

**. YTRRC Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday 6 November 2019

St John's Ambulance Rooms, St John's House, Memorial Road,  
Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil, BA22 8WA  
6.30pm

Present: Steve Warren, Angela Dobbs, Daniel McFarlane, Lindsay Saunders, Phil McQuaid, June Moule, Guy Williams, Lesley Nesbitt, Adam Hawkins, Katy Brooks, Linda Membury, Jeff Watson, Denise Byrd, Graham Still, Yun Mi Jang, Tim Willis, Louise Ward, Richard Clayton, Nathan Gardiner, Anita Rufus, Magdalena Kusmierczyk, Mel Dodge

## **A G E N D A**

### **Apologies for Absence**

Fez Parker

### **Minutes of last meeting**

- Only one query raised by PM – Didn't recall voting re the EA fees – agreed that fees would just remain the same. Otherwise minutes accepted as accurate.

### **Matters Arising**

- None

### **London Marathon Ballot draw**

- 8 names went into the ballot for two places: Yun Mi Jang, Lindsay Saunders, Graham Still, Katy Brooks, Nat Robins, Kev Brettle, Richard Dodge, Jeff Watson
- DM made the draw and in order the following names were drawn: Graham Still, Nat Robins, Lindsay Saunders, Jeff Watson, Richard Dodge, Yun Mi Jang, Kev Brettle and Katy Brooks.
- Therefore, Graham and Nat will represent the club at the VLM 2020. Lindsay Saunders is first reserve.

### **Chairman's report – Steve Warren**

- Bit of controversy re Santa Dash hospice run, will talk about later.
- No other issues to report

### **Secretary's report – Angela Dobbs**

- Few emails had been received. Firstly, an email from Brian had been received asking if we wanted one of our 5k's or other races to be part of the Somerset series. It was agreed that July would be entered – AD to go back to Brian to confirm this.

- We had also received another email from Brian regarding the Tri County Cross Country on 1 December. It had been agreed that Somerset would take place for the 2019 event which is being held at the University of Bath and local running clubs have been asked if they would be able to provide volunteers to assist on the day. It was agreed that AD would add this to the club FB page
- Gav Cheetham has been offered a charity place for the VLM, it was agreed that the club would donate £25 to his charity.
- The club will also make a donation to anyone else who is running the VLM for charity and AD will post this on FB. There is a cap of £300 so first come first served.

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

- All bills paid and money in account

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

- 229 members, 52 new this year as of yesterday, 7 2<sup>nd</sup> claim. 18 not on the site so won't be getting emails.
- BP can now be released from club membership
- 2 new people wanting to join this week but AH has encouraged to join in January to make the most of EA membership.

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

- Collating results for this year and will then look at rules for next year. SW Cross country to be added for January as we have had to cancel Wessex Yeovil XC. 62 hats to be ordered.

### **Webmaster – Guy Williams**

- Has had a few queries from people who want to join club FB page who aren't yet members. Discussion around removing people from page who are no longer members of the club, noted that we do also allow those who are partners/support the club/runners or are RD's of other local races/running clubs etc access.

### **Kit Manager – Fez Parker**

- Night time running Coats are now in at Sports of Bond Street

### **Club Captain – Graham Still**

- Instagram account – GS had spoken to Guy re this, Holli is now looking after as GS was finding difficult to manage.
- Query re track from a colleague at work, there are no start times on website stating when track is so GS asked if this could be updated. GW asked Nathan to send over some words to go on the website regarding the track sessions
- North Dorset Marathon- GS has emailed organisers, entry opens in January and will look at sorting teams out for this in New Year.
- Orders received for 38 more night time t-shirts which has raised money for charity. A request has also come in for long sleeve t-shirts, GS will go and speak to Sports of Bond Street to confirm they are happy for him to do this as this will be

again for charity but being mindful that Sports of Bond Street provide our official kit. Cost for long sleeve t-shirts will be £25.

- London Marathon – club members have queried the requirement to help 3 times, some mums have questioned whether this could be brought down as it's hard to juggle family etc. After some discussion it was agreed that the number of club events that people are required to help at will remain as 3. These must be club organised runs; it wouldn't count if it was an event that the club was 'hosting' e.g. Wessex Cross Country League when the club 'hosts' a XC race
- JW queried whether the events are just Easter Bunny and 5k series as other club members have taken part in other events e.g. Ash and Town Tree. There was a discussion regarding what club events this needed to be, did Santa Dash/Town Tree Trail/Excellent Eight count as this hadn't been explicitly mentioned. It was confirmed as above that this should be all YTRRC organised races. It was agreed that a list of club organised races that counted would be drawn up for clarity and made available on website and FB page.
- 50/100-mile challenge – GS is organising this again and will be updating people in due course.
- Run leaders – PM has now passed all the names over and GS will arrange to meet with all run leaders after Christmas

### **Cross Country – Tim Hawkins**

- TH wasn't present but it was noted that it was good to see so many runners at last week's event. There was a reminder that the South West Cross-Country Championships is on 6 January at Aldon.

### **Social Secretary – Denise Byrd**

- Organising Taxi for awards night, will confirm more as needed

### **Southern Counties Athletics Association**

- JD has now been received, SW to fwd. to AD to add to FB

### **Pub/Club Runs – Phil McQuaid**

- One change –Walnut Tree on 5 December will need to be a week later as Louise away. There will be no pub run on 26 December
- YTFC has been taken over and has new owners. It has been suggested that it would be good if PM and SW go and see James Hillier at the club regarding our continued use of the site. PM has also suggested that as next year is 20 years at the FC, it would be good to present a plaque to them regarding this.
- Tim Willis raised an issue regarding Tuesday night runs, the routes on the website are out of date, a club member had looked at the route earlier on in the day and it didn't make sense. TW stated that often he would need to discuss with Linda prior to setting out what route they would take as it didn't match the website. There was a discussion regarding how these could be updated and how easy this would be for a number of different running routes over a number of weeks. TW also asked whether they need to be risk assessed, PM advised that individuals are responsible for their own safety. TW queried whether the club has liability – runners are insured under ARC but club accepts no liability if runners injure themselves. General running could be risk assessed but would be very difficult to risk assess each run. NG noted that run leaders should mentally

assess the course to make sure it's ok but not required to risk assess (according to ARC). It was agreed that GS to discuss the routes with run leaders when he meets with them in January.

- NG also queried how safe it is to start and finish at YTFC as people tend to congregate on the corner which can be dangerous. This was noted and agreed that we need to start under the canopy and finish at the canopy. If at Goldenstones we should be meeting in the gated area by Goldenstones where parkrun meets, not outside the café in the car park.
- AR queried how busy it is at the football club on a Tuesday, causing issues with parking and asked if SW and PM could raise the issue when they meet with the new owners.

## Races

- Santa Dash – Sunday 8 December – normally refreshments and marshals organised by Mike Shead and family, they are no longer able to support due to personal issues and concerns with St Margaret's Hospice. There has been a lot of controversy around the hospice recently which is of concern. LS has advised we will be going ahead with Santa Dash but the view is that depending on support this year, we may need to look at another charity to support for next year as it would be good to keep the dash going. This will count for marathon ballot for 2021 VLM. LS will request volunteers to support at the event.
- AR – is it possible that club members could nominate a charity at the AGM to support at the Santa Dash? This could be local charity. Previously the club has supported the local air ambulance. It was agreed that this would be looked at again after the Santa Dash had taken place.
- Easter Bunny – all the medals have arrived, GW said that he would like to donate some money from Easter Bunny to Cardiac Care group at YDH which is a specific charity that he has been working with. There was a question regarding whether the road at Yeovilton will be open for next year, at present this is still uncertain but it is likely that the road may still be closed so will need alternative route.
- No response from Commodore re presentation of cheques, SW has delivered the letter to him but no response as yet. Will contact again if nothing heard.
- 20 May and provisional date of 6 September for Town Tree Trail and Ash Excellent Eight.
- All dates for Yeovilton are in the diary.

## London Marathon

- AD read out an email from club member regarding VLM rules. A discussion around what events would count had already taken place and it was agreed that it would remain at 3 events and these must be YTRRC organised races. It was noted that minutes are published on website and club FB page and individuals have their own responsibility to check the rules to make sure they are eligible for something. It was noted that it could be made clearer on the website if something is updated as currently there isn't anything that highlights this.
- Suggestion from JW that there be a quarterly newsletter, this was something that used to happen previously and was emailed out to all club members. It was noted that there was no handover as such between secretaries. AD confirmed that she would pick this up in the new year, this would then be emailed to all members of the club website.

## Run Leaders – how to become

- NG – raised this as he had heard that there was a rule that you have to be in club for 2 years before the club would pay for someone to do the run leaders course however having checked, he couldn't find this on website or in constitution so is this a rule or not? Some of our new members can be quite keen, will marshal and take responsibility for runs so should we not look to assess whether they are suitable for course? SW raised that 2 years might be a long time to make people wait before they could do the course. There was a concern raised previously that people might do the course and then leave the club. It was suggested that it might be appropriate to take away timescales, particularly if this wasn't written down anywhere and then if people want to apply to be run leaders, they should nominate themselves to the committee.
- It was agreed that would no longer be any requirements for members to have been a member for a set period of time but instead they should submit an application to the committee if they want to be a run leader.
- AH suggested that those who want to be run leaders should sign up to do a certain number of runs after.
- AR suggested that run leaders should also run between groups – not just stick to their own groups, run leaders should be able to take any group if that group was short of leaders, this might mean some of the 'faster' ones taking a slower group.
- Tim Willis and Richard Clayton, Linda Membury, June Moule, Anita Rufus and Lynne Thumpston applied for the next run leaders' course – agreed that club would pay for these members to attend run leaders' course, they would need to book themselves on. TW also said would be happy to mentor other upcoming run leaders.

## UNDER 18's

- NG stated that he was happy for U18's to attend with their parents, his coaching licence covers from age 12 upwards but on personal note would want parent there as well. Has had a 16-year-old join hill session with mum, mum would remain responsible for them. SW noted that this has been raised before – needs to be investigated further re concerns over safeguarding etc – what do Olympiads and Wells do? NG/SW to potentially look at this. Also, an issue re a runner who comes with his carer sometimes, sometimes the carer stays and sometimes they go. There needs to be a conversation with carer regarding this as carer needs to stay

## AOB

- Awards night – AR needs speeches in advance for those who are hard of hearing – names to be redacted. Needs list of helpers as well to give buffs out
- AR to look at gifts etc
- Defib course – GW would like to look at running course for this and will look to book these in due course
- GS – 10k club starting January for 10k in Martock
- Mel Dodge – charity HAVON (homeless), could the club provide a contribution at some point in the future? To be raised at the next club meeting.
- AH – thank you to everyone who helped at cross country today, 571 children finished, there were over 600 last time.

Meeting closed at 20:23

Next meeting proposed for Wednesday 4 December, 18:30 at St John's Ambulance Rooms, St John's House, Memorial Road, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil BA22 8WA