

# Hardley Runners

*Minutes of HR Virtual meeting held  
on Wednesday 21/05/2021 (via  
Zoom)*

## Present

## Apologies

Mick	Anglim	
Claire	Aplin	Sarah
Jeremy	Barber	Tamsin
Charmaine	Bradford	
Dan	Chown	
Sarah	Fitton	
Sally	Harbut	
Chris	Harris	
Jane	Hodge	
Dan	Latham	

### 1. AGM

It was agreed the AGM would be virtual this year due to COVID restrictions. The virtual AGM will take place Wed 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 7:30 and will be hosted on Zoom. This will be a cut down version of the normal AGM agenda and will focus on i) Re-election of officers / committee, ii) Annual Subscription, iii) Club Accounts & AOB. The constitution states that a quorum at an AGM shall consist of 10% of the club who are entitled to vote. A welfare officer role will be added to the list of committee roles.

### 2. Training

It was reported that training, currently meeting at Dibden enclosure is going very well, with a good turnout of runners. The attendees are a mix of new members, regular runners and returning runners. A reminder was given that runners can try 3 sessions for free but should then join if wanting to continue with the organised training sessions. In terms of both role sharing and safety it is working well having 2 coaches / run leaders at each session. There are now 12 members able to take sessions, however 3 of these will be involved in the beginners course and will therefore not be expected to assist at both. The Independent training sessions timetable has been well received and by popular demand this has been kept going despite training sessions returning.

### 3. Beginners

The latest beginners session is being organised /promoted and is due to commence 21<sup>st</sup> June (subject to COVID restrictions). This year there will be a follow on 5k every

Monday on completion of the beginners course as a transition into the main club training sessions.

#### 4. **Membership**

Due to the pandemic 2020-2021 club fees were waived by the club. For the 2021-2022 period it has been agreed by the committee to freeze the fees at the 2019-2020 rate and propose this rate at the AGM.

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Full members: £30 (inclusive of EA membership)

Non-competitive: £15

Aged 15-20: FREE

Out of County: £5

Social: £5

As a committee it was felt anyone suffering financial hardship as a result of the ongoing pandemic should not be excluded from membership. Those members in this situation are encouraged to speak to the club treasurer or a committee member. Once a welfare officer is in place the role could be extended to include this aspect of support.

#### 5. **Treasures report**

The club still incurred expenses during 2020 in terms of fees, training courses, stock, garage etc despite not collecting membership fees.

The current account bank balance has decreased by £459 from £8,001 to £7,542 in 2021 so far.

The value of the club's balance sheet has decreased by £527 from £7,803 to £7,276 in 2021 so far. This decrease is made up of the aforementioned £459 cash decrease as well as a £68 decrease in our kit stock value from £1,005 reported at 2020 year-end to £937 per information provided by Sarah in March. Although we have purchased stock in year, we have written off a lot of retro kit as prizes and this write-off is reflected within this Jan to Apr movement in value.

The committee agreed to no longer take out membership with ARC as EA provide all our permits and insurance. This is a saving of over £200. There is the risk that EA significantly increase fees and we will no longer be insured against this, however this risk was thought minimal and acceptable.

It was discussed as to whether the club should purchase a Zoom license for AGM and other virtual committee meetings. Jeremy kindly offered to use his existing license in the short term.

#### 6. **Club kit**

The club has received the first batch of the new club kit, with really positive feedback for both the social and race kit t-shirts and vests received.

It was noted that orders placed for new stock have a minimum limit of 20 items.

Approx. £800 of old stock still exists, the discounted price was agreed at £10 per item. It should be emphasised that this original kit is still valid in all races due to the EA registered design not changing.

There is potentially a wait of 6-9 months for a new order to be placed for more new kit and the club does not hold a large amount of spare stock due to personalisation etc.

7. **HRRL**

Welcome and thanks to Simon who has newly taken over this role. Next year's league is now open with 11 races included (without Solent Half 2021). There is potential to have 2 Lordshill races to make the league up to the normal 12 or the league will remain at 11 for 2021-2022.

Simon will email out more details as they become available.

Charmaine to forward Simons details onto Di for HRRL meetings.

8. **CC6**

No representative present. Although everyone who has taken part in the virtual CC6s was congratulated and it was agreed both our mens and ladies teams had done exceptionally well. Awaiting the final results to be published very shortly.

Forestry England look set to allow our future CC6 to go ahead provided there is no date clash.

9. **RR10**

A new route is planned this year taking into account a noise complaint from last year. Venue is booked and new forest runners are assisting in providing marshals for the final sections of the course. There will be a recce run involving all marshals prior to the event.

The permit has been submitted online and is awaiting confirmation.

Discussions were had over RR10s potentially imposing a 15-20min mile or 75-100min time limit, the committee felt these restrictions were not inclusive and would not impose a limit at our event unless the RR10 committee imposed a limit for all events on grounds of safety ie, dark evenings etc. An option of 'buddy' runners may be an alternative.

10. **Publicity**

Low key due to COVID.

However, publicity has already began for the forthcoming beginners course, with adverts on Facebook local sites and in the local Herald magazine.

It was suggested the Lymington times publish a lot of sporting / running club news so this could be a potential avenue for future publicity.

11. **Diary**

No representative present but Tamsin is doing a great job of keeping this up to date as events and club training are resuming.

12. **Web**

Thanks was expressed to Dan and everyone that provides input to the website.

A current issue with an update made by Google is causing issues when updating the site at the moment. Jeremy to investigate further and seek guidance if necessary.

13. **Social**

Currently on hold due to COVID restrictions.

However, the awards event is likely to be a picnic again this year after previous years successful events.

Suggestions were made for future events (and are open to any more suggestions):

-Escape rooms

-Go Karting

-Kayaking

Sarah is also holding some social fundraising events:

-afternoon tea

-runners breakfast

#### 14. **AOB**

##### 1) Parkrun

Not looking positive on the future opening of Brockenhurst parkrun between Forestry England and Brockenhurst College. The current parkrun relies on these seasonal split locations. Parkrun require many venues to open simultaneously to avoid swamping those who do open.

##### 2) Solent Half Charity Fund

The timescale had passed for matching charity funds, however these funds are still available so Mick to get back to Nicky (Cancer Charity) with offer.

##### 3) Future charities

It was proposed that any future charity donations should consider i)Portsmouth Hospitals charity, ii)Huntingtons, as these are close to some of our members.

##### 4) Messenger list

Simon is not yet on the Facebook messenger group, Rob to add.

##### 5) Club equipment

Roger Morgan has club flag etc.

Mick has 2 sets of keys.

Meeting closed 9:00 pm

#### **Date of Next (Virtual) Meeting**

**AGM 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

*Charmaine Bradford*

Minuted by Charmaine Bradford for Hardley Runners