

YTRRC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 2020

Via Zoom
6.30pm

Present: Angela Dobbs, Phil McQuaid, Simon Rowbottom, Steve Warren, Lindsay Saunders, Guy Williams, Graham Still, Adam Hawkins , Lesley Nesbitt

A G E N D A

Minutes of last meeting

- Minutes accepted as accurate.

Matters Arising

- None

Chairman's report – Steve Warren

- Wanted to note that the club has obeyed lockdown rules, we will await further guidance from EA and the government about when we can resume club activities. A club member had asked what would be happening regarding the AGM and whether committee members would remain the same. At present, it is not possible to have an AGM due to a ban on all social gatherings and not being allowed to mix with anyone outside of your own household so this has been postponed. A new date will be set when conditions allow. In terms of committee members, Dan McFarlane has resigned from the post of vice-chair, Graham Still has volunteered to stand in for the meantime and is happy to take on this role unless anyone else wants to. As soon as an AGM can be held this will be arranged. Until then, committee members will remain the same and there will be an election in the normal manner when we can have an AGM. SR noted that at present the final accounts haven't been prepared and won't be ready for circulate another 3 – 4 weeks.

Treasurer's report – Simon Rowbottom

- At the close of business on 5 May 2020, the club had £11,240 in the bank. This doesn't allow for the £2,100 that is still owed to EA. 3 cheques have gone missing in the post, they were posted on 8 April and other cheques that were posted on that day have been banked. Race directors have confirmed that all money paid in for races that have been cancelled. GW confirmed that the Easter Bunny medals would be used again next year. Of the 163 people that had already paid up for this, 30 said they wanted their money back, 20 said to keep the money and not worry about it and the vast majority wanted a deferral to next year. This was paid from the money in Full on Sport. There are 20 people who haven't contacted GW at all to say what they want to do. In terms of the other races like the 5k series, there are no costings for this. FOS have put all the races back and St John's Ambulance can't provide any cover until July. There have been no outlays for this apart from the race licence. LS has advised FOS they may run the August and September races as standalone 5k races but there will be no summer series this year. It is unlikely that any events would take place this year until August/September

at the earliest. It was noted that the medals for the EB had been paid for and that it was likely that this year would be a negative cash year.

- There are still a few donations to be made to various charities that haven't happened due to lockdown, for example the YDH charity and the Jane Tomlinson appeal.

Membership report – Adam Hawkins

- The club had 156 members to date, 17 of those were new since January. There were 89 people who hadn't renewed their membership since last year and was noted that some of those won't renew at all.

Club Captain – Graham Still

- GS noted that he still had money to give to the hospice for t-shirts, he is unable to give the money to the hospice until the lockdown is lifted. Order 5 has not been completed as they have been unable to finish this due to lockdown.
- A question was asked about the athletics track, was the club still paying for this? SR advised that the club was invoiced monthly for this in arrears so the club is not currently paying for the athletics track.
- It was suggested that even though the championships were no longer taking place, there should still be a Christmas do, we may need to wait and see what our membership is like though. It was noted that although the float would be diminished, we would still be in credit.

Championship secretary – Lesley Nesbitt

- In terms of championship races, only 9 had been held this year before lockdown, 10 have been cancelled so there are only 3 possible races later this year, 2 in September and 1 in October, assuming these go ahead. It was agreed that the club wouldn't do championships this year. It had been suggested that virtual races be completed for hats this year. Same distances apply, it was suggested that the club might ask for contributions towards the cost of the hats this year due to finances. SR suggested that we create times when events/distances need to be completed. We would then try to do these on dates when there would be actual races. Another suggestion would be to say that all virtual races for the hat need to be completed by a certain date.
- A question was asked about the awards night/Christmas do if there were no championships this year. This will be looked at later on in the year as will be somewhat dependant on social distancing measures. The venue is already booked and it may be that as there won't be any medals or awards it would just be a Christmas meal.

Webmaster – Guy Williams

- With no races the blog is now starting to get a little bit repetitive however Kevin Doherty created some medals for those who ran the virtual Easter Bunny and some more for those running the virtual VE day 10k. SW has said that the club would make a donation to charity for the medals Kevin had created

Races

- PM noted that regarding the 5k and 10k races at Yeovilton, the camp will need to give permission for this and at the moment they have held the licences back. It was noted that any races going ahead later this year would depend on EA guidance and the availability of St John's Ambulance.

AOB

- A question was raised about the club ballot for the VLM in 2021. It was agreed that there would not be a club ballot this year as it was possible that the rescheduled date for the 2020 marathon in October could still be cancelled. If this was the case, then those who had an entry for this year via the club ballot would still have this next year if they deferred.
- AH noted that the Town Tree Trail race was postponed at the moment but it was doubtful that this would happen this year. The Ash Excellent Eight is still scheduled for September but at the moment unsure as to whether this will still go ahead.
- It was agreed that the AGM would be postponed until we are allowed to meet and can confirm a proper date for this.
- Members to be asked if there is anything pressing they would like discussed at the next committee meeting.