

Hardley Runners

Minutes of HR Virtual meeting held on Wednesday 24/02/2021 7:30 (via Zoom)

Present

Apologies

Tim	Anetts	Danii	Bundy
Mick	Anglim	Hannah	Cockle
Claire	Aplin	Sally	Harbut
Jeremy	Barber		
Charmaine	Bradford		
Sarah	Fitton		
Chris	Harris		
Jane	Hodge		
Sarah	Hood		
Simon	Ibbotson		
Dan	Latham		
Adrian	Mudle		
Tamsin	Roberts		
Rob	Wells		

Solent Half 2021

Thanks to Simon for kindly offering to help as race director in both 2020 and 2021. A provisional date of 26th Sept 2021 has been arranged with Gang Warily sports centre and other key people involved in this event.

The start was discussed as a potential problem area with the current COVID19 restrictions as it is not possible to start in waves or change the start. The road closure for the current 8min of closure is approx. £500 and it is thought this should not be extended.

Option of transferring entries from 2021 to the following year if cancelled but this adds complexity.

The committee concluded that the club is not in a position to commit to this event at this present moment in time and due to the many upfront fees involved, the decision was made to cancel this event for 2021.

Love Admin

It has been raised by a number of committee members that this system is 'flaky' and 'not intuitive' especially if not in regular use.

The committee was in agreement it is not the best online membership system out there but it would be too complex to change just before our membership is due.

EA membership portal is a potential alternative but any system we switch to will be tricky to switch and members would have to re-register.

Love Admin was reported to be slower and more complex than the old manual system for membership renewals, although mass email was one of the key benefits of the system. Decision made to stick with Love Admin for now and see how the renewals go this year.

AGM 2021

It is thought approx. 70-80 potential members would attend a virtual AGM.

A suggestion was made to use Zoom or MS teams with a committee member allocated to monitoring the chat box for responses and hand up for votes etc. The non-committee members would be muted.

As a minimum, governance and mandated parts of the constitution could take place virtually and leave discussion items for later when restrictions allow in person meetings.

COVID19 regulations allow the AGM to be postponed despite the constitution stating Jan / Feb.

The constitution states that the AGM votes in subscriptions before membership renewal rolled out. The club finances are required from our treasurer before any subs decisions can be made.

The decision was made to postpone the AGM for 3 months, if we can't have a physical meeting we will hold a virtual one, giving the committee time to get to grips with virtual AGM technologies.

Mick raised the desire to step aside as Chairman but continue as President.

Geoff Mills trophies

Ethos is to recognise people that represent the club in events. However, rather than cancel for 2020 this will be awarded based on virtual events and challenges.

Currently there are joint winners in both ladies and men's categories, this was accepted and no tie break required, two separate trophies can be provided if required.

Membership fees

Suggestion to not charge a membership fee in 2021 (for the second year running) due to COVID19 financial situations. The club is still in a healthy financial situation despite not charging membership fees in 2020.

The decision was made to defer membership renewal for 3 months in line with the postponed AGM, this will also allow time to evaluate what the club can offer this year within COVID restrictions. Members will not need to pay any fees prior to this time.

The EA part of the membership fee needs to be passed on to EA by August 2021, making this 3 month postponement of membership fees feasible.

Mick to discuss with treasurer regarding the dates for auditing the club accounts.

Conquer 24 Charity Donation:

Following the sad news that one of our members has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, a suggestion was made to raise money at the conquer 24 event with proceeds going to a bowel cancer charity. This is supported by the club committee.

Our virtual challenges could also contribute in the same way as the Countess Mountbatten fundraiser with an optional donation being made. The April virtual events were agreed to be a good option for this.

It was discussed the club could make this charity the 'charity for the year' to contribute to, although we may wish to contribute to other charities too during the year.

There are potentially still funds left from the 2019 Solent Half charity donations, this could also be used to donate to the chosen charity. Potentially with the club matching members donations up to a max amount subject to the club accounts being verified first. Mick to check club accounts with treasurer.

Social Committee members to clarify the most relevant, preferred charity.

The committee recognise any charity donation should be voluntary and not make members in any way feel pressured to contribute. Any correspondence to members should therefore be sympathetic and sensitive to this as in previous club emails sent out during the COVID19 pandemic.

RR10

A possibility of a weekly RR10 (End June – Mid Aug) to begin once mass participation events are allowed has been suggested by the RR10 committee.

The RR10 committee were considering no dropouts for 2021 season which could mean approx. 600 runners at each event.

It was stated the Hardley course can't handle this no of runners due to parking constraints and the course itself.

Wednesday 11th August is the proposed date for the Hardley RR10.

The committee agreed we still need drop out clubs. Suggestion is the largest clubs are the drop outs which would also have the most environmental benefits as these are the furthest away.

Forestry England have stated no races in the forest between March – Aug 2021.

Mick to take the proposal back to RR10 committee of accepting Wednesday 11th Aug but with the 2 largest clubs dropping out at this venue.

Any other business

1) Litter Pick (plogging)

'Plogging - a combination of jogging with picking up litter.'

A suggestion has been put to the committee for the club to participate in some plogging once social restrictions allow.

This was seen as a popular choice and could be used as an additional promotional activity for the club.

It was thought the council may be able to provide some equipment for this activity. Claire to contact local council for urban litter picking.

Forestry England organise their own 'clean ups' and equipment, would need to contact them for forest plogging.

Option to work as a pair, group of 6 as restrictions allow.

Pictures can be sent to Claire for publicity and advertising.

2) Road Race Captain Vacancy

Our current captain has applied for a club transfer so we are once again looking to fill the Road Race Captain role.

Thanks to Dan for all his hard work and representation of the club in all the events during his time at Hardley.

Tim has very kindly offered to temporarily send out race emails when these events are back on.

Mick to send email out to all club members to thank Dan for all his hard work and advertise this vacancy. It is thought the HRRL will not return this season. Sept will be the start of the new league.

3) Old club kit

There is approx. £800 worth of old stock left.

Finances need to be verified with our treasurer, however it was suggested the old t-shirts could be now sold at the reduced price of £12.

This old kit is still valid as the EA registered kit remains the same colour scheme and the design has not significantly changed.

New t-shirts should be arriving mid-March.

Love Admin to be used for distribution addresses, Jane to export data to give to Sarah.

New kit can be collected or local delivery possible.

Jane offered to distribute around the north Totton area.

Charmaine offered to distribute around Blackfield addresses and Dan around Holbury.

4) Virtual Events and training schedule

Thanks passed to Dan and Chris for organising all the virtual events and training schedules that are keeping everyone training, motivated and participating in running activities during these challenging times. Thanks was also passed on for the inclusivity of these popular events.

Meeting closed 8:45 pm

Date of Next (Virtual) Meeting

TBD

Charmaine Bradford

Minuted by Charmaine Bradford for Hardley Runners