



Hart Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday 12 July 2019, 7.30pm @ the Community Room, Morrisons, Elvetham Heath

1. Attendees/apologies:

Apologies were received from Grahame Smee, Charlie Boffin, Kate Christie, Dave Adams and Jon Cross.

Attendees were Ged Ruffle (Chair), Rhea Horlock, John Leonard, Gill Stone, Heather Allen and Hannah Hall.

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

- Kate to complete the database of maps of summer Thursday runs and add them to the website for next summer - action to be reviewed.
- 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. Update: This is still ongoing, awaiting information from Spin.
- Grahame to consider options for our own event in support of Phyllis Tuckwell. Update: Grahame has planned a fundraising event for Phyllis Tuckwell on 20 September. So far, 26 people have taken up the offer of having a ticket in lieu of a refund from the May Do but there have only been two new ticket sales. A communications push is needed and a dedicated email will be sent out soon. There will be an appeal for raffle prizes nearer the time.
- Dave to present the new email addresses at the next committee meeting. Update: discussed under item 9.
- Dave to look at the ownership of the club calendar when the new email addresses are allocated. Update: discussed under item 9.
- Heather to come up with a proposal for a litter picking up event - discussed under item 10.
- Kate to publish the minutes of the Review of the Year/AGM on the website. Complete.

- Grahame to create events for HRRL races and to publicise opening dates for entries. Update: HRRL races are getting more publicity and posts in the newsletter; more work would continue to be needed to raise the profile of these races. Ongoing.
- Grahame to update rules for membership of Facebook and monitor membership. Update: the Committee agreed that the rules were adequate and did not require changing. Action: Gill to pass a list of current members to Grahame.
- Grahame and Ged to come up with the rules for a new points system whereby members can earn MRC points, up to a certain cap, by participating in XC races and to share this with the Committee for further discussion. Update: the following points system was proposed: 2 points per Southern League XC event, 3 points for a Hampshire XC event, up to a maximum of 12 points. Our Southern League race and LWS would be excluded to encourage marshals and volunteers. The Committee proposed that the races be allocated 3 points each to provide equal encouragement to participate. Action - Ged to put this proposal to Grahame.
- Ged to raise with Ali the possibility of de-conflicting timings at LWS of the junior races with the adults races to enable adults to both race themselves and support their children. Update: this was not felt possible, as it ran the risk that parents might leave their children unattended. Complete.
- Hannah/Grahame to liaise with Tessa Habberley regarding a Fleet based parkrun. Update: Hannah had spoken to Tessa; progress on this has stalled but she will be in touch if there are any further developments.
- Kate to ask Tom Burr if he has the permission to delete the alternative Facebook group. Ongoing.
- Kate to select menus for May Do. Complete.
- Kate to draw up an invitation for the May Do to be emailed out to all members by Hannah. Complete.
- Gill to liaise with Anne Croft to agree a schedule of summer alternative off road routes on handicap nights. Complete.
- Rhea to include Member of the Year voting in the newsletter this week to encourage votes. Complete.
- All committee members to consider their nominations for Guinness and Lynchford Trophies. Complete.
- Ged to discuss a possible change of location of the Hash run with the organisers. Complete.
- Club kit to 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. Complete.

3. Kit - update from Charlie

Charlie had provided an update ahead of the meeting: 133 items of kit have been sold, with 106 remaining in stock. None of the 32 long sleeved T shirts have yet been sold, but there will be a push to sell these when autumn approaches. Vests have been selling (20 left in stock from an original 90). There are 32 T shirts left from a stock of 72 and 22 hoodies left from a stock of 45.

4. Review of Financial Position - update from John

John presented the financial position for the year so far. Key points were: Only 27 people took a place on the marathon coach this year which resulted in a loss of £120. We may have to review provision of the coach next year depending on numbers. The Hart 4 is expected to break even, or worse case scenario, run at a small loss. The £1800 coaching budget was presented to the Committee and was agreed by the Committee.

5. Review of Membership – update from Gill

The club has 196 members at present; 5 members have asked to transfer to other first claim clubs (mostly due to members relocating). 48 members from last year have not renewed. Action: Ged to consider a communications campaign to attract members. Hannah to draft a message for Facebook.

6. Social Events - update from Kate

Kate had provided an update ahead of the meeting that the Christmas do was booked.

7. Running Activities – update from Ged

The summer schedule appears to be going well.

We had a good day at Runnymede Relays with 4 full teams from HRR. Out of 37 teams entered HRR teams finished 6th, 9th, 12th and 23rd. Well done to all those that took part.

The dates for the Hampshire League Cross Country 2019/2020 season are:

Dates, Venues and Host Clubs for Season 2019/2020 Confirmed List

12 Oct 2019	King's Park	Bournemouth AC
9 Nov 2019	Sparsholt College	Winchester and District AC
30 Nov 2019	Aldershot	Aldershot, Farnham & District
11 Jan 2020	Prospect Park	Reading AC
8 Feb 2020	Popham	Basingstoke and Mid Hants AC

The AGM for the Southern League Cross Country will be held on 17 July where fixtures for 2019/20 season will be agreed. Grahame and Louise will be attending and dates will then be shared with Ali/Spin with the aim of de-conflicting with LWS.

The winter schedule for September to December is ready and will be published during August.

8. Coaching – update from Ged

Ali Wigg has stepped down from the coaching team and will no longer be involved in the track on Mondays. Carol Sworn will be stepping down from the coaching team when she moves away in the very near future. The HRR coaching team will be looking to recruit some additional coaches to replace Ali and Carol.

The summer schedule has been well received. The winter schedule has been planned and we are currently in the process of aligning coaches with sessions. Information will be published in due course.

9. Website and Social Media – update from Kate and Dave

Dave had provided an update ahead of the meeting to explain that we now have the following email addresses:

chair@hartroadrunners.co.uk
shop@hartroadrunners.co.uk
coaching@hartroadrunners.co.uk
membership@hartroadrunners.co.uk
committee@hartroadrunners.co.uk

A general 'info@hartroadrunners.co.uk' could be added but that could mean too many different addresses. The Committee discussed the contact form already available on the website and agreed that this was sufficient to field general enquiries without the need for an extra 'info' email address.

John requested that an additional treasurer@hartroadrunners.co.uk be added.

Dave had outlined the two different ways to access these email accounts. The Committee agreed that individuals who will be allocated an email address needed to speak to Dave to understand their preference on how to do this. Action - individual committee members to speak to Dave about their email addresses.

Rhea asked whether the gmail address that the newsletter is sent from will still be used and if not, will we be able to transfer the contact groups, as having to input them again would be a considerable task. Action: Dave to clarify the email account to be used for the newsletter.

Dave confirmed that at present the club calendar is associated with the email address 'hrrsiteteam@gmail.co.uk' and requested that Committee members with access confirmed this with him. Action: Committee members who can access the club calendar to confirm this with Dave.

10. Open Issues Discussion

- Litter picking (Heather)

Heather has spoken to the Elvetham Heath Community Office and asked if they would like the club to do a litter pick. Their response was enthusiastic. She proposed a date of Wednesday 14 August; Alan had agreed to not run Bridge Club that evening so that mem-

bers could attend the litter pick. A time of 6.30pm for 6.45pm was agreed. A budget of £100 was agreed for drinks afterwards.

- Recruiting handicap helpers (Ged)

In June we had to cancel handicap due to the fact all the organisers were away at the same time. It would be useful to recruit additional helpers to understand the handicap procedures and be able to help out in the future. Action: Ged to speak to Spin to understand what would be needed to provide more support with the handicap. It was agreed that if a similar situation happened in the future, it would be helpful to explore all options before cancelling the handicap.

11. AOB and date of next meeting

Ged proposed an indoor athletics event for HRR children in lieu of a Christmas party, given the poor attendance last year at the children's party. The Committee welcomed this idea and it was agreed that a date would be looked at for January. Action: Hannah to take soundings from members regarding a date. The event would be for children ages 6-12.

Gill enquired about tidying up the spam email on the email system and it was agreed that she would do this.

Howard had enquired about providing spare water bottles for use at the Hart 4. The Committee agreed that paper cups would be the best option (for anyone who had forgotten their own water bottles). Action: John to take this back to the Hart 4 Committee.

Date of next meeting: 4 October and 29 November were proposed as the next meeting dates; subject to the agreement of the Chair.