

YTRRC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 31 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, Anita Rufus, Denise Byrd, Graham Still, June Moule, John Curtis, Angela Dobbs, Adam Hawkins, Magdalena, Guy Williams, Matt Driver, Lynne Thumpston, Fez Parker, Louise Ward, Simon Rowbottom, Mel Dodge, Yunmi Jang, Tim Hawkins

A G E N D A

Apologies for Absence

- Lindsay Saunders, Alison Griffiths, Rob Adams, Linda Membury, Lesley Nesbitt

Minutes of last meeting

- AH asked for it to be clarified that the Committee had advised AH not to release BP until marathon figures had been released – SW has asked Simon to confirm that BP has submitted invoices. Still some uncertainty about whether this has been resolved. Pub runs on 22-29 August were wrong – these have now been amended and are correct on the website

Matters Arising

- None

Chairman's report – Steve Warren

- Snowdon went well, pub runs have all been successful too.

Secretary's report – Phil McQuaid & Angela Dobbs

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's report – Simon Rowbottom

- Nothing more to report – no further invoices from BP. No invoices from Liz either
- Nationwide account is now closed

Membership Secretary – Adam Hawkins

- 217 members, 41 new this year, 7 second claim. Two resignations, Bryn and Darrell. 46 not renewed, 19 of those only joined last year and 6 were second claim members
- ARC rules states that individuals can attend for one or two training sessions but after this they should become members so that they can be covered by insurance.
- Should be an expectation that anyone attending track or hill reps become club members, even if second claim

- Question raised about whether there needs to be a policy regarding this as currently non members can attend track and just pay £1 per session but no limit on how many sessions they can attend – SW agreed that there needs to be a discussion around this – DM & SW to look into the ARC and EA rules regarding track/coaching sessions – issues around whether members from other clubs would be covered
- AH raised the issue that you can't register on the club website if you don't have an email address – he had tried to register someone who didn't have a website and couldn't.

Championship Secretary – Lesley Nesbitt

- LN on holiday

Webmaster – Guy Williams

- Blog – some races have not been included as no-one has written a run report. Reminder that if people want races to be added to the blog there needs to be a write up.

Kit Manager – Fez Parker

- No feedback from shop, nothing from members to say that they have had any problems. Providing kit from shop is going well, didn't see that there was any problem with one-off tops etc being produced as GS has done recently. **Action – SW and DM to look at whether we can have a banner or some form of advertising to promote club races etc.**
- Excess kit – new zip up hoodies and yellow running jackets are on the shelf, all the rest of club kit that is no longer used is in boxes – DM to look into this and collect

Club Captain – Graham Still

- Screwfix are running a health promotion so have asked if we have any promotional material to take along. GS hasn't set a date to go into the club but is happy to do this
- Phil Strange – coming over from Ireland to run the Yeovil half marathon and has asked if he can have a club vest. GS view is that he needs to be a club member to run in club colours, SW confirmed that EA rules state they have to be members to wear club vest
- Ben Mahoney – comments made regarding lack of support at some of the races from members, GS commented that members are stretched quite thin across lots of different areas. Would also like to get a team together for Lemur Loop in November, GS liaising with BM regarding this
- Night races – can the t-shirts that GS has ordered be used for night races. SW & DM commented that if it is an EA race then club colours have to be worn but if non EA event then other tops are acceptable
- Memberships – some people have been struggling with paypal so have asked if they can pay in by bank transfer. GW confirmed that BACS transfer will be acceptable provided that individuals provide their name. PayPal is preferred but BACS transfers will also be accepted – will need to notify AH that they have paid by BACS as well.

Cross Country – Tim Hawkins

- Having great difficulty in obtaining venues – Aldon is too expensive, Ninesprings is an option but concerns as we do have a good relationship with them and wouldn't want this to be ruined. Sherborne Terraces has been considered but may have to give this year a miss and spend the time organising a new venue for next year. If anyone has any suggestions then pass them to Tim. Ham Hill has been considered but TH to speak to Wessex Cross Country to find out if Yeovil can come back next year. There will still be a Wessex League but without a Yeovil venue – Agreed that TH would go back to say no Yeovil venue this year

Social Secretary – Denise Byrd

- Nothing to report

Southern Counties Athletics Association

- SW has spoken to BMR twice and has asked for a JD – hoping this will be forthcoming soon

Pub/Club Runs

- Bradford Abbas have said they would do a pub run, SW to look into an appropriate date for this

Races

- 5k – 37 people have done 4 races out of 4 and 61 3 out of 4, need to sort out prizes for those – SW went through a list of suggested prizes. Numbers haven't been down this year for 5k. AR asked how many you would normally have to buy, SW estimated about 120 prizes. Need confirmation that prizes would be there the week before the last event. Issue re colours, need to be club colours. Suggestion made regarding buffs, squishy mugs. SW agreed to look into this.
- Volunteers for August 14 race – this is the date when most people are away so extra volunteers are required for this race
- Discussion round September race as the plan is to run this race in memory of Pete

AOB

- **Yeovil Marathon** – SW circulated emails from Bryn regarding Yeovil Marathon. Two people named in email and concerns raised around standard of coaching. No evidence or statements to reflect what has been claimed
- Also issues around licences to run at Yeovilton and use facilities at Yeovilton – keys have been removed from Nuffield building so may not be able to use this going forward – PM to look into this. We pay a licence fee for building and facilities fee which includes Easter Bunny, Marathon and 5k series
- Website rights – websites for Yeovil Marathon are owned by YTRRC. These run out in October/November and GW needs to know whether to continue with these or not
- Net loss for marathon – 800 t-shirts ordered but less than 500 entrants. They were ordered from America so there were issues regarding logo sizes and then regarding shipping and import fees. Donations for Scouts and Cadets that were made, SR estimated that the club made £300 loss. BP has asked committee to make a payment to each charity – agreed that no donations and payments would be made to charity due to the excess costs in medals and t-shirts. No discussions were held with club regarding ordering of t-shirts and designs etc. GS clarified he had been on Facebook group regarding design of t-shirts but no discussions held at club meetings regarding costs etc.
- Agreed that those who have been named by BP in his emails can decide if they want to respond to his comments.
- Request for move needs to be approved but needs to be agreed that he retains the excess shirts and returns the medals to the club
- SW to go and see BP to discuss emails and issues re t-shirts, medals etc
- SW to write to Yeovilton regarding use of keys. AH to not release BP until confirmation that there are no outstanding invoices
- **Town Tree Trail** – donations made following this but future of Nature Gardens in doubt
- **Ash Excellent Eight** – entries have already been received, there are Team prizes for Excellent Eight for both men and women. Would like marshals but if people want to run happy for them to do that

- **Santa Dash** – 4 months away and all in order
- **School cross country** – AH had three provisional dates in - 2 October, 16 October and 13 November. One of the possible locations could be Ninesprings
- **Closed club facebook page** – Question over whether non-members should be removed from this page
- **Anita** – awards night, had menu which has been emailed to Bungy, £25 per head and £30 per guest. No fees if paid by PayPal. AR to organise disco. Charity pins – would the club be happy if AR did this again – agreement that this would be acceptable, brain tumour charity and possible animal charity
- **Salisbury** – not many members have paid to go on the coach. AR to put on Facebook but may need to consider rearranging coach to a minibus instead. Decision to be made by next committee meeting as race at the end of September
- **Training coach** – could we have a list of those who are covered to take training sessions/coaching sessions and what they are covered for. Agreed for the minutes that Gary Stickley is approved by the club committee as sufficiently experienced and competent to take training/coaching sessions.
- **PM to provide list of run leaders to GS**
- **Linda's group** – split last night and Tim Willis took the slightly faster group and Linda took the slower groups
- **Argentan** – PM to put this back onto FB
- **YTFC** – now under new management so we are responsible for locking up after Tuesday evenings and we would also need to let them know if we will be parking at the weekends

Meeting closed at 20:10

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