

# YTRRC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2 July 2019

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

6.30pm

Present: Steve Warren, Daniel McFarlane, Phil McQuaid, Simon Rowbottom, Anita Rufus, Denise Byrd, Graham Still, Lesley Nesbitt, June Moule, Rob Jones, John Curtis, Nikki Guiver, Angela Dobbs

## A G E N D A

### Apologies for Absence

- Guy Williams, Lynne Thumpston, Adam Hawkins, Lindsay Saunders, Fez Parker, Alison Griffiths, Rob Adams

### Minutes of last meeting

- These were accepted as a true and accurate record

### Matters Arising

- None

### Chairman's report – Steve Warren

- Yeovil Marathon and Heron Half marathon took place in June. Although tight on marshals the event was overall a success. SW and DM had received a letter from Bryn Phillips which would be discussed.
- Yeovilton 5k also took place in June, entry numbers were down due to the weather. SW to put a request out on FB asking for volunteers for marshals etc for next 5K on 10 July
- Correspondence from Bryn – SW and DM had received a letter of resignation from BP. Letter was not read out to the committee however SW advised that BP was resigning from the club and was not holding the marathon or Heron Half the next year. It was noted however that the resignation has raised a number of issues, SW has spoken to Liz Diamond about some of these. It was suggested that there needs to be another, separate meeting to discuss this as there are lots of issues that have been raised. PM advised that BP has requested a transfer to another running club. AR requested that this been discussed at the next committee meeting. SR confirmed that the marathon was running at a loss until last minute entries but final figures still to be agreed. PM advised that the marathon had never been officially adopted as a club race. **Actions – SW to arrange meeting to discuss resignation of BP and Yeovil Marathon**

### Secretary's report – Phil McQuaid & Angela Dobbs

- PM advised that there were two requests for people to resign and to transfer to other running clubs, Darryl Sheen and Bryn Phillips. AH has advised that he doesn't want to release BP until the final figures have been confirmed from Yeovil Marathon.
- Four members attended the Leadership In Running Course held in Taunton on 30 June, Yunmi Jang, Alison Griffiths, Rob Adams and Rob Jones. Early reports back indicate

that this was a very useful course and now need to look at how this training can be incorporated into club sessions

### **Treasurer's report – Simon Rowbottom**

- Not a lot of activity to report, still trying to obtain monies from the Nationwide account
- BP had submitted figures to SR showing a £1 deficit for Yeovil Marathon and Heron Half, SR advised that the club would be looking at approx. £300 deficit once all the figures were in.
- A discussion was held around sending gifts to members when appropriate. SR to agree the budget for this

### **Membership Secretary – Adam Hawkins**

- PM advised on AH's behalf that the club had 214 members which includes 39 new members. There was a discussion around whether there would be another committee meeting prior to the September meeting, AR expressed a concern that it would be too long to go to September without a committee meeting. A possible date of 31 July was suggested. **Actions – SW to arrange further committee meeting for late July/early August depending on availability of committee members**

### **Championship Secretary – Lesley Nesbitt**

- LN circulated new guidelines re championship races. It was noted that next year the Ash race clashes with Shepton Beachamp.

### **Webmaster – Guy Williams**

- Not present

### **Kit Manager – Fez Parker**

- Not present

### **Club Captain – Graham Still**

- 10k club was a great success with lots of members achieving their goals at the recent Martock 10k. GS has been asked to do half marathon training which he would be happy to do however he is currently not running himself at the moment so this has been put on hold.
- A discussion was held regarding run leaders and the need for run leaders themselves to get together to discuss the various issues that arise. GS suggested a meeting every 3-4 months but would need contact details of all the run leaders
- ID Bands – a discussion was also held around the use of ID Bands with details of members ICE numbers, medical conditions etc, a bit like the parkrun bands that people can get which have parkrun ID number, medical conditions and ICE details. This way if anything was to happen to a runner during club sessions, the session leader would know who to contact and if there were any issues to be aware of. There is an issue around data protection and the fact that the club can't force people to wear them but a recognition that it would be advisable to do so from a health and safety perspective. AR suggested that the club provides a link on the website and possibly club FB Pages to relevant sites that provide ID Bands.
- Mobile phones – run leaders should ideally all be carrying mobile phones whilst out on club runs/leading club training sessions in case of any accidents or emergencies
- Group between Lynne Thumpston and Linda Membury – it has been identified that there is a need for a group that bridges the gap between these two groups, both in terms of distance and speed. At the moment no run leaders to take this group

- Ben Mahoney – GS advised that Ben would be returning to the area soon and will be looking to rejoin the club. GS to arrange to meet with him to look at how he could be utilised going forward.
- Advanced leaders course – GS, SW, Gary Stickley and Magdalena Kusmierczyk were looking to complete this but has been agreed that this will now take place later in the year due to other commitments
- Club runs and Facebook – there was a discussion around where club runs should be posted. There are currently two FB pages where club runs are posted, the 'public' club runs page and the 'closed' members only page. The club runs go up on both pages and run leaders are asked to comment on both pages whether they are able to lead a run. There is some confusion though as to which page is the 'right' page for run leaders to be commenting on. DM suggested that club runs go up on one page only so that there is no duplication. PM to provide GS with details of all run leaders so GS can meet with them.
- In terms of who can be a run leader, PM advised that as the club runs under ARC rules, anyone they deem suitable can be a run leader, they don't have to have attended any courses to do so.
- DM advised that Nathan Gardiner had asked for the committee to confirm that they are happy for Gary Stickley to run his coaching groups when he is absent, the committee agreed that this would be acceptable
- **Actions – PM to provide GS with details of run leaders, GS to arrange to meet with run leaders. GS to arrange to meet with Ben. SW/AR to investigate suitable companies to provide ID Bands so link can be posted on website. Decision to be made regarding where club runs will be posted in the future, SW to discuss with GW**

### Cross Country – Tim Hawkins

- Not present

### Social Secretary – Denise Byrd

- Nothing to report

### Southern Counties Athletics Association

- This position is vacant, SW to obtain a job description and then circulate to club members to ask if someone would be prepared to take on this role. **Actions – SW to obtain job description from Brian Mountjoy-Row**

### Instagram

- GS now looks after the club Instagram page which now has 154 followers, up from 120.

### Pub/Club Runs

- PM provided a list of all future pub runs and club runs booked. It was noted that the 22 August is now at The Halfway Inn and 29 August at The Lime Kiln
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July is the memorial run to the bench at Ham Hill. A decision was made to meet at Ham Hill in Lime Kiln car park and run leaders to take groups from there, departing at 18:30, meeting at the bench for the presentation at approx. 20:00. This will be signposted from the top of Hollow Lane. AR suggested that a couple of people stay at YTFC to direct runners who turn up there instead in the first instance. AS volunteered to do this. It was requested that runners run in club colours please.
- AH has agreed to do t-shirts again for Ash Excellent Eight/Fearsome Five races but urgently needs dates of events for next year. **Actions – SW to advise AH of dates of events planned for next year.**

## Races

- SW advised that the next Yeovilton 5k was all in hand but would put a post on FB asking for volunteers to marshal again. Santa Dash was also all in hand.
- Marathon has already been previously covered. AH was not present so unable to comment on Town Tree Trail and Ash. TH not present so unable to comment on Wessex Cross Country League

## AOB

- **SR** advised that the next season football fixtures had been released, first YTFC game is a home game on a Tuesday night so club will need to move to Goldenstones that night.
- **Awards night** – AR confirmed this would be the last Friday in November. AR was planning to go to Haselbury to ask about menus so that they can go onto the website along with the prices. The club has decided that members should book for awards night on the website using PayPal which incurs a fee of £1.50. AR asked if this fee could be absorbed by the club rather than having to be met by members as it was not members decision to pay via PayPal. GS asked why members couldn't pay via bank transfer, SR advised that it was easier via PayPal as this provides a complete list of who has paid. SR suggested that the club absorb any cost associated with using PayPal for booking the awards night.
- **Membership** – Tim Howes is the club's GDPR person but needs to be attending club meetings
- **Focus group** – AR has posted on FB regarding the focus group with the aim of getting some more people involved in this to look at club policies etc.
- **DB** – wondered if we could use someone different for the disco for club awards night. AR advised that this would be possible but would need to pay extra. **Actions** – DB to send alternative details of disco to AR.
- **GS** – asked if there could be a list of members available for those running Friday night training sessions at the track. There had been reports of people attending track stating that they are members but there is some uncertainty around whether they are paid up members or not. There was some discussion over whether track nights should just be for members only or whether non-members should also attend. No decision reached but it was noted that other clubs that provide track nights also open this up to non-members to attend.

Meeting closed at 19:35

Next meeting proposed for 31 July, 18:30 at St John's Ambulance Rooms, St John's House, Memorial Road, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil BA22 8WA