), Ron Foord (RF), Mike Sharpe (MS), Dave Loader (DL), Rich Palmer (RP), Toni Vernelli (TV), Liz Williams (LW), Chris Rea (CR), John Scanlon (JS), Peter Hall (PH)

Apologies: Mike Nicholls (MN), Graham Strang (GS)

1. Approval of last Minutes:

The minutes were approved

2. Appointment of Committee Posts

- i. Social – Sandra (SW) has expressed an interest in rejoining the committee in this role. CR also interested in the role but would like help. CR and SW to work together.
- ii. Publicity – MN to carry on with this.
- iii. Treasurer – TV
- iv. Humdinger – JS
- v. Herepath – John Ward (JW)
- vi. Race Organiser – LW will work with PH

3. Social Program

- A club run specifically limited to club members only. GE will look at this with a possible run in the Great Wood.

4. Herepath

- Meeting with John with PW, RF and KM was productive. A set of proposals/suggestions for running of the race and constructive criticisms of the club was produced.
- It was agreed that the race director of any club race needs to be present at committee meetings and preferably a member of the committee. This is not negotiable.

5. Bank Accounts

- GE suggested that it is inefficient and unnecessary to have separate bank accounts for the club and its races/events. A single bank account with separate ring-fenced funds for club events is more efficient. This was approved and will be actioned once TV has full control of the accounts.
- PW suggested that a single bank account needs the agreement of the club auditor. This was rejected as unnecessary.
- MS suggested buying a small business accounts package such as Quick Books. This will enable the treasurer to produce accurate reports on the club and associated accounts quickly and easily.

6. Publishing of Minutes

- This was approved. PW to action. Post committee note: MS will incorporate minutes in a download area of the new membership database. This will mean only registered members will be able to see the minutes.

7. Voting on Issues
 - It was agreed that voting be instituted for all major committee decisions.
8. Constitution
 - PW, KM and PH will form a sub-committee to look at revisions to the constitution and will report back to committee with their recommendations.
9. Encouraging more Members to be Involved
 - MS raised the issue of club members not being encouraged to run at club races. He believes it is fundamentally unfair that club members are discouraged to enter club races because of marshalling commitments. It should be possible to find marshals from other sources other than the club. This issue was deferred and will be discussed fully later and then a committee vote will be taken.
10. Day to Day Committee Communications
 - Geoff has a computer and will have email running by the end of the month.
 - PH has set up a Facebook page for the committee. This is a secret page so is not available except by invitation. Facebook will be used for major discussions and for document storage. Emails to be used for announcements and shorter discussions.
 - DL requested that documents be distributed by email as well as uploaded to Facebook because it's not always feasible to print from Facebook
11. Cheque Signatories
 - These are to be PH, GE, TV and both Race Directors.
12. Welcome Pack
 - MS to arrange this. To include:
 - a. Membership Form
 - b. Group Leaders info sheet
 - c. Other documents as needed
 - To be given to anyone new to the Wednesday meeting.
13. Summer Running Fest
14. MS has been looking to run this in July or August. To include:
 - a. Short Races for members and their families
 - b. Geared towards family and kids
 - c. BBQ for all

Location to be Longrun meadow. Still in negotiation but possibly in association with the Friends of Longrun Meadow who can provide insurance cover. Otherwise this will cost £50. The sum was agreed by unanimous vote if needed.

A sub-committee was agreed to look further at this with MS, GE, KM and EF.

15. Group Sizes
16. The group size issues have been resolved.
17. Officers' Reports.
 - GE's Chair's report is included as a separate document to these minutes
 - RF to investigate getting men's XL shirts and vests
 - RP will donate £500 from Humdinger funds to the selected charity for this year (Parkinsons)
18. AOB.
19. PW has been approached by Dave Bullock for Friends of Longrun Meadow to see if the club would be willing to help with running a Taunton Parkrun in the meadow. The run will be held weekly and the club would be committed to helping once a month with Friends of Longrun,

Taunton AC and 1610 covering the other weeks. PW to get back to Dave to find out what is going to be required and whether the scheme is to be run all year round.