

Date: 30th March 2011

Present: Claire Ashton, Mike Gullis, Amy Hughes, Alice Noyes, Pete Galpin, Stan Cragg, Andy Matson, Sarah Hall, Suzie Hall, Alan Hannibal, Stuart Hill

Apologies: Elaine Bimson, Laura Galpin

1. Claire welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: Stan proposed as a true record, Alan seconded.

3. Matters Arising: The London Marathon club ballot was discussed. The following eligibility rules were agreed:

- Rule 1: Members must have been full first-claim club members for the ballot year, full membership defined as having paid membership by the end of the April of that year. For example for London Marathon 2012 members must have paid fees by 30th April 2011.
- Rule 2: Members must have been an active member in the previous membership year. For example for London Marathon 2012, members must have been active for the year April 2010 to April 2011.
- Rule 3: Members must inform Alan Hannibal, Club Captain, that they have entered the official ballot one week after the ballot closes. Once Alan has a list of those members who have entered the ballot, the committee will approve who is eligible for entry to the club ballot. This list will then be circulated to the club.
- Rule 4: On notification of success or failure in the London Marathon ballot, members must inform Alan of the result and if applicable, supply evidence of rejection, e.g. a rejection magazine address, or a screen dump of a failed online attempt.
- Rule 5: All club ballot entry is at the discretion of the committee, to be agreed at a committee meeting before the club ballot. The final list of members to enter the club ballot will then be approved and circulated by the committee.
- Rule 6: Any member objecting to the committee's decision as to who to enter into the club ballot, should raise their concerns prior to the club ballot. All objections received after the ballot will not be valid.

Actions: Mike to send Claire list / criteria of members' activities; Claire to disseminate the rules to the club.

4. The constitutional changes described in the agenda were agreed

Action: Stuart to update constitution, to be signed at next committee meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report: Pete provided the report. In summary there is £1666.44 in the deposit account and £1740.40 in the current account. In addition membership fees are now coming in to Alice.

6. Frostbite: The AGM takes place at Eye on May 8th. Claire will attend.

The venue for the BRJ race was discussed. The venue must be able to provide facilities for up to 500 people, including toilets and refreshments, on the first Sunday in March 2012 from 9am – 2:30pm. A number of people were tasked with contacting potential venues – see actions list. Updates on potential venues to be sent to Claire by mid-April.

Alan stated that he wants to step down from managing the BRJ Frostbite as he wishes to take part in the run. A committee will be requested from the membership to take over the Frostbite function.

Clarification of the rule on 16 year olds. This will be raised at the AGM – Mike to clarify question for Claire.

Action: Venue enquiries: Mike - Hotel Chocolat; Alan - Jubilee Park; Sarah - Lord Protector; Suzie - Regional College. Claire - Leisure Centre and St Peter's School; Pete - Huntingdon Junior School; Amy - Thongsley School;

Action: Mike to email Claire regarding the issue with the age 16 rule

Action: Claire to attend AGM

Action: All club members – request for volunteers for Frostbite Committee. Stuart to highlight when minutes email sent.

7. Social Events: In the absence of Elaine, nothing was discussed.

8. Fundraising: Stan has yet to receive handover from Sue. Stan agreed to approach Macmillan regarding a London Marathon charity place:

Action: Stan to contact Macmillan for London Charity Place

9. Running Sub Committee: Lucy Moore and Simon Moore have agreed to be part of the sub-committee. Weekend runs are being organised by volunteers. Liaison is required between the various parties organising the various weekend events. Intermediate effort sessions are being organised for Tuesdays. Coaching sessions are being investigated. Claire will talk to Stuart who runs with the Monday group and is also a coach with Cambridge and Coleridge. A number of people were tasked with approaching other clubs for ideas on coaching and training – see action list. Andy gave a brief report on the Tri section.

Action: Claire to contact Stuart (coach)

Action: Contact with other clubs: Claire – Bedford Harriers; Sarah – Riverside; Amy – Hunts AC; Alice – C & C.

10. Objectives

Action: Claire to email objectives questionnaire to all committee members

11. Working Groups Composition: Covered in other discussions.

12. Leadership in Running and Fitness Course: Costs £90 per attendee per day. Next session is in Norwich on 16th April. It was agreed to send Amy, Alice and Sarah, paid by club funds, including travel.

Action: Amy, and Sarah to attend course on 16th April. Alice to attend at a later date as she is on holiday on April 16th.

13. George Cant Trophy

Action: Mike to email Claire a list of previous winners.

14. Status of Wednesday Night. Mike sought clarification of the insurance position specifically the definition of a “club activity”, required for cover. It was agreed that training runs that appear on the club website are official club activities. Other activities might not be covered.

15. Communicating with Members. It was agreed that it was desirable to cut down the number of emails and to ensure that Facebook is not the sole source of information. The website was identified as the best place to provide information. The website is currently being updated by Bren, but the committee wanted more input. The committee decided to invite Bren to the next meeting.

Action: Stuart, to add an item about the website to the next agenda.

Action: Claire, to invite Bren.

16: Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th May.

17. Any Other Business:

Press Officers Report: Sarah and Suzie are jointly taking this role. Need to get the membership to let Mike know when they are doing some of the more obscure races, and to invite them to submit photos whenever possible.

Action: Stuart to include on minutes email the requests on the membership.

The meeting closed at 9:50