



Hart Road Runners Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 4 December 2019, 7.30pm @ Morrison's Community Centre

1. Attendees/apologies

Attendees were Grahame Smee, Dave Adams, Gill Stone, Jon Cross, Kate Christie, Charlie Boffin, John Leonard, Heather Allen and Hannah Hall.

Apologies were received from Ged Ruffle and Rhea Horlock.

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

- 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: Grahame now has the photos and is finalising the text. We will add a 'history' section to the website. Heather has some photos to contribute - ongoing.
- Grahame to align FB membership with current club membership, allowing for circumstances where there would be a legitimate reason for previous members to remain on the FB group. The committee agreed that this should be done at his discretion - ongoing.
- Grahame/Ged to provide wording for the newsletter that the allocation of MRC points for cross-country races will be 3 points for each race - complete.
- Kate to ask Andy Croft if he has the permission to delete the alternative Facebook group - ongoing.
- Ged to post HRR advert on FB every quarter - ongoing.
- Members who have allocated club email addresses should speak to Dave to understand their preference on how to do this. Update: Dave has provided a guide on how to do this - complete.
- John L to produce projected club cash flow - ongoing.
- John L to investigate what other clubs charge for membership to allow members to discuss HRR fees for 20/21 - complete.
- Dave to investigate purchase of track sessions via the website shop - this is now on the shop and will be publicised more widely to members from January - complete.

- Kate to send the photos on the development site to Grahame; update - these are now on the club website - complete.
- Heather to provide wording regarding the club's welfare officers for website and newsletter. Update: Heather has asked Helen Hart to do this - ongoing.

3. Kit - update from Charlie

Long sleeved t shirts and hoodies are selling now the weather is colder. A small purchase of further kit (20-30 items) is now required to ensure stocks of all sizes. Action - Kate agreed to publish a push for sales of kit on Facebook.

4. Review of Financial Position - update from John

The Christmas do is running at a loss as not all places were filled. The Winter Training Camp is expected to break even. Track is making a loss (although previous years it has made a profit) - it would be useful to encourage numbers to ensure that it remains financially viable. It was suggested that we could invite Fleet & Cookham AC; Action - Grahame agreed to do this. There was some discussion around approaching Cove Joggers and Farnborough Flyers and other local clubs. Action - Grahame to discuss this with Ged.

5. Review of Membership - update from Gill

We currently stand at 212 members, up 4 from the last meeting.

6. Social Events - update from Kate

54 people are now booked onto the Christmas Do. For next year it was agreed that: the Christmas event would be an informal one; the canal cruise would not take place; the May Awards Do would be the one formal event for the year; the BBQ would go ahead and maybe a club hash run.

7. Running Activities - update from Ged

The Thursday running schedule from January to April has been finalised and has been uploaded on to the club calendar. The Mike Cloke Memorial Run has been moved from early January to the summer. The plan is to try and schedule it for the summer Hartley Wintney Run. This has particular significance as Mike often organised this run. His family and F&C AC are fully supportive of the change in date for this event.

Numbers on some Thursday nights recently have been very low, though as the club does not record numbers, it was hard to say whether this was more than the usual seasonal fluctuations in numbers. It was agreed that all groups needed to leave from the same location in the winter.

The Virgin London Marathon draw took place in November and the two winners were Nigel Marchant and Nichola Sherar. Hannah has notified the winners and the runners up.

Ged will be checking up on the numbers who plan to run London in April so we can arrange appropriate transportation. As in the past two years, transport will leave from Fleet Station and not HLC due to opening times and parking limitations.

In the Hampshire League XC, our HRR men are performing really well and currently positioned in 2nd place in Division 2. Our ladies are also doing well and are currently in 8th place.

Turnout at the recent Southern Cross Country League at QECP was disappointing. This was in part due to a clash with the Lord Wandsworth Series. If possible, hosting the Lord Wandsworth Series on the same day as SXCL should be avoided.

The annual Christmas Lights Run will be on 12 December this year. This run will start and finish at The Key Centre, not HLC as planned. Ged has planned the route to take in the best lights.

8. Coaching - update from Ged

The Tuesday night coaching schedule from January to April has been uploaded to the club calendar. The sessions on Tuesday evenings are well attended and prove to be popular. Going by the number of PBs being recorded, the sessions must be proving to be beneficial.

Now that Ali is no longer involved in the track sessions, Kevin Munt has taken over the responsibilities. Attendance will probably pick up in the New Year when many athletes are focusing on various spring events. The Nick Anderson session at the track on 18 November proved to be very popular with a really big turnout with the majority of athletes being from HRR. We enjoyed another good talk from Nick Anderson on 29 November, including really helpful information on training from 5km to Marathon.

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

Current issues were discussed under review of action points.

10. Open Issues Discussion

- 5k club records - It was agreed that 5k should be added to club records (achievement awards are already given over this distance). It was agreed that club records could be held for parkrun as a separate category, but that achievement awards would not be given, as parkruns are not over a certified distance. Heather raised concerns about the work required to monitor parkrun results. It was agreed that we need to put the onus on members to inform the committee when a member has broken a record. Action - Jon Cross offered to establish and record current club records for 5k and parkrun.
- Club Fees - the committee discussed whether the club should increase its fees for next year, given the increase in EA fees. Discussions focussed on what other clubs were charging and the aspects of what the club provided that were affected by a general rise in the cost of living. Following this, it was agreed that fees should be increased from £27 per year to £32 per year, which it was felt still provides excellent value for money. John also suggested that we could ask members to pay directly via BACS to avoid credit card fees.

11. AOB and date of next meeting

Heather suggested another defibrillator run in the New Year.

DONM: Friday 7 February.