

Hardley Runners

Minutes of AGM

10 am Sunday 20th February 2022

Attendees

Claire	Aplin
Jeremy	Barber
Steve	Blight
Paul	Blundell
Charmaine	Bradford
Danii	BundyMarsh
Matt	Casey
Kev	Day
Emma	Fairbrother
Jack	Fairbrother
Sarah	Fitton
John	Galling
Kate	Garner
Carl	Hall
Sarah	Hall
Sally	Harbut
Brendon	Harbut
Chris	Harris
Tracy	Hickson
Jane	Hodge
Sarah	Hood
Simon	Ibbotson
Dan	Latham
Mark	Lee
Linda	Noke
Ray	Noke
Mike	Osborne
Peter	Pimentel
Caz	Richmond
Marnie	Seymour
Roy	Van Hal
Andy	Kellaway
Robert	Wells

Apologies

Mick	Anglim
Jan	Anglim
Tim	Annets
Andy	Barber
Ian	Beveridge
Annie	Bruce-Low
Paddy	Butler
Dan	Chown
Mary	Corbett
Jacqui	Healey
Graeme	Johnson
Martin	Loveless
Adrian	Mudle
Trish	Patterson
Tamsin	Roberts
Sue	Stone

Item 1. Record attendees / apologies

DL welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. As Vibrant Brewery had very kindly provided the venue for free, the use of the bar was encouraged.

DL confirmed attendance was greater than the required 10% of membership quorum. Attendees were recorded by the passing round of a self-sign register. Apologies had been recorded.

Item 2. Minutes of 2021 AGM

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The 2021 minutes were available on the club website. These were proposed and seconded as an accurate reflection of the 2021 AGM.

Proposed: Jeremy Barber

Seconded: Sally Harbut.

Item 3. Chairman's report

DL Thanked MA for his years in the role of acting chairman, a role that lasted longer than planned. The coaches were thanked and described as the 'hub of the club' providing brilliant training sessions and encouragement.

All the club captains were thanked for their organisation of events, and encouraging everyone to take part.

The whole committee were thanked for giving up their free time, along with a big thankyou to all Hardley Runners members for turning up, representing the club and making the efforts worthwhile. It was noted there have been so many achievements this year.

Item 4. Treasurer's report

Income and expenditure are comparable to pre-COVID (considering no Solent Half Marathon) & we continue to sit in a healthy financial position.

Detailed figures can be obtained on request from our club committee.

Item 5. Re-election of officials

DL notified the members of two vacant positions - Publicity officer and Solent half director. Claire Aplin was thanked for her fantastic contributions to the new Hardley Runners t-shirts / vests and the brilliant posters she produces for our beginners courses etc.

Claire outlined the role, stating she was happy to assist with the training of her successor but it was noted the new candidate could make of it what they wanted within their own available timescales.

The role could include:

- promote club ie, local press and social media
- publicise in local area
- publicise achievements
- publicise events

The importance of the Solent Half role was emphasized as without someone or a team of people to take this on we would lose this popular league race on our doorstep.

No hands were raised at this time, but members were encouraged to get in contact with the committee at any time they were able to offer support.

The re-election of the current committee with the addition of Jack Fairbrother as Vice Chairman was proposed.

PRESIDENT
CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY
TREASURER
MEMBERSHIP

Mick Anglim
Dan Latham
Charmaine Bradford
Daniel Chown
Jane Hodge

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ONLINE DIARY	Tamsin Roberts
X/C	Tim Anetts
RR10	Dan Latham / Rob Wells
HRRL	Simon Ibbotson
CC6	Matt Casey / Roger Morgan
TRI/CTT	Mick Anglim
CLUB KIT	Sarah Fitton
WEBMASTER	Jeremy Barber
PUBLICITY	Vacant
SOCIAL	DB/SH/SW
SOLENT HALF	Vacant
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Jack Fairbrother
IT COORINATOR (LOVE ADMIN SYSTEM)	Adrian Mudle
WELFARE OFFICER	Peter Pimentel

Proposed: Tracey Hickson
Seconded: Kate Garner.

Item 6. Membership report

It was reported our current membership stands at 182 members with 72% (131) of these EA registered.

LoveAdmin (LA) our membership portal was noted as being easier than the old paper based one for both our members and the membership secretary. Adrian Mudle continues to assist with technical support for this tool.

LA makes money by charging an admin fee per member. Members were encouraged to use the Go cardless option rather than the Pay Pal option as this is cheaper to the club.

It was noted the LA system is making significant changes, it is hoped that members will not have to re-enter all their details into the new system. JH and AM are due to attend a Zoom meeting with LA where more will be detailed, this will then be communicated with our membership.

For 2022 England Athletics have made a £1 increase in their fees. It was proposed that Hardley Runners also increase their fees by £1 making the following the new fees:

- Social and out of county membership £6
- Non competitive membership £16
- Full membership £32 (ie £16 Hardley Runners + £16 EA)

With membership running from 1st April – 31st March.

Proposed: Jane Hodge
Seconded: Claire Aplin

Break (for refreshments and comfort)

Item 7. Solent Half vacancy update

Following a short break and conversations between members, JB announced several members had very kindly offered their support to form a Solent Half Subcommittee.

These members were:

Mike Osborne
Simon Ibbotson
Jack and Emma Fairbrother
Chris Harris

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Dan Latham

It was raised the date for the race would need to be in the diary next month in order for the race to happen.

Item 8. Club kit report

SF notified the intention to place another bulk order for the updated club kit, an expression of interest email will be sent to all members.

£38.40 of new stock is currently held with 33 items of old stock and £40 miscellaneous items. Old stock t-shirts are still valid at all races and offered at £10, a variety of sizes are still available. It was noted this is the soft Ron Hill fabric not the prior harsh fabric alternative.

£191.30 of Sales were made in 2021 and £50 so far in 2022.

A Hardley Runners hat is currently in development, currently at the prototype stage.

Club Sweatshirts were also being looked into, it is thought these will have a minimum order level similar to the t-shirts.

A request was made to investigate the option of a Hardley Runners BUFF. Many members agreed they would be interested in this product.

Item 9. Cross Country report

TA sent his apologies, DL reported the following on his behalf.

Although there has been individuals taking part in these events we are yet to score as either a ladies or mens team where 3 members are required. This could be due to clashes with other races?

Discussions were had regarding these races with those who have competed at them confirming they were good enjoyable races with a good atmosphere. Whilst being competitive, they offer a large field spread of all abilities. It was noted even last place would score favourably for the team.

Item 10. Hants Road Race League (HRRL) report

SI reported the 2021 / 2022 HRRL season consists of 10 rather than the normal 12 races, due to the Hayling 10 and Solent Half not taking place due to COVID. It is anticipated this will return to 12 races next season.

It was noted ladies teams will now need 4 runners to make up a team (a change from the previous 3), this is now the same as the men's team requirement. With 8 out of 10 races counting towards the final score. This will be 8 out of 12 when all 12 races are available.

Members were reminded as an individual if 6 out of the 10 races are completed you will earn an HRRL mug, or a really nice HRRL t-shirt for completing 10 events.

So far this season 6 races have taken place, Overton 5m, Lordshill 10k, Gosport Half, Victory 5m, Stubbington 10k and Ryde 10m.

Results so far place both Hardley ladies A team and mens A team in 4th place in A Div 2. With the ladies B team 12th in B Div 2 and mens B team 6th in B Div 2.

So far the following runners are in the top 100:

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Poppy Tanner (12th)
Alice Rudd (13th)
Vicki Clarke (77th)
Jane Hodge (98th)
Mark Clothier (43rd)
Dan Latham (52nd)
Callum Johnson (60th)

It was stated there are more races still to be run. Salisbury 10m, Alton 10m, Netley 10k, Alresford 10k. Some may be full due to places being carried over from last year. Runners are encouraged to check on the HRRL Number Swaps Facebook page. A request was made that all Hardley Runner available places be offered on our Facebook page to our members prior to offering to the other clubs on the HRRL swaps page.

SI to email details of each race as they open for entries.

Following discussions it was agreed that the Alresford 10k on 19th June would be the club championships this year following several years of a virtual club championships due to COVID. The timescales of this event fit well with the club awards ceremony and as the event took place last year it will not be restricted on places due to transferring from a previous years non event.

It was raised that the HRRL do not report current age standings throughout the season, this is only reported with the end results. This may encourage motivation and participation, also other leagues report this data. SI to raise at the next HRRL meeting.

Item 11. RR10 report

RW reported there will be no RR10 races held in the new forest this season due to nesting bird restrictions.

New locations have been found allowing all clubs to compete in all 10 events with no drop outs. The following new venues are listed as:

- Badgers Farm
- Ampfield Wood
- New Forest Outdoor Centre
- University Playing fields

The RR10 calendar begins on 20th April 2022 at Fleming Park.

A request was made for cakes at our hosted event taking place on 1st June, co-hosting with New Forest Runners at Cadland.

Item 12. Social report

SH reports although no dates confirmed for social events the social subcommittee are planning another beach day following the success of last years event.

Other events in the pipeline include bike rides, social picnics (with the possibility of combining with Exbury 10k), awards ceremony picnic, camping / run. The social team are open to ideas.

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It was stated that although the 'boozy bike rides' attended by many Hardley Runners were popular these would not be Hardley Runners associated social events but undertaken by groups of individuals privately.

Ideas were suggested from those present, these included once again looking into escape rooms now they are opening up again. It was also suggested a beer tour could be organised at the Vibrant brewery. Also a 10K to the plough in Longparish with organised minibus.

Item 13. Webmaster report

JB reported following 15 years as webmaster for Hardley Runners combined with the current website using unsupported technologies (and Jeremys increasing involvement with other responsibilities within his village) now is a good time to look at the modernisation of our website by some of our younger members.

Discussions were had around the use of the website on smart phones. It was agreed that although social media was a good means of communication for the club, there was still a need for the website ie, to store historic data, the training program, calendar, links.

To extend the request beyond all members present a request could be placed of the Hardley Runners Facebook page.

Item 14. Coaching report

CH reported coaching is going really well. At the start of each session leaders now briefly explain the session followed by captains giving reports of any recent events and news or forthcoming events thereby encouraging other members to represent the club at events.

Thanks was passed on to all coaches and run leaders, they offer fantastic support and step in to cover sessions at short notice via the WhatsApp group.

It was reported there are currently 12 qualified members soon to be 14 with Claire Aplin and Matt Casey training to become run leaders. Coach's get together to plan sessions every 8 weeks with increasing load and rotating sessions.

Training sessions average about 25 members on both Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Runners form 3 groups (Fast, Medium and Steady) to challenge everyone and encourage everyone to come. New members have the option of 3 trial sessions but quite often join after just one session.

Thanks was given to Simon for assisting with timings during the 5k time trials. More are planned with perhaps a 5k time trial on the track.

Track sessions will resume alternating Tues / Thurs after April 7th once the track at New Forest Academy is marked up (weather permitting).

Thanks was expressed to Peter Pimentel for being the club welfare officer, this is an important role not only supporting our adult members but also a requirement of EA as we support members from 15+ who are still considered 'junior' until they reach 18. It was noted the club began liaising with New Forest juniors prior to COVID to offer an opportunity for their members who want to do endurance running rather than join Southampton running club transitioning from New Forest Juniors. These discussions will now be resumed.

It was reported two new beginners courses are planned for this year. The original location of Dibden Enclosure and a new location in Blackfield (Gang Warily), this has been possible utilising the money

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donated by Red and Green practice doctors surgery to support fitness the local community. Adverts have been placed in the Herald and Lymington times with numerous posters printed for a mail drop and displaying in the local area.

From the previous beginners course 4 ladies have joined the regular club training sessions, with others continuing to meet on a Monday night. The aim of the beginners course is to encourage people to try running for enjoyment, there are no expectations to necessarily become a member.

Item 15. CC6 report

CC6 captain Matt was introduced as one of our fastest improving runners and regular attendee at nearly all training sessions, regularly inspiring people.

It was reported there are only two races left this season (Badgers Farm and Fleming Park). It was also noted that it was becoming increasingly difficult to get permits from Forestry England this year. Next years CC6 calendar may face more restrictions and be forced to find alternative venues like the RR10 league.

The Hardley Runners hosted event was a success with good feedback especially relating to cakes!

It was noted perhaps walkie-talkies could assist marshals at host events, any other ideas for improvements were also welcomed.

Mens team currently 4th and Womens 2nd with Natalie Green (F) and Chris Harris (M) local triathletes boosting the results with Chris Harris looking like finishing 3rd overall.

The Hardley ladies are all very close with Poppy Tanner currently in 4th and Alice Rudd in 5th

F40 – Sarah Hall (14th)

M40 – No one has competed all 4 yet but Mark Clothier is close

F50 – Lisa Lewis (5th)

M50 – Carl Hall with Matt Tanner close behind

F60 – Hillary Hinks

M60 – Roger Morgan

F70 – Chris Harris (Joint 1st)

M70 – Mick Anglim with Mike Smith close behind

Attendance was encouraged for the next event 6th March (Badgers Farm).

Item 16. Exbury 10k

SF reported Hardley Runners had been asked to support the current organiser Steve by providing volunteers to hand out race numbers, medals / t-shirts and a lead cyclist. It was expected about 15-20 volunteers are required. This would be in exchange for a charity donation.

It was noted that volunteers would be able to run in addition to their volunteer role and could gain entry to Exbury Gardens post event. The route is to use the roads to Lepe. SF to send out email to request volunteers.

Item 17. AOB

London Marathon Free Club place

It was noted that Hardley Runners normally receive one free London Marathon place from EA, this is normally allocated 1 per 100 members in a club. Although the club has nearly 200 members only the

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EA members count towards this. The place is available to everyone and will once again be allocated on a points based system (ie points are scored for attendance at league events as well as volunteering). More information will be communicated once we hear confirmation from EA.

Meeting closed 11:40
Minuted by Charmaine Bradford
for Hardley Runners