



**Minutes of HR Quarterly Meeting
held on Monday 17 June 2019
at Ann's**

| <u>Present</u> | | <u>Apologies</u> | |
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| Claire | Aplin | Tim | Anetts |
| Jeremy | Barber | Mick | Anglim |
| Charmaine | Bradford | Dan | Chown |
| Vicki | Clarke | Hannah | Cockle |
| Dan | Latham | Marilyn | Falmer |
| Ann | Maylott | Chris | Harris |
| Rob | Wells | Jane | Hodge |
| | | Roger | Morgan |
| | | Tamsin | Roberts |

1. Membership

The total number of Hardley members is 160 (as at 11th June 2019)

As of 11th June, 35 Members have not renewed their membership (27 full members, 1 out of country, 6 competitive and 1 social member). 3 reminders have been sent out on 11th April, 3rd May, 27th May.

A proposal to remove these people as Hardley members on Love Admin and also England Athletics (if appropriate) was suggested. This proposal was supported by all present at the meeting.

Jane has resolved the issue with Love Admin not delivering emails to some members, there is no longer a need to send separate emails to members previously blocked.

England Athletics operate the same period of grace as Hardley Runners. Members joining Hardley as full members after January 1st get EA membership to 31st March of the following year. From January 2020 Love Admin will ask those joining to pay the appropriate membership fee, it will be ensured those joining during the grace period don't get a payment request in April 2020. The Hardley Runners subscriptions page will be updated to reflect this.

2. Treasurers Report

Our finances are sound. A copy of the report is available on request from the club secretary

3. Coaching

The training sessions continue to go well, with consistent numbers.

We have introduced a few new sessions in the forest. The track sessions come to an end on July 25th, ending with a Family fun Evening. This year New Forest Runners have been invited and accepted.

Thanks passed on to the coaches, Simon has now coached a session and is available to repeat this if required.

The beginners 10 week course has now finished with everyone successfully running for 30+ mins. There are two further weeks planned for transition. From this three people have so far joined Hardley Runners and 8 have taken part in the Copythorne 5k.

A session called 'Run and Revise' promoted by Run England was organised and promoted, however this failed to attract any young people. Thanks passed to those who offered help for this event.

The annual Miles of Miles relay will take place on June 26th 2019 at Southampton Sports Centre. Hardley Runners won last years event. Alice Rudd will lead the A team and Chris Harris the B team. Currently both teams are complete.

4. **Club Kit**

Sales this year have been 12 items (3 mens vests, 4 ladies vests, 3 mens t-shirts, 2 ladies t-shirts)

As a certain amount of kit needs to be stocked, losses will be occurred if there is a change to the kit.

Each year stock orders have been kept to a minimum. Last year ordering 30 items and this year planning to order less (probably 25)

Ridgeway Textiles have been very obliging in that normally they only accept orders in multiples of 5 per size per item. They have allowed us to order in ones and twos providing Andrew at Ridgeway can minimise the use of the material and there is no unnecessary waste.

Normally orders are placed in April for delivery in June. A decision was made by the committee present to not place an order at this time due to further investigations of alternative vests.

The alternative 'fitted' ladies vest samples (from our existing supplier) kindly sourced by Marilyn have been popular, however Claire and Rob have some ideas and contacts they would like to explore further. Designs and costings will be shared at the next meeting noting our EA registered design is purple with yellow piping.

Jeremy confirmed he has the original logos if required.

5. **Hants Road Race League**

Both teams are now looking safe from relegation.

Lordshill is the only remaining race left this season. This is currently fully booked but transfers may be available on the facebook swaps page.

Full mens and ladies teams were fielded at Alresford 10k the newest of the events.

There are currently two mens and two ladies teams.

The cost to the club for HRRL is £25 per team / year

Vicki stated resignation as HRRL captain to concentrate the Solent Half role. Many thanks for all your hard work saving us from relegation Vicki.

Job description is to be checked for accuracy on Hardley runners web site and Charmaine Bradford to send global email to members to advertise the post following this.

6. **CC6**

No report

7. **RR10**

Another successful event this year with good numbers of runners and good cakes. Although positive feedback has been received for the event by runners, there might be a change of course around the last bit of the route next year to keep local residents happy.

A couple of the RR10 signs remain up in Blackfield, these should be taken down.

Hardley continue to field good numbers in the men's teams however the numbers of ladies taking part is lower.

Car share is encouraged and advertised from Applemore, however this does not seem a popular option for RR10s as many runners come direct from work.

Feedback on the last RR10 (the new course at Ampfield wood) is that it was a good course however, there were some issues with bottlenecks on the course and cars backing up to the road.

8. **Cross Country**

Cross Country AGM on Friday 5th June. There is a proposal to make the Men's and Ladies' races the same length to promote equality. The organisers of the race would pick the best route so there may be some short and some long races over the season.

There is also the proposal to make the age groups the same, again for equality.

Both proposals were discussed and supported by those Hardley runners present at this meeting.

Although there was concern over the practicalities of this. ie fitting all races into the tight timescales of the day if ladies raced the full 6 miles.

A possibility raised could be to have a combined slower men / slower ladies start followed by a fast men / fast ladies start.

9. **Solent Half Marathon – 22nd Sept**

Race is open and a quarter full (500 entries max)

There will be a vest as memento this year.

Publicity of the race was discussed ie, via facebook and leaflet distribution. A poster / leaflet is currently being worked on, with a possible number for printing being discussed at around 2000.

Laserwords have previously been a sponsor for the event and given free printing in return, however alternatives should be investigated as this option may not be available this year.

The childrens race at the Solent Half will be taking place again this year.

A request was made for photos from training sessions etc to be used to help promote this event.

10. **Publicity**

Reports from races have been received and focus has been on regular publishing in Herald newspaper rather than the Lymington times.

Publicity is focusing on the diverse mixture of abilities within the club as well as lead runners.

There is now a mission statement for the club and this is included where appropriate. The club has been successfully publicised as part of the beginners and run & revise material produced and distributed.

A possibility of a welcome pack for new members stating what is available: ie, Tuesday night social runs / Tuesday & Thursday training sessions, Sunday social. Also glossary of 'Hardley' terms ie Nokes hill, 5 ways etc

A possibility was discussed of a certificate for those graduating from the beginners course.

Personal interest stories still of interest for publishing.

11. **Diary**

No Report

12. **Webmaster**

Thanks passed on to everyone for providing reports both club captains and individuals, it was requested to keep these coming.

Any special requests can be send to Jeremy, or the details can be taken from FB Sunday reports etc

The web server now hosts the Bridges Race in addition to Hardley Runners, however there is envisaged no impact as a result. There were no objections to this from all present committee members.

13. **Social**

Awards BBQ booked for 14th July at Lepe. This is to be published on Hardley Runners website if not already on there.

It was agreed by all present that sides and puddings would be provided in an American supper style ie, a list produced and people sign up to what they will bring. BBQ meat would not be part of the American supper list and this will be bring your own.

A date and location for a Christmas do is being looked in to, along with the post Solent Half meal at Seashells.

Other social events were discussed including:

- Escape rooms
- Race day @ Salisbury
- Kayaking / pub
- Bowling
- Go Ape

Calshot activities (ie sailing, rock climbing, velodrome etc)

The quiz at the Glen always seems a popular choice

Parkrun tourism continues on the last Saturday in every month.

14. **Any other business**

1) Alternative club vests discussed under Club Kit

2) Frequency of Track sessions:

Comments have been made at the number of track sessions in the training schedule over the summer months ie, is one a week too frequent?

The committee present were happy with the frequency on balance with the winter programme. It was felt these sessions were needed for runners who wanted to help get their speed up and were inclusive for both beginners and more advanced runners.

There is an alternative Tuesday night social run.

However, not all members are aware of the alternative Tuesday social run. Options were discussed for notifying new members of this including a 'Welcome pack' or opting into the email notification when joining. Some existing members are also unaware of this social run.

3) New Chairman:

Mick continues to be our acting chairman.

Charmaine will confirm the online Job Description is correct and send out a global email along with the vacancy for HRRL captain.

4) Trophies:

It was noted Trophies will need to be returned with the date being discussed after Lordshill 10k race.

If we don't already have a 'Most Improved Newcomer' award the committee members present felt this would be a good addition.

Meeting closed 9:15 pm

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th September 2019 – Claires House

Charmaine Bradford

Minuted by Charmaine Bradford for Hardley Runners