



Hart Road Runners Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday 1st September 19:30 @ Alexa's House

1. Attendees / Apologies

Apologies received from Ged Ruffle, Hannah Hall and John Leonard

2. Agreement of June Committee Meeting and review of action points:

- Kate has taken on the role of digital media. Grahame noted a marked improvement on speed of updating the website. Kate has been added as a moderator instead of an admin. **Action: Grahame will meet with Andy Croft on behalf of the Committee to follow this up.**
- Easy fundraising – trial via Committee has been a success and the Committee agreed that this will now be publicised to the club. **Action: Sarah to email out and also send links to Kate for Twitter and website**
- The new Handicap route was a success and the Committee wishes to thank Spin for his efforts in designing and marking out the new route. The first one had a particularly large turn out with a good social at the De Havilland afterwards and it is hoped that this success will continue.
- Membership -there is still a member who renewed but no payments have been received. **Action: Gill to contact England Athletics.**
- Hampshire Road Race league – this will be promoted via the newsletter – **Action: Ged to draft some words for the newsletter.**
- Everyone Active - Grahame has been in contact regarding marshalling at Hart Tri as money has not yet been received. An area for the Mike Cloke Memorial Area was discussed and so far Everyone Active has not been accommodating as yet.

3. Feedback on the Hart4

Nigel updated that it was another success for the event and the weather was favourable again. A few issues were discussed:

- Obtaining required number of marshals in advance. On the day there were enough marshals but only due to a few last minute or on the day additions. If

the event is to expand again the Hart 4 Committee would need to think about how to attract marshals.

- One complaint was received from a dog walker regarding lack of signage and not knowing there was an event on. However, the Hart 4 Committee felt that although it may be beneficial to include some bigger signs around car parking areas, the event was held on private land (MOD owned) and HRR paid to have permission to hold the event and be on the land.
- Use of St John's Ambulance – 12 people were treated, mainly children with minor cuts and bumps however one runner suffered an asthma attack, likely due to the grass/pollen. A note will be added to the race day instructions to encourage sufferers to bring inhalers where appropriate due to the location of the event.
- The event made a small cash surplus this year, thanks to some prudent spending and generous sponsors, this cash was paid to the club and may be used, if necessary, in future years
- Next year there will be an increase from 150 teams to c. 175 teams. There is consideration of whether t-shirts can be provided to runners .

Grahame on behalf of the Committee and the whole club would like to thank all of the Hart 4 Committee for all their hard work.

4. Review of Financial Position – update from John via email:

Summary - Income for the 6 months to 31st August is £23.4k and expenditure £20.7k. Net income is £2.7k. Over half of the Club's income and expenditure for the first 6 months of the financial year relates to the Hart 4. We currently have £13.4k in the bank. There is one major creditor, Landmarc (for the Hire of Minley for the Hart 4) to the value of £2.8k. Payment is due on 24th September 2017.

Hart 4 - Entry fees were up from £6.9k last year to £10.6k this year due to the increase in the number of teams from 116 to 151 and the increase in the team entry fee from £60 to £70. Sponsorship and other income was £2k and 30 T-shirts were sold at £12 each totalling £360. Total expenditure was £11.7k leaving a surplus (subject to final confirmation) of £1,306 compared with £359 last year.

Membership Income - The total income received from membership subs so far this year is £5.6k representing 221 members, 201 paying £27, 14 new members who joined in Jan or Feb paying £25 and 6 Life Members. Affiliation fees paid to date are £3k leaving net income from Subs at £2.6k.

Track Night - The average number of runners per session is 15 and the surplus after 6 months is £79.10. The sessions run during the months requiring floodlights have made a small loss but the summer months without lights should

have generated a sufficient surplus to allow the track sessions to at least break even for the year if the current numbers are maintained.

Coaching - The majority of coaching expenditure, £280 was for two courses in Leadership in Running Fitness. These will take place in October and are for Darren Stafford and Carol Sworn.

Winter Training Camp - The maximum 23 participants are now confirmed and have paid a deposit of £50 each. A deposit of £510 has been paid for the accommodation.

BBQ - The net subsidy for the event was £187.

Club Kit - The cost in the accounts relates to samples ordered.

PayPal Fees - I have secured the charity rate for the Club qualifying under the 'not for profit' rule. The rate has now dropped from 3.4% + 20p to 1.4% plus 20p per transaction. This saves 54p on the annual £27 subscription fee or £1.40 on a £70 Hart 4 entry fee. The rate is now the same as that charged by the alternative Stripe payment provider we also used for the Hart 4 this year.

5. Review of Membership

Gill updated that HRR currently have 222 members. Since there last committee meeting there have been 6 renewals and 9 new members. Gill went through the welcome letter that new members receive and the Committee discussed and agreed a few minor additions, including a note advising that Twitter users can follow the club. **Action: Gill to make agreed changes to letter.**

6. Social Events

Alexa updated that the **Summer BBQ** was a success, good weather, relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to Nigel for the food and to Kate and Charlie for their help with setting up the field and for providing music.

The **Children's Christmas Party** is booked, further details to be sorted nearer the time. Alexa had investigated options for the **Adult's Christmas Party** including costs and dates for various venues however many places already booked up. **Action: Alexa to proceed with costing out The Lismoyne, The Meade Hall and Oak Park Golf Club with the potential for a disco.**

7. Running Activities – update from Ged via email:

New Handicap course as devised by Spin has proved to be successful and much preferred by the members. The key point now is to encourage members to come along and use it each month. **Action: before the next handicap Ged to provide**

some words for the weekly newsletter to try and sell the benefits to our members.

The Autumn Running Schedule is now in operation and all runs are in the calendar on the website. For the weekly runs there are 4 basic routes which alternate:

- (a) Winter 8.7 mile route (from HLC at 7:00pm)
- (b) Elvetham/Ancells (from HLC at 7:00pm)
- (c) Farnham Hills (from Waitrose car park at 7:15pm)
- (d) Monthly Handicap (from the Keys Centre at 7:00pm)

Guest Coach - HRR has the pleasure of top endurance coach Nick Anderson being present for 3 sessions this autumn. 2 of these dates are a Thursday as such we have put the club run on a Tuesday for these (10th Oct, 7th Nov) and coaches will encourage members to attend the track for a speed session on those weeks. The sessions will be free to members.

Mike Cloke Memorial Run - This is booked for Thursday January 4th **Action: Grahame to speak to De Havilland if Everyone Active is not a viable option.**

Cross Country – the dates for the Southern Cross Country League have been mostly agreed and are already on the calendar on the website:

- 8th October - Bramley Forest (Basingstoke & Mid Hants AC)
- 12th November - Queen Elizabeth Country Park (Portsmouth Joggers)
- 10th December - Bourne Wood (Farnham Runners)
- 31st December - Lord Wandsworth College (HRR)
- 21st January - Manor Farm Country Park (Stubbington Green)
- TBA February - Polecat Valley (Haslemere Borders)

Action: Ged to send out details and invite members via facebook; all Committee members to promote and encourage members.

LWC Series – Spin, Ali and the team working on dates that the venue will be available and these will be promoted once dates are finalised. There appears to be some confusion in the club between this series of races and the SXCL. This needs to be cleared up and promoted accordingly.

2018 races - Many members especially those training for a spring marathon like to race Wokingham Half and Bramley 10/20. Most years these races fall such that Wokingham is 2nd Sunday in February and Bramley is 3rd Sunday in February. Next year they are switched such that Bramley comes before Wokingham.

VLM - We should be entitled to 3 club places for VLM next year. **Action: Sarah to apply on behalf on the club.**

Ballot for club places will be made on handicap night at November. **Action: agreed criteria for club places to be circulated prior to ballot**

8. **Coaching Update** – Nigel updated that the deposit has been paid for the winter training Camp in Wales and that the capacity was reached. Deposit is non-refundable.

First Aid – a basic first aid course has been booked for 6th October at Zebon Copse. All coaches have been invited.

9. Website and Social Media

Twitter – Kate reported that this had been set up and had a following of 254 (mainly HRR members) and that she had begun tweeting key events and activities and had a tidy up to ensure that the names that are followed are relevant tweeters for the entire club e.g. Parkrun and other running clubs etc.

Action: Hannah to remind in the newsletter than you can follow Hart Roadrunners on Twitter

Action: all to include Kate for information to go on website.

Facebook is used for most key events and as a coms tool and for exchange of ideas. Kate has been appointed moderator (discussed under review of minutes).

Website – the recent upgrade was a very clear improvement but further review needed. Kate has started adding latest news however areas are out of date and there needs to be ownership of each area. A sub-committee has formed to look at the website.

10. Open Issues Discussion

Storage - Nigel has met with Caroline to see whether using her shed is a suitable storage solution for the low cost bulky items owned by the club (used for the Hart 4 and other HRR events). **Action: Nigel to source a new lock and negotiate costs.**

Kit – Charlie updated that it had not been a promising start working with Kukri and the samples were still not quite right. The Committee agreed to try other suppliers being used by local clubs. **Action: Grahame to contact F&C and Heather to contact Bracknell Forest** (both of which clubs had recently designed new kit).

Volunteering – Gill raised the issue of volunteering – there have been 27 volunteers in all and the club are grateful to all of these however most events use repeat marshals and we need to see how we can attract more people. Judith will

continue sending an email; however we need to think of a more personal approach as well.

Hospice to Hospice – World Hospice Day is 7th October. **Action:** Nigel to contact Huw with regards to this year's event. Kate and Hannah to advertise via email, facebook and twitter.

AOB from Ged via email:

- (a) Hart 4 was excellent – well done to all involved in this.
- (b) On FB there was a question about making next Hart 4 “cup free . From my perspective I do not think this is a good idea. In this year's race people were getting cups of water to take to their incoming runners as was necessary due to the heat. Being cup free would not enable this. My suggestion is to get recyclable paper cups.
- (c) HRR new kit. What is the status and when will it be available (covered above)

The meeting closed at 10pm

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday 24th November 7:30pm @ Charlie & Kate's.