



Hart Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday 7th June 19:30 @ Sarah's House

1. Attendees / Apologies

Grahame Smee (Chair), Sarah Cleland (Minutes), Hannah Hall, John Leonard, Kate Christie, Charlie Boffin, Alexa King, Nigel Marchant, Ged Ruffle
Apologies: Heather Allen, Gill Stone

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

Minutes - already agreed and uploaded to website.

Digital Media - Kate to take on role of Digital Media – will include coordination of Facebook and website. Kate will require full admin rights (currently Andy and Anne Croft have full rights and Gill and Ged are only moderators) and two are sufficient

Action: Kate to replace either Andy or Anne as full administrator.

The Committee made the decision that the closed Facebook group is for current members and once a member has left they should be removed from the group however if a member wishes to remain in contact they can request in writing via any Committee member to stay on the group. **Action: Ged to remove from group non-current members.**

The website requires an upgrade which Tom Burr is happy to do but will need a specification to work from. **Action: Kate to contact Tom with specifications and also to learn to add items.**

Achievement Awards – these require promotion and many members (existing and new) are not aware of these. Hannah can publicise via weekly newsletter and member should be encouraged to contact Heather if they think they have achieved either an Achievement standard in their age category or broken a club record in their age category. **Action: Hannah to ask Heather to draft a notice for the weekly communications**

Easy Fundraising – Sarah has registered HRR as a fundraising cause and made a purchase to test, raising £2.12 for club funds. As it is unknown how much income

online fundraising will generate towards general club expenditure, the Committee agreed to trial between them for a month before advertising within the club with a clearer idea of how the club can benefit and . **Action: Sarah to circulate link to Committee members.**

Proposed new Handicap Route – Ged talked through the route devised by Spin and proposed for safety reasons to modify the end of the route to go up the hill at Turners Way, down the straight and loop the green and go back down the straight to finish at the Keys in order to avoid crossing the Morrison’s entrance roundabout. This gives a slightly shorter distance of 6.08 miles. Committee agreed to trial in July and August as a taster with either a couple of marshalls, pacers or course markers in place. **Action: Ged to go back to Spin to agree route with minor change. John has offered to post the route from Strava on Facebook after the July taster to help advertise and promote.**

HRR Trophies – Grahame brought the old trophies from the cabinet at HRR to the meeting and these were discussed and allocated appropriately.

Hart4 – discussed under finance section

3. Review of Financial Position:

John gave an update of financial activities and fed back on actions from April’s meeting:

Hart4 budget – discussed initial outgoings and items left to pay. 25 team places left to sell out of 150 teams. All team places need to sell to break even. T shirt sales are lower than predicted – will promote further as the event draws nearer.

LWS XC Budget – John talked the Committee through a comparison with last year’s actual spend – everything is in order.

4. Review of Membership:

Grahame gave an update from Gill including actions from last committee meeting: We currently have 207 members and have attracted 15 new members, including some who benefitted from the 14 month offer by joining in January. 37 members from last year have not renewed this year. Of the previous members Gill contacted there were various reasons for not re-joining – moving house, injured, joining another club. There were a few membership renewals still trickling in.

Website issues are now resolved and Tom provided membership lists which have been cross referenced to payments. Two members who renewed but no payments were received have now paid and one has not – **Action: Gill to contact England Athletics.**

5. Social Events:

Alexa updated that the May Awards Dinner was very successful and a good local venue. Feedback was received that the music quiz detracted from the awards but some members gave feedback that they really enjoyed it.

John Pinkerton Canal Cruise – 20 people booked on already and the maximum capacity is 50 so more promotion is needed to cover as much of the cost as possible (food is subsidised). Alexa has added as an event on facebook – **Action: Ged to pin to page until after event and Hannah to continue promoting through weekly newsletter.** Boat leaves the Waterwitch at 7:30pm so members meeting at the Barley Mow will have sufficient time for the short route and Pete Bullock is leading a group for a longer route, leaving at 6:45pm

Celebrating HRR 35th Birthday – options discussed for a formal/informal event and decision made to combine with a Summer BBQ – family, friends all welcome. **Action: Alexa to contact Barley Mow re possible dates and add event to facebook / send details to Hannah for the weekly newsletter.**

Christmas Parties – Children's Party booked for 10th December at Elvetham Community Centre 2-4pm. (Hall booked 1:30pm-4:30pm). Alexa to start calling venues for dates/process for adult Christmas do. Request from Committee members to try avoid same weekend as Cross Country (this is likely to be 10th December but Ged will confirm once league meeting has taken place next month).

Thursday night Club runs – confirmation that after Handicap/Achievement awards the post run pub will be De Havilland Arms which if the handicap is starting/ending at the Key might work well. All other Thursday nights (except for summer run away nights) will be the Fox & Hounds.

6. Running Activities:

Ged updated that 6 teams were entered at Runnymede Relays

The Southern League XC AGM is 5th July where dates will be decided for the coming season – Spin will be attending meeting. If HRR want to host the proposal is 31st December (we can use Lord Wandsworth College on this date). We need ideas to encourage more people to attend – **Action: Ged to talk about at the next Committee Meeting.**

Hampshire Road Running league – dates will be agreed on 19th June at their AGM. We subscribe to the league but don't participate – discussed and agreed we should include some races as MRC to encourage participation and advertise on facebook as an event. **Action: Ged to put together some words to promote league for Committee to review before circulating.**

Winter schedule – complete – weeks will alternate between Standard 8.7 winter route, Elvetham Heath/Ancells Farm, Handicap and Farnham route.

Mike Cloke Memorial run will be on Thursday 4th January 2018. **Action: Grahame to speak to Everyone Active about using one of the sports halls/rooms for refreshments afterwards.**

Change of date for the Hash Run – **now 13th July.**

7. Coaching:

Nigel updated that the summer coached sessions had – varying numbers attending. There could be various reasons for this - venues further afield; Yateley/other races midweek.

The coaches are trying to be more innovative with sessions, especially in peer groups.

There was a good response from the club regarding a possible training camp in the spring. **Action: Kevin is looking into options and investigating accommodation.** Deposits will be required once accommodation sourced.

First aid course specifically for coaches and if any spaces left, regular marshalls will be invited. The course has been budgeted for his year.

8. HRR Website Upgrade:

Discussed under section 2.

9. Kit Samples:

Charlie has been in contact with Kukri regarding the correct club colours, addition of Hart logo on the front and different lengths of shirt. He confirmed that two new samples have been ordered (1 male and 1 female) with an expected delivery date of 14th July. Cost of shirt is £24 plus VAT.

10. Open Issues Discussion:

- Grahame - Ladies Hampshire Road Race Series (promotion and medals). HRR 15/16 ladies were promoted from Division 3 to Division 2. The league awarded one trophy for the team and the committee has agreed that this is to be shared.
- John requested that his name be corrected on the HRR Committee page of the website

- Charlie – regarding a calendar of unusual events, this should be sited in facebook rather than the website. Individual members can post events and invite members to join. Using the calendar part of facebook page will show all the upcoming events.
- Ged to order version 3 of the England Athletic cards which can be posted and personally addressed.
- HRR should have got paid money for marshalling Hart Tri but have not yet received anything – **Action: Grahame to investigate**

Next Committee Meeting:

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

Meeting closed 21:50