



*Minutes of HR Quarterly Meeting
held on Monday 25 November 2013
at Neil's*

Present

J Anglim
M Anglim
N Bramley
R Noke
J Simmonds
S Smith
H Young
C Harris
I Ordish
S Renyard
J Barber
S Stone
L Lewis

Apologies

I Banks

Absent

L Stovell
T Hanley
S Sleath

1. Membership

We have 173 members to date, with 69 registered with England Athletics.

Helen advised there were only approx. 100 membership cards left and queried how we order new ones for the next membership year. Discussions were had regarding obtaining quotes for them to be printed or if someone could print on their home printer. Ray advised he would ask Andy for the template used for the current cards.

2. Treasurer's Report

Our income as at 24 November was £5,137.17 and expenditure was £5,494.65. The remaining deposits for the Christmas party are now due, whereas full payment has already been made to Beaulieu Hotel, and taking this into account our income and expenditure will be more or less the same. Clock hire had brought in £575 so far.

3. Coaching

Chris Harris reported coaching sessions are going well with a good turn out on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is consistently higher numbers compared to last year; on average there were 13-15 runners on Tuesdays last year compared to 25-26 this year.

22 runners came to the training session at Gang Warily and the session seemed to be well received.

The training plan has been done to 16th January, with a 2 week break over Christmas. The Tinsel Run is schedule for 19th December and Chris is going to ask Badgers Holt if they are happy for us to go there again this year, with another stop at John Simmonds house.

Chris explained the coaches ask for feedback on the sessions and always try to base training around that.

Some concerns were raised about the Social Night Run in the forest as many people don't know the route and the groups quickly became fragmented. It was decided that next time everyone will get into 3 groups with leaders and re-group after about ½ mile. It was suggested that runners should make the leaders aware if they felt they were dropping back. It was discussed that some runners should carry their mobiles with them.

Neil is starting the beginners group on Thursday 7th January.

4. Club Kit

Leonora was not present to give a report. Ian O informed us that new vests needed to be ordered and Chris advised that we also need hi-vis vests.

Jeremy requested that the spreadsheet inventory should be sent to him to publish on the website.

Action – Leonora to compile an order list for vests (send to Mick Anglim) and also order hi-viz vests.

Action – Leonora to send kit inventory to Jeremy.

5. Website

Jeremy reported the website is going well. He welcomes race reports to publish and has recently received some from Adrian Mudle.

6. Hants Road Race League

Tiffany was not present to give a report. It was agreed that the turn out to races seemed to be high.

7. Cross Country

Ian Banks was not present to give a report. Mick advised that a decision needs to be made if we need a mini-bus for Southern Counties & Nationals. At present there doesn't seem to be much interest so cars might be a better option. It would be good if we could make a team; 5 for men and 3 for ladies.

Action – Ian Banks to find out level of interest

8. CC6 League

Ian O advised there had been very good turnout from Hardley Runners at the previous 2 events. The overall number of runners at Fleming Park was a record for CC6. Our men's team is currently 5th in the league and ladies team 3rd, with a combined position of 5th.

Our event is being held on 5 January, following the same route as last year. Our runners are welcome to participate but they must provide a marshal.

Action – Ian O to mention the races at training to try and attract new members to the club to participate and to email everyone regarding marshals for our event. Ian will also organise buying more barrier tape.

9. RR10 League

Lisa had previously asked club members for feedback on changes that had been suggested to league. She read the comments she had received to the committee and the general consensus was to leave it as it is. People were concerned how an 11th race would be fitted into the schedule and they thought 4-5 miles was the right distance. Basingstoke and Lymington Tri club have both asked to join to league. Most people thought Basingstoke was too far to travel to an evening race. It was suggested Lymington Tri might join us to host our event.

Action - Mick to contact Lymington Tri club.

10. Solent Half

Chris reported the race went very well, despite the weather. They have received positive feedback from runners with many very keen to run it again next year. The ratings on Runners World were also very positive. Over 400 entries for the race had been received, and the number of people that actually ran was in line with last year. 5 runners were disqualified from the race for wearing head/earphones.

The changes to the car parking this year were effective and they were able to work well with the new manager at Gang Warily. The children's race proved to be very popular.

The only negative comments were regarding the long queues for toilets and numbers/timing chips. It was felt that the signs were adequate but next year could be improved by putting extra signs on the toilets by the sports hall to advise people where other toilets were located. The numbers/timing chips were organised by Race New Forest so were out of our control.

Other issues were raised concerning Race New Forest adding a booking fee to the price per runner
Action – Mick to speak to Race New Forest to see if we can get this extra money back or if they would make a contribution to the charities the race was supporting.

When all income and expenditure for the Solent Half are accounted for, the remaining proceeds are only £194. We will be asking Race New Forest if they can make any donation before we split this money between charities.

The committee thanked Chris and Terry Earney for their hard work as Race Directors organising this year's race. Chris advised that they had decided not to do it again so new Race Director(s) would need to be appointed for next year.

11. Publicity

Sue showed the committee the car stickers that had been printed to promote the club. It was decided that a box would be added to next year's membership form for members to indicate if they would like to receive a car sticker when they renew their membership.

Action – Jeremy to update the form

Sue advised that articles for The Herald need 2 weeks' notice before they are published. She is going to find out how much it costs for adverts, rather than just writing articles, and if they charge for entries to be added to their diary section.

A poster/flyer is going to be designed to advertise the club in local shops.

12. Social

Neil advised the Christmas party is now full and he will chase the remaining people who still need to pay the rest of the money.

Neil will look to organise a barn dance or skittles evening for the new year.

Sue Stone had looked into prices to go to Centreparks Longleat. It depends on which week you go but as an example prices from 7 March 2014 were £54.32 per person for 3 nights, based on sharing a lodge sleeping 8.

Action – an email to be sent to all members to find out level of interest.

The handicap run is on Sunday 22 December. More details will be emailed to members but the target finish time is 11am, it is £1 per person payable on the day and, as usual there is the option to come in fancy dress.

The hangover hobble is on New Year Day at 11am from Shatterford car park and meeting afterwards at The Drift.

13. Any Other Business

Posters/Flyers are going to be designed to advertise the CC6, RR10 and HRRL events for the notice board at Applemore.

Action - Ian O, Lisa and Tiff to organise and give to Chris to display.

On Tuesday 11 February Jeremy is organising a talk at 7.30pm in Longparish Village Hall on 'Extreme Exercise'. All members are welcome.

Exbury 10k is being held on Sunday 16 March 2014. This year it is being sponsored by Sweatshop, with goody bags, race numbers etc.

Only 2 applications have been received so far for London Marathon club places.

Action – another email to be sent to all members, including a reminder that they don't have to have a rejection letter to be considered for a place.

Date of Next Meeting

AGM – provisional date and venue - Monday 3 February 2013 at Gang Warily

Many thanks to Neil for hosting and providing refreshments

Minuted by Helen Young, Hardley Runners