



## **Hart Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Friday 12 April 2019, 7.30pm @ Heather's House**

### **1. Attendees/apologies**

Attendees were Grahame Smee, Hannah Hall, John Leonard, Ged Ruffle, Gill Stone, Heather Allen, Kate Christie, Charlie Boffin and Rhea Horlock. Apologies were received from Jon Cross and Dave Adams.

### **2. Allocation of committee roles for 2019/20**

Grahame Smee had been elected at the AGM for another term as Chair. John L and Hannah are halfway through two year terms as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Rhea agreed to be a co-opted member of the committee and Jon Cross has also been co-opted for another year. The following committee roles were agreed: Kit - Charlie Boffin, Website technology - Dave Adams, Website updates and social media - Kate Christie, Club Captain - Ged, Coaches Rep - Ged, Membership - Gill, Awards - Heather, Social - Kate. Grahame, Gill and Kate will continue to be the Facebook administrators, with Ged as the moderator.

### **3. Agreement of March Committee Meeting Minutes and review of action points:**

The minutes of the meeting in March were agreed and have been published on the website.

- Kate to complete the database of maps of summer Thursday runs and add them to the website for next summer - action to be reviewed. Ongoing.
- Grahame to finalise the history of the club and pass to Kate for publication on the website. Spin is adding to the original text with photos. Ongoing.
- John L to gather information on where kit is being stored. John has completed the list; it was noted that Caroline's shed is at about two thirds capacity. Complete.
- John L/Gill/Grahame - It was agreed that the longer term financial implications of senior membership should be detailed to ensure longevity and a more detailed proposal be presented at the AGM along with an ongoing, separate financial measurement in the clubs accounts. John has shared the information with the committee - complete.
- Darren to promote track night in the newsletter - complete.
- Dave to look at the ownership of the club calendar when the new email addresses are allocated - ongoing.
- Grahame to provide wording to Darren for the newsletter to ask for volunteers for the Phyllis Tuckwell anniversary walking event, pending clarification from Phyllis Tuckwell on their re-

quirements - overtaken by events (other routes to finding volunteers have been decided on).

- Grahame to consider options for our own event in support of Phyllis Tuckwell - ongoing.
- John L to return to Phyllis Tuckwell to accept offer of 'big cheque' presentation - complete.
- Alexa to liaise with the Golf Club to see if they will lower their costs for room hire for the May Do - complete.
- Dave to present the new email addresses at the next committee meeting - ongoing.
- Heather to investigate a date with Javed and a venue, possibly at the Harlington Centre - complete, this had been a popular event and had raised some money for charity.
- Heather to come up with a proposal for a litter picking up event - it was agreed that we should consider holding an event in the autumn, as there have been a lot of local events during the Great British Spring Clean, and also a lot of requests for help from club members. Ongoing.
- Heather to start a history of club records as new records are set - complete.

#### Actions from AGM

The minutes of the Review of the Year/AGM were agreed and will be published on the website.  
Action - Kate to publish the minutes.

- Kevin agreed to look into some strength and conditioning/core classes for the club - complete.
- Consider take up of Ross MacLagan's suggestion that having a club flag/banner/shelter to identify us as a team at cross country might help with camaraderie at events. It was agreed that this was a good idea - complete.
- Discuss how to do more to publicise HRRL. It was agreed that we could do more on this, creating events for every race on Facebook and also publicising the opening dates for entries to the races. Action - Grahame to create events for HRRL races and to publicise opening dates for entries.

#### **4. Kit - update from Charlie**

It was agreed to purchase a minimum of order of long sleeved tops. To help shift kit, it was agreed that kit could be brought along to the Chairman's Challenge for members to buy on the night. It was agreed that this would be a useful occasion to take some new photos for the website with members wearing the new club kit.

#### **5. Review of Financial Position - update from John**

John provided an update on the club's financial position.

#### **6. Review of Membership – update from Gill**

We currently have 173 members, with 7 life members and 5 taking up the offer of senior membership. It was agreed that rules for membership of the Facebook group needed to be clarified and the membership of the Facebook group should be reviewed to keep it in line with the paid membership. Action - Grahame to update rules for membership of Facebook and monitor membership.

## **7. Social Events**

Grahame updated that the May Do has been booked and paid for and the menu needs to be selected. Action - Kate to select menus. Kate will provide the sound box on the night and will scope the room in advance. Those who will receive achievement awards should be actively encouraged to attend. Action - Kate will draw up an invitation to be emailed out to all members by Hannah.

## **8. Running Activities – update from Ged**

The summer schedule has now been completed and is on the calendar on the website. The Runnymede Relays will be on 6 July with a different format. All legs will be the same length and teams will have to be mixed, with at least two members of the opposite sex to the rest of the team. It was noted that we will need to encourage our female members to take part to allow enough teams to enter.

Thursday night runs on Handicap nights during the summer were discussed. It was agreed that last year's alternative off-road runs on Handicap nights had proved successful and that there was appetite in the club for an off-road run, although it should be noted that the Handicap run was a very valuable part of the club's activities. Kate explained that the Steady Six had proposed a schedule of off-road runs for Handicap nights. It was agreed that it would be good to have the same off-road run for all club members and that these should start from Fleet, and that the committee should liaise with the Steady Six to discuss this. Action - Gill to liaise with Anne Croft to agree a schedule of summer alternative off road routes on handicap nights.

## **9. Coaching – update from Ged**

The summer coaching schedule has been completed and is on the website. Andy Danson has completed his Coach in Running Fitness qualification and Angela Austin will complete hers shortly, which is great for the club. We have had some stunning racing results from our members and a really high number of achievement awards, which is indicative of the great coaching we get at the club.

## **10. Website and Social Media – update from Kate**

No further updates.

## **11. Open Issues Discussion**

Grahame raised the issue of XC attendance. He proposed a new initiative whereby members could earn MRC points, up to a certain cap, by participating in XC races (excluding LWS as this might deter members from volunteering). It was agreed by the committee that this was a good idea. Action - Grahame and Ged to come up with the rules for the points system and to share this with the committee for further discussion.

## **12. AOB and date of next meeting**

Grahame noted that the Member of the Year voting needed publicising. Action - Rhea to include Member of the Year voting in the newsletter this week to encourage votes.

Hannah suggested deconflicting the timings at the Lord Wandsworth Series events of the junior races with the adults races to enable adults to both race themselves and support their children. This might boost the numbers of adults racing. Action - Ged to raise this with Ali.

The committee needs to consider nominees for the Guinness and Lynchford Trophies. Action - all committee members to consider their nominations.

Hannah told the committee that she had been approached by a Hook runner, Tessa, about the possibility of a parkrun or junior parkrun in Fleet. She asked whether any committee member was aware whether this had ever been seriously considered and whether they could add anything constructive. There was no indication that this had been looked into before. Committee members suggested various possible venues, and discussed the limitations associated with space and parking. Action - Hannah/Grahame to liaise with Tessa.

Kate enquired as to whether there was the opportunity of changing the location of the Hash run to make it a little more accessible to all runners. Action - Ged to discuss with the organisers of the Hash run.

Kate asked whether we could ensure that maps were always available for the summer runs for both the 6 and 8 mile options. It was agreed that this should be the case.

Grahame noted that we have two results that show for HRR on Facebook which needs investigating. Action - Kate to ask Tom Burr if he has the permission to delete the alternative Facebook group.

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