

RFRC Committee Meeting

**MINUTES**

8:00pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Old Inn

Present: Simon D (Chair), Peter, Helen P, Emma, Robin, Ben, Joanna, Sandra, Darren Purchase.

**1. Apologies**

Michelle, Sam. It was noted that Helen Needs had stepped down from the committee due to other commitments and she was thanked for her contribution.

**2. Co-option of new committee member**

Simon proposed that Darren Purchase be co-opted and this was seconded by Peter. All agreed and Darren was welcomed on to the committee.

**3. Review actions from last meeting**

- Meet the Committee article – ongoing (Emma). Darren was invited to write a similar article after Emma's has been published.
- Costed proposal for anniversary gift – Helen P reported that she had a quote for £650 for 150 buffs. It was agreed to go ahead pending investigation into another supplier.
- Update finance procedures to take account of comments from Simon & Peter – this was done and further comments have been made - ongoing (Michelle)
- Approach potential candidates for male welfare officer position – see item below (Simon)
- Discuss Humdinger/Herepath resources with RDs – see item below (Simon)
- Publicise club championship – done (Simon)

**4. Welfare Officer vacancies**

Following Helen N's resignation both positions are now vacant. Emma and Darren agreed to take on the Lead Welfare Officer and Additional Welfare Officer roles respectively. Peter will forward the training requirements.

**5. Herepath & Humdinger updates.**

Ben reported that he had received 116 entries for the Herepath and was optimistic that the race would make a profit. Entries on the day would be considered. He will order 200 mementos. The call for volunteers needs to go out soon.

Sandra reported that she had agreement from the National Trust for the race to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. She will open entries after the Herepath is held. She will apply for an EA race permit, which means that the club no longer needs to be a member of ARC.

## **6. Anniversary/Christmas party update**

Helen P and Sandra provided an update. There are now 100 deposits and balances will now need to be chased. There is a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October to finalise arrangements. Simon will give a short welcome speech. Joanna asked that the possibility of a welcome drink be investigated. Any (small) profit will go to the club charity.

## **7. Review Wednesday summer run locations**

Simon felt that the Fons George, Killams and Trull locations were too close to each other. After some discussion it was agreed to give some thought to alternatives to Fons George for 2025.

## **8. London marathon ballot rules**

Peter stated that after the club places had been reduced from two to one, some members felt that previous ballot winners should be barred from ever entering again. Sandra argued strongly that as they continued to pay the EA registration fee they should still be eligible. After discussion it was agreed not to change the current rule by which ballot entrants should not have won a place in the previous three years. Peter noted that we are currently just eighteen EA registered members short of obtaining two club places (172 vs. 190 needed, although the latter may change for the 2025 race).

## **9. Club communications**

Sandra apologised for the lack of facebook page updates recently. She will now try and do short posts as soon as there is any noteworthy news.

So far as communications to our members is concerned Peter pointed out that over seventy members do not use facebook and these are being neglected. He suggested a bi-monthly email to all members summarising club news. Sandra will provide content for Peter to produce an email.

## **10. AOB**

- Peter reported that the EA membership portal had been down for several days due to an 'IT Incident' and he was unable to process membership applications.
- Sandra reported some concern had been raised regarding the use of a messenger group for the social runs. Darren agreed to ensure that a warning was placed on RunTogether in future.
- Helen P agreed to promote the anniversary kit in the members' group
- Joanna suggested adding sweatshirts to the club kit and will investigate with Jual.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Meet the Committee article	Emma/Darren	Next meeting
Update finance procedures following more comments	Michelle	Next meeting
Welfare officer training	Emma/Darren	End 2024
Propose alternative Weds summer run locations	All	February 2025
Promote anniversary kit	Helen P	ASAP
Club news email	Sandra/Peter	Next meeting
Investigate club sweatshirt	Joanna	Next meeting