

YTRRC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 3 June 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

- Covid-19 and training runs. Current EA guidance states that runs in groups of up to 6 people can now take place providing they adhere to social distancing guidelines. EA however are not our principal insurers, ARC are. Our EA insurance covers us for races but all club/pub runs are covered by ARC and those guidelines are unfortunately still unclear. Therefore, there can be no club organised runs at present. If anyone wants to run unofficially with other club members then they can do so but they will need to arrange these themselves and in small groups of no more than 6. AH noted that we are affiliated to EA however PM clarified that if we run under EA insurance, then all club run leaders would need to be LIRFA trained run leaders and we don't have enough of those to provide club runs at present. SR advised that the club couldn't start running under EA insurance until the club had a coordinator and runs were risk assessed. SW noted that in addition to this, the football club is still currently closed. GW suggested that currently the only place where small groups could run and be spread apart is either Montacute or Ham Hill, town would be too busy and paths too narrow at present. It was agreed therefore that there would be no organised club runs at present. If people want to run together and organise their own runs then they can but these will not be formal club runs. SW advised that going forward, the club may have to appoint a Covid-19 organiser/coordinator. Sharon Masters had approached the club with regards to taking on the health and safety role, SW agreed to contact her to discuss the possibility of taking this role on as well

Treasurer's report – Simon Rowbottom

- SR has started to prepare the accounts for last year but these are yet to be finalised. It is anticipated though that the cash balance will have reduced by about £4.5k. Outgoings for the last year included the pacer flags (£520), training courses (£730), Yeovil Marathon (£500) and the grand slam hats and the defibrillator. In addition to this the hire of the athletics track cost the club £1,870 last year. The club has invested quite a lot of money however this year although there are currently no outgoings, the only income is from membership fees. The money received for this years Easter Bunny race would go forward to next year's race however as the income from membership fees is approx. £2,000, the cost of hiring the athletics track would take all of our income for this year. It

was noted that if the club was to continue to subsidise things such as track nights, grand slam hats etc, we would be using our cash reserve until we can get income from races. So far this year the club has paid out £2,380 for race licences, medals etc and £500 for Haselbury Mill for the awards night/Christmas party. The current cash reserve at the moment is approx. £11k. LN noted that she had circulated details of proposed virtual club championship races and that she had asked whether we would be asking for a donation for hats this year. It was agreed that this would be considered and discussed further.

Membership report – Adam Hawkins

- The club currently has 162 members, some of whom are second claim members. AH had circulated a list to committee members of current club members and those who hadn't renewed their membership this year. Some club committee members agreed to contact some of those club members who hadn't renewed to ask if they were going to renew. SW agreed to put a notice out on the website and on Facebook to remind people that if they wanted to remain part of the Strava and Facebook group they would need to renew their membership.

Club Captain – Graham Still

- GS confirmed he had received an email from NDVM advising that they can hold onto the places they had booked for next year. There had been two separate relay races run by club members, a ladies team and men's team held over two consecutive weekends. A good number of club members took part and videos were made. It was noted that these events had done a lot to raise morale and it was hoped to repeat another one in the future. Frances Malin had offered to organise another relay race for June. GS still has money to be handed over for the sale of t-shirts which he will do once able to.

Championship secretary – Lesley Nesbitt

- LN has circulated a list of virtual races that could be run to qualify for grand slam hats. The first one would be the Yeovilton 5k next Wednesday, 10 June. If people have already run virtual races then these could be carried forward as well. It was noted that people may be asked for a contribution towards hats for this year. In terms of applying for hats, LN suggested that members could just complete the normal application form. A question was raised about whether evidence would be required, it was thought that this wouldn't be necessary and hoped that runners would be honest about the races that they had done.

Webmaster – Guy Williams

Races

- PM suggested that there be a memorial run held to the club bench on 7 July. Depending on lockdown rules, this would not be a club run as such but the flags would be up at the bench all day and runners could run up and pay their respects throughout the day. PM noted that he had been digitalising all the club records, this was nearly complete but would like to have somewhere to store them.

AOB

The next committee meeting was agreed for Wednesday 1 July. It was proposed that this take place via Zoom unless things change before then.