



Yeovil Town RRC Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: St John's Ambulance, St John's House, Memorial Road, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil BA22 8WA

Date: 3th April 2019

Time: 18:30

Attendees: Malcolm Maxted, Steve Warren, Phil MacQuaid, Denise Byrd, Mel Dodge, Anita Rufus, June Moule, Lesley Nesbitt, Adam Hawkins, Guy Williams, Simon Rowbottom, John Curtis, Fez Parker, Daniel McFarlane, Lindsay Saunders, Graham Still.

Agenda items

Apologies for absence: Lynne Thumpston

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Officer's Reports:

Chairman: Malcolm Maxted

Yeovil Half Marathon

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Yeovil Half Marathon. The Club had approximately 90 runners, many recording a personal best time. We also had four age category winners. If you include all the other members of the club that helped with marshalling, taking photographs and most importantly, supporting, well over half the members of the Club were involved in one way or another.

John Curtis

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that John Curtis has completed his hundredth marathon and is now the fourth YTRRC member of the Hundred Marathon Club. John is the "quiet" member of the Club but does so much. He is a run leader on Tuesday nights and sometimes at weekends and is always there at the Pub Runs on a Thursday. He helps out at all YTRRC events and regularly races in our colours. To do all this and run a hundred marathons is a fantastic achievement and on behalf of YTRRC we thank him for his enormous contribution to the Club.

Jim Hedges

Last night Jim Hedges informed me that it would be his last Tuesday night run with the Club as he is moving to South Wales today. Jim has been with the Club for over thirty years and was possibly one of the original members. He asked me to thank all Club members, in particular the Committee, for everything they have done over the years. He also still wished to pay his subscription for the coming year as a way of saying thank you. This is a tremendous gesture of good will and a very positive reflection on the Club. We wish him well.

Vacant Positions

I am pleased to report that we now have some applications for the new data protection officer and secretary, the latter being a job share. I am confident that we can make definitive appointments at the AGM.

Club Insurances

I am pleased to report that the ARC insurance has been paid and our EA insurance is covered. I will ask Adam in his report to explain about the EA insurance payment.

Sub committee

The sub-committee met on 20th March and was attended by eight elected officers of the Club. The minutes are on the website.

Role descriptions were finalised and incorporated into a document concerning the Election of Officials as requested by the Club. The details are on the website. Please note the applications for any of the roles must be submitted by 15th April by email to me. Items for AOB closed on 2nd April.

The AGM was also discussed and I will give the details later.

An update of the Run Leaders Information document was distributed to the sub-committee members and also emailed to Matt Drive who wrote the original document. No comments have been received and the document is now on the website. If any member of the Club has any comments on the document, I would be grateful if they would email me.

Secretary: Phil MacQuaid

- Confirmed that ARC insurance cover was confirmed till 31st March 2020.
- EA/UKA £150 Insurance would be paid with the next tranch of membership renewals by the Membership Secretary.
- For the last 21 years our contracts have been with RNAS Yeovilton administrated by the PT Department and we are all signed up till 31st March 2020.
- This year the costs are MOD Licence £156 and £17.25 each time we use the facilities for which I have booked 8 occasions.

- However, from next year it seems that our dealings will be with the (DIO) Defence Infrastructure Organization which is part of the MOD. I do have a contact Andy Jackson who I will contact later.
- I have recently purchased 50 Reflective Jacket for Marshalling only. They will be marked up so if seen or used for running we will know that they have been “borrowed” They are mainly oversized so that they can be worn over jackets etc. The old unmarked Jackets can continue to be used for running.
- I have also purchased 12 X 500mm Road cones which are traffic compliant.

Treasurer: Simon Rowbottom

Our bank Balance is currently £15576.73 which is boosted by membership and renewal payments and also race entry fees for both the next 5K and Easter Bunny races. The Treasurer asked Guy Williams to keep him informed on payment received via PayPal. The Treasurer also said he would contact Louise Dale to review the year’s accounts and attend the AGM if possible.

Membership Secretary: Adam Hawkins

Membership renewals now stand at 148 but several of these are new members & several have paid via the website and their details are not yet with the membership secretary.

Adam explained to the Committee that EA insurance was paid on the first invoice from EA after the renewal date.

Championship Secretary: Lesley Nesbitt

- Nothing to report.

Webmaster: Guy Williams

- Nothing to report.

Club Diary: Phil MacQuaid

Pub Runs (every Thursday)

Thur 4 th April	Rose & Crown Bradford Abbas
Thur 11 th April	Dinnington Docks Dinnington
Thur 18 th April	Sheaf of Arrows Melbury Osmond
Thur 25 th April	Whyndam Arms Kingsbury running the Town Trees Trail route
Thur 2 nd May	White Hart Yetminster
Thur 9 th May	Halfway Inn Pitney
Thur 16 th May	Admiral Hood Mosterton
Thur 23 rd May	Orchard Inn Galhampton

April 5K Summer Series Wednesday 10th April

- Lindsay Saunders & Steve Warren Race Directors reported that all was going well. The new course has been officially measured. Due to the change of the course the Police (Con Gary Bowden) were quite concerned and a lot of correspondence ensued. Having been informed that the relevant Risk & H&S assessments were in hand and that the club had three Traffic Management Operatives (TMOs) their concerns have somewhat lessened. EA/UKA Race Licenses now have been issued. Some road "CROSSING" signs have to be procured prior to the event
- At least 20 Marshalls will be required plus the usual Office/Refreshments & finish crew.
- St Johns First Aiders have been booked & Confirmed.

Fred Fox Memorial Hash 20th April

- This event will be organized by Martin Chaffey who has recently re-joined the Club. It will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 20th April at Ham Hill and will not exceed five miles.

Easter Bunny 10K Monday 22nd April

- Guy Williams Race Director reported that similar problems as for the 5K had similarly been resolved.
- The Race is now sold out & there will be no reserve list.
- Race Licence issued.
- St Johns First Aiders have been booked and confirmed.
- There will be a requirement for more marshals than previous years.
- The complexity of several road crossings and the use of traffic compliant signs and cones.

Town Tree Trail 15th May

- Adam Hawkins Race Director reported that all was well. The police & local Authorities had been informed but have shown no interest.
- ARC Race Licence has been issued.
- St Johns First Aiders have been booked.
- 24th April Pub Run from the Whyndam Arms Kingsbury would be a Recce Run of the course.

Wessex Ridgeway 100K Relay. 19th May

- Graham Still has now got three teams entered & entries fees will be paid this week. 3 Minibuses to be booked.

Dave Richardson Memorial Handicap

- This will now take place on 10th May and I have asked Tim Hawkins to write a piece for the website concerning the event. I will also remind members at the AGM as the event takes place three days later.

Yeovil Marathon & Heron Half 9th June 2019.

- Bryn Phillips Race Director was not at the meeting.
- Graham Still Chief Marshall reiterated the need for a very large number of marshals from either the club or other organizations. There was some inconclusive discussion about where they could be recruited from.
- It was suggested that there should be four water stops and a portable toilet at each location. There was also a further suggestion that there should be a mobile marshal so that remote marshals could be relieved as required.
- An improvement in Marshals support (see above) & refreshments etc.

Annual Memorial Run to the Bench at Ham Hill Tue 9th July

- Phil MQ informed the committee that the plaque on the bench would be removed in late April and be updated to be in place for the Memorial Run.

Ash Excellent 8 & 5 Milers 8th September

- Nothing to Report.

Santa Dash 2018

- Nothing to report.

Wessex Cross Country League

- Tim Hawkins was absent.
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AGM Tuesday 7th May

At the sub-committee meeting it was decided that the venue would be the Red House on Dorchester Road, BA22 9RA (Unfortunately, Phil found the original four ideas unsuitable or unwilling to host us). The evening will start at 6.30 p.m. with the food being served shortly afterwards and the AGM will start at 7.15 p.m.

Guy has put a piece on the Events section of the website where you can let us know if you wish to attend. This is important for catering purposes. The food will be sausage and chips with a vegetarian option.

There will be no Chairman's 5k this year and there will be no Club runs on 7th May.

The Agenda for the AGM will be on the website shortly after this meeting. We have to vote on two additions to the Club Constitution and Rules, which have already been agreed in Committee.

1 Constitution (10) Discipline and Appeals

“The Club will not tolerate abuse, harassment, discrimination or defamation of any of its members on the Facebook page.

Any member may be disciplined or excluded from membership of the Club if his or her conduct has been likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the Club. Also, in the case of social media, the member may be removed from the closed Club Facebook page.”

2 Club Rules (6) London Marathon Ballot - Additions

“Have never obtained a place in the London Marathon by way of a Club Ballot place.”

“Have helped with three Yeovil Town RRC events between the Easter Bunny or first Yeovilton 5k of the year (whichever comes first) and the last Yeovilton 5k of the year. It is the responsibility of the member to inform the race director on the day of the event that they have attended and which role they were designated.”

Club Colours and running kit

Graham Still kindly organised a trial of different YTRRC running kit for night running events, which usually occur off road. They have proved very popular and as a result of the sales, Graham has raised £230 for St Margaret’s Hospice. However, there are a few problems.

Firstly, our Club Colours are registered with EA and have to be worn at all EA events and at all times when representing YTRRC (with a few exceptions). Failure to do so means that your result will not be registered in EA events and other results will not be recognised by YTRRC. This means that members must wear club colours for all Street 5k races as they are EA races.

Second, all Club kit is now purchased through Sports of Bond Street. Thanks to Fez, a good relationship has been established and the system is working well. If further purchases of the new kit are required it must be done through Fez and Sports of Bond Street.

Also, introduction of new kit does mean we are left with a large amount of unsold old kit, which will result in a financial loss to the Club.

Third, while running in the new design kit off road is fine for off road night races, when running on the street at night with no reflective material on the side of the shirt and the rest of the runner in black, they cannot be seen by cars when crossing roads. I have seen some yellow shirts, which are nice and bright and would be fine for summer training runs.

There was a long discussion on Club Kit. Graham Still was commended on the new black reflective kit and the associated donation to St Margaret’s Hospice. He still had about eight outstanding orders and the Committee agreed that he could honour this commitment. However, any further sales would have to be conducted through Sports of Bond Street.

Fez explained our relationship with Sports of Bond Street, which are a commercial organization and have assumed the responsibility of providing all our sanctioned kit at their own cost. It was explained that if Club kit was not sold by Sports of Bond Street it could lead to loss of income to them and possibly them severing their relationship with the Club, which would be a huge loss.

There was some discussion about the present vest looking outdated. The point was made that Green and White are our registered Club colours with EA/UKA and in accordance with the rules we must wear for their races or risk being disqualified.

There is however, nothing in the rules about the design of the running kit as long as the colours are not changed. Denise Byrd offered to look into re-designing the present vest but it was agreed that in future any introduction of new or redesigned kit must be done through Sports of Bond Street and would only be introduced as supplies of old kit run out.

Aldon

Following the change of ownership of Aldon, which took place around the New Year, the land is now managed by Symonds and Sampson and patrolled by wardens. Dog walkers have to apply for a licence, which costs £50 per year. The Chairman has been approached about purchasing a licence for the Club, which would allow members to train on Aldon including Club nights and also allow races. The Committee agreed that there might be some merit in this and the Chairman agreed to make further enquiries and report back.

Focus Group

Nothing to report.

A.O.B.

Adam Hawkins thanked those club members who assisted with the event run earlier to-day especially in the Rain, Hail & Snow

We were then informed that the Primary Schools County finals would be held at Mudford Rec on Wednesday 24th April. Any help from club members would be appreciated

Steve Warren that the committee had previously agreed to donate the profits from one of last Year's 5K races to the "Jane Tomlinson Appeal" on behalf of the late John Enright and accordingly arrangements would be made to present the sum of £600

Anita Rufus is once again hoping to organize a coach to the Bristol Half in September if there is enough interest. Other venues & dates are also being considered, Salisbury & Cardiff being just two. Mel Dodge asked if an event could be selected that also had a 10k race so that members who find a half marathon too long a distance, could join the Club outing.

Guy Williams proposed that the club purchase a new up to date PA system. He produced flyers for one costing £93.99 and unanimous approval was given for its purchase.

Mel Dodge Informed the committee that the "Tea Ladies" would not be available for the Yeovil Marathon as the logistics was beyond their resources.

Anita Rufus Reminded everyone that The Annual Awards Night is 29th Nov 2019.

Trailer Day. A date to be confirmed by Malcolm Maxted who would host the event.

Next Meeting:

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