



Hart Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday 7 February 2020, 7.30pm @ the Community Room, Morrison's,

Elvetham Heath

1. Attendees/apologies

Apologies were received from Heather Allen and Dave Adams; Rhea Horlock was also not present. Attendees were Grahame Smee, Ged Ruffle, John Leonard, Gill Stone, Jon Cross, Kate Larmer, Charlie Boffin and Hannah Hall.

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

- Grahame to finalise the history of the club with photos from Heather and a 'history' section to be added to the website. Update: Grahame to send photos to Kate for the website.
- Grahame to align FB membership with current club membership. Update: Grahame has reviewed the FB membership and will take action accordingly.
- Kate to ask Andy Croft if he has the permission to delete the alternative Facebook group. Update: The FB group is in fact a page with Tom Burr as admin, and was set up as a public facing page, as opposed to the group which is for members. It was agreed that we will keep this as a simple page with some basic information about the club. Action - Kate agreed to refresh the page.
- John L to produce projected club cash flow - ongoing.
- Heather to provide wording regarding the club's welfare officers for website and newsletter. Heather has asked Helen Hart to do this. Update: There had been subsequent discussions around the wording on safeguarding. Action - Grahame and Heather to finalise this.
- Kate to publish a push for sales of kit on Facebook - see item 3 - ongoing.
- Grahame to invite Fleet & Crookham AC to track night and to discuss with Ged approaching Cove Joggers and Farnborough Flyers and other local clubs. Update: Grahame has discussed this with Fleet & Cookham AC. We are now getting a few runners from BVR. We will monitor numbers for now before considering whether to invite any further clubs.

- Jon Cross to establish and record current club records for 5k and parkrun. Update - Jon has completed this and passed it to Kate for publication on the website.

3. Kit - update from Charlie

15 items have been sold since the last meeting. Charlie is meeting with the manager of Alton Sports to clarify that the club no longer stocks kit with them, as it does not prove practicable due to our range of kit. More hoodies and long sleeved tops have been ordered and Kate will advertise these on Facebook when they arrive. It was agreed that Gill will add something to the welcome pack to tell new members that we have club kit for purchase. Action - Gill to add this to the welcome letter.

4. Review of Financial Position - update from John

Track night is making a small loss but numbers have improved in December and January. The Lord Wandsworth Series is running at a loss, largely due to fewer juniors taking part (senior numbers have improved). The breakdown showed that numbers of juniors have been consistently low over the three races so far this season. It was agreed that it would be useful to publicise the series more to local schools. Action - Hannah to create some marketing material for schools and Facebook to try and attract more juniors to the races, targeting the 1 March race. Hart 4 has sold 77 places out of 200. Grahame asked for sight of the budget for Hart 4.

5. Review of Membership - update from Gill

We currently have 220 members. Grahame had received some queries about the rise in fees for next year. Action - Grahame agreed to write an explanatory note to go out to all members to explain why the fee increase.

6. Social Events - update from Kate

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that the May Do should be formal, and the Christmas do more casual, but following further discussion at this meeting, it was felt that there wasn't going to be sufficient appetite for another formal do and that this year's May Do should therefore be an informal one. Action - Kate agreed to investigate local pub venues and look at a date in the summer holidays for the BBQ at the Barley Mow.

7. Running Activities - update from Ged

The current schedule is in full progress. Dom Wake has trialed a new winter route and we plan to have this as a Guest Run in March. There is a second route under development

We will start looking at the summer schedule shortly and will ask members if they want to host a run. We plan to do the Mike Cloke Memorial Run as part of the summer schedule; target is for this to be a Hartley Wintney Run in June.

It was agreed that the popularity of the Farnham route was dwindling and that there were some health and safety concerns about the route, particularly coming down Folly

Hill. It was decided that the Farnham route would come off the schedule, hopefully to be replaced with the new winter route.

The coach has been organised for VLM and has one seat left!

The committee commented on another successful training camp and expressed their thanks to Kevin and Nigel.

8. Coaching - update from Ged

It was discussed at the recent coaches meeting that Howard will step down in April as a club coach after 25 years. Shane will rejoin the coaching team, as such replacing Howard. The committee wished to thank Howard for his commitment to the club over such a long period.

The Tuesday night schedule is in full swing and very well supported by members. Our training appears to be appropriate looking at the number of excellent results and PBs from our members. The summer schedule will be completed during March.

The track was unavailable for 3 weeks in January and will be unavailable for 2 weeks during this month. Numbers fall away when the track is not available even though some really good sessions are planned using the footpaths along Queens Avenue.

We have had some runners from BVR who thought our sessions were excellent; they have promised to promote it a bit better within the club.

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

There has been an increased amount of spam through the coaches' feedback email. Action - Dave to investigate whether anything could be done to combat this.

10. Open Issues Discussion

- safeguarding - discussed under item 2.

11. AOB and date of next meeting

Bridge Club was discussed and Grahame agreed to speak to Kevin to discuss clarifying the role of Wednesday nights.

Storage had been raised as an issue. Kate and Charlie said they might be able to offer some storage. Action - Grahame agreed to speak to Nigel about storage requirements.

Heather had proposed another litter pick. It was agreed that this was a great idea and should be supported.

The Heron on the Lake was proposed as a potential venue for the AGM.

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