



# Yeovil Town RRC Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Time: 18:30

Attendees: Malcolm Maxted, Phil MacQuaid, Denise Byrd, Mel Dodge, Anita Rufus, June Moule, Lynne Thumpston, Lesley Nesbitt, Adam Hawkins, Guy Williams, John Curtis, Daniel McFarlane, Lindsay Saunders

## Agenda items

1. **Apologies for absence** – Steve Warren, Tim Hawkins, Simon Rowbottom
2. **Minutes of last meeting**

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **Matters Arising**

The date of Tim Hawkin's final marathon training session was incorrect and was corrected to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

3. **Officer's reports:**

**Chairman: Malcolm Maxted**

- For the record the Agenda for the February and March meetings were passed on to the webmaster a week ahead of the meeting. Guy is a very busy person who does a lot for the club and he puts the agenda on the website as soon as he can. Also, although I have been away for the past few days nobody has contacted me to add anything to the agenda so I have added nothing.
- **Tim Hawkins**
- Many thanks to Tim for his marathon session on 24<sup>th</sup> February. About 20 people turned up and it was a great success. The next session is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March i.e. this coming weekend.
- **Presentation**  
I would like to thank all those who braved the weather to attend the cheque presentation today and those that went on to help out at Aldon. The final amount raised by the Santa Dash was around £3500, making it the most successful Santa Dash to date. Congratulations to Lindsay.

- Road Disruption Yeovilton  
While undertaking our marathon training with Tim Hawkins, we were able to see the extensive road works outside Yeovilton, which will cause significant problems with the Easter Bunny and 5k series. Lindsay, Steve and Guy have been working hard to try to resolve this one and will tell us about it later in the evening.
- Vacant Positions  
We are still looking for a new secretary and new data protection officer. If anyone is prepared to help out or knows of any member of the club who would be interested please let us know. In the meantime, Phil has offered his services as a temporary secretary on top of all the other work he does for the club and I ask you to help and support him.
- Sub committee  
The sub-committee could not meet in February for various reasons and will now meet in March. However, the role descriptions and arrangements for applications for posts at the AGM will be on the website by early April as agreed at January's Committee meeting. Hopefully, I will have the Run Leader's handbook updated and on the Club website as well.
- AGM  
We propose to hold the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> May and details about the AGM will be decided at April's Committee meeting. It is the only date in May that myself and Simon Rowbottom can make and we are the two people who have to present reports.  
If you wish to raise any topics under AOB the details must be submitted to me by email by 2<sup>nd</sup> April.  
Phil MacQuaid informed the meeting that he had only just heard that the Yeovil Town Football Club is no longer available on 7<sup>th</sup> May.  
A short discussion took place and it was decided to keep the date but try to find another venue. Phil will look into this.
- Complaint  
There has been a complaint by the dog walkers at Aldon about runners using the area. They reported this to the new Warden at Aldon who, in turn, spoke to Brian Baker who is a representative Schools Athletics. Brian was concerned that if this was repeated his plans to hold next years SSAA Championships would be rejected.  
This has been looked into by Steve Warren and Phil MacQuaid and there is no evidence that the runners came from our Club. I will send a letter to Brian Baker.  
Prior to the sale of Aldon, the Club were allowed to run across on Tuesday evenings i.e. club runs but the leaders and as many runners as possible had to wear kit with YTRRC on it. Since the sale, Aldon and the Showground has come under the guardianship of Symonds and Sampson Estate Agents. If anyone wishes to run at Aldon, they must obtain an annual personal licence costing £50 before doing so. Therefore, all members are advised not to trespass on either site.  
However, there are some rights of way across Aldon and the areas are actively patrolled by wardens.
- Club Insurance.  
The Chairman was concerned that the ARC and EA insurances were renewed on time. The EA insurance for the Club is a fixed amount and can be paid on time.

The ARC insurance is based on the number of Club members and to make sure this is paid on time, the Chairman proposed that we should use as our figure the number of Club members we had last year i.e. we should declare 205 to 225 members and pay accordingly.

The individual member's details to be registered with EA will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April and must be completed by June.

Treasurer: Simon Rowbottom

Absent.

Membership Secretary: Adam Hawkins

So far there have been 38 renewals, 9 new members and 3 resignations who are in the process of relocating from the area. Renewing members are advised that their EA renewals cannot be actioned till 1<sup>st</sup> April. The committee asked the Membership Secretary to inquire into the reasons for resigning or not renewing memberships.

Championship Secretary: Lesley Nesbitt

Nothing to report.

Webmaster: Guy Williams

Expressed surprise that people were looking to our website inquiring about events that had nothing to do with YTRRC.

#### **4 Club Diary:** Phil MacQuaid

Pub Runs (every Thursday)

Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Muddled Man West Chinnock TA18 7PT
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Quarryman Keinton Mandeville TA11 6DZ
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Orchard Inn Gallhampton BA22 7BA
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Skippers Sherborne DT9 3HE

Anyone with a preference for the blank dates contact Phil MQ.

#### **5 Race reports**

RNAS Yeovilton Road Works

These works were supposed to be completed by March this year. However as is the way of most roadworks they have overrun considerably and may not be completed till the end of Summer.

Therefore Guy Williams & Steve Warren have devised new courses for both the 10 & 5Ks finishing at the Nuffield Centre as in previous years. Arrangements have been made to Officially measure the revised courses on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March which should allow time to amend the relevant Race Licenses.

Action will have to be taken to inform both the Police and local Parishes about the route changes.

Similar problems may exist for The Yeovil Marathon & Heron Half which the Race Director is advised to take appropriate action.

- Yeovil 5K Summer Series

Lindsay Saunders "Race Director"

Notwithstanding the above Lindsay happy with the situation.

Lindsay reported that last year's 5Ks had produced a profit in excess of £3000 plus £1000+ from the esteemed Tea Ladies. A Fantastic effort by all.

The proceeds from one of the 5K is being donated to the "Jane Tomlinson Appeal" which was the favorite charity of the late John Enright which had been agreed at a previous Committee Meeting.

- Easter Bunny 10k 22<sup>nd</sup> April GW:/Yeovilton

Guy Williams "Race Director" The course will now be a two laps taking in Bridgehampton, West Camel & Urgashay. Entries were going well & he was confident of an entry of 500 runners.

- Town Tree Trail 10K 15<sup>th</sup> May

Adam Hawkins "Race Director" reported that all was going well.

This year's Children's Fun Run will be an Obstacle course.

The Pub Run on 25<sup>th</sup> April will be from the Whyndam Arms and will run as a recce of the 10K Course.

- Wessex Ridgeway 100K Relay.

Nothing to Report.

- Dave Richardson Memorial Handicap

- Is being organized by Tim Hawkins, and the date has been confirmed as Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at Mudford Road Track and will be instead of the usual training session.

- Yeovil Marathon & Heron Half 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Nothing to report.

- Ash Excellent 8 & 5 Milers 8<sup>th</sup> September

Adam Hawkins "Race Director" Nothing to report.

- Santa Dash 2018

Lyndsay Saunders "Race Director" nothing to report.

- Wessex Cross Country League

The Chairman has been informed by Tim Hawkins that the date will be released shortly.

## **6 Focus group report: Anita Rufus**

- The focus group were looking into a "Code of Conduct" for Club Officers & Members which had been emailed to all Committee members and their feedback was awaited.
- The Chairman informed the meeting that a Code of Conduct was included in the Constitution, which was rewritten in 2017 and adopted at the AGM.

He asked Anita if there was anything, she would like to add to the Constitution on this matter but she was happy for it to remain as it is.

- Adam Hawkins proposed that a new paragraph be inserted in the Constitution to the effect that the Code of Conduct also applies to Social Media and this was unanimously support.
- It was agreed that the Chairman would prepare the additional paragraph for next month's Committee meeting and if it is agreed it will be presented at the AGM for inclusion in the Constitution.
- Anita Rufus proposed that an Acceptance box should be added to the membership forms to the effect that the member has agreed to abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Club. This was unanimously agreed.

## **7 A.O.B.**

- Primary School Cross Country

Adam Hawkins thanked those club members who assisted with the event run earlier to-day. The next primary school cross country event will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Mudford Rec where any help would be appreciated.

- Following the success of the East Bunny medals, Anita Rufus asked about the possibility of having bespoke medals for other events i.e. the Town Tree Trail, Ash races & Santa Dash. Whilst the committee felt there was some merit in the suggestion it was felt that the extra cost might detract from the Charitable aims of these events. St Margret's Hospice supply the medals for the Santa Dash and Lindsay will speak to them about upgrading the medal.
- Post Meeting Note  
50 New Hi Viz Waist Coats

These have now arrived and are in the process of being marked and will in future only be used for Marshalling. We still have about twenty which can be used for running.

**Next Meeting:**

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