

YTRRC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Denise's house
7.00pm

Present: Steve Warren, Angela Dobbs, June Moule, Phil McQuaid, Guy Williams, Graham Still, Jo Samuel, Denise Byrd, David Mears, Vicki Scrowston, Lesley Nesbitt; Adam Hawkins; Tim Willis (by invitation)

A G E N D A

Apologies – Simon Rowbottom, Guy Williams, Vicki Scrowston

Minutes of last meeting – approved, proposed and seconded by Phil and Dave.

Matters Arising –

- None

Chairperson's report – **Steve Warren**

- Email received from a club member regarding individuals on the Facebook page who are no longer members. JS is currently working through this and removing people who are no longer members.
- Club members to be reminded that when entering races they should record the club as "Yeovil Town RRC"
- T-shirts – this has been going on since September, SW was hoping to have samples by today, there have been issues regarding the colour matching. SW has resent a current club shirt so that they can work on the colour matching. SW hopes that we will have a sample t-shirt in the New Year.
- Santa Dash starts at 11am, registration at 9.30am. Helpers required from 8.30am to set up etc.
- Full Monty was really well supported.
- Entries on our website for membership are male and female with no option given for non-binary or anything else. A discussion was held about what other clubs do and what EA rules are. AH to look into this and how this impacts on EA registration. JS suggested stating registered at birth and then a preferred option. AH to explore further.

Secretary report – **Angela Dobbs**

- We have been advised that we have one club ballot place for London Marathon in 2024. AD noted that the turnaround is quite tight this year. It was agreed that members who want to enter into the ballot to submit their names to AD by 31 December 2023. The draw will then take place on 3rd January 2024. The successful club member will need to register before 7 March 2024. Club members are eligible if they have: been a first claim member for at least a full year (1st April 2022 to 31 March 2023) and in their second year of membership, they need to have helped at least 3 times at a club event – Yeovilton 5k, Santa Dash, Easter Bunny, Town Tree Trail, Frogmary Takeover events, never have obtained a place in the London Marathon by way of a club ballot before, not have run in the London Marathon in the previous two years irrespective of how they obtained the

place, has presented a valid rejection email. AD will draft email to send to club members and put a post on the FB page and on the WhatsApp group. We will look at the rules for future London Marathon places at the January meeting.

- Email has been received from EA regarding welfare officer not showing on our website. AD has advised that this is incorrect as DM is our welfare officer and this is recorded on the club website.

Treasurer's report – Simon Rowbottom

- Nothing to report.

Membership report – Adam Hawkins

- 218 members, 16 are second claim. 3 new members in November.
- Club standards, AH needs to send an updated version of various policies, AH will update these and send them through. It was noted that we still don't have a Health and Safety policy. DM will look and see if he can find this.
- JS agreed to pick up the female welfare role and will undertake training for this.
- AH went through registered coaches/run leaders on the EA website for our club.

Club Captain – Graham Still/Vicki Scrowston

- Awaiting his coach licence.
- Track numbers have gone up which is good.
- GS was wearing a YTRRC polo shirt, it would be down to the club committee if we wanted to go ahead with these, they would be £12 each plus and extra £5 for charity so £17 in total.
- GS spoke to Timing Monkey regarding risk assessments for Yeovilton 5k series, they can provide theirs if they are needed for Yeovilton.

Kit – Graham Still

Championship secretary – Lesley Nesbitt

- Complete races on website, first race was Full Monty, next race is Chard Flyer.

Webmaster – Guy Williams

- Nothing to report.

Data Protection/Welfare Officer – Dave Mears

- Reminder that when someone has not been a member for 4 years, we need to remove from current system. All names and addresses/emails will need to be destroyed.

Pub and club runs – Phil McQuaid

- Tomorrow's pub run at Limington. It was agreed that if it is very wet this may not happen.
- Pub runs for the rest of the year all set up
- Christmas Day run from Phil's house
- St John's – PM has asked them for an estimate for all of our races, 4 people for Easter Bunny and 2 people for 5k
- JM noted that a risk assessment is required for the Easter Bunny race. GW to produce this.

AOB

- DM asked when the new club membership rate would take effect from. It was agreed that this would take place from 1st January for new members and 1st April for existing members. DM to update the open Facebook page and GW to update the club website. It was agreed to notify club members in advance of membership renewals. DM and AS to liaise about this.
- DM raised a query regarding reflective clothing. DM advised that the ARC rules advise runners should be wearing fluorescent and reflective clothing and if in the dark, carry a torch. After discussions, it was agreed that runners would be advised to wear fluorescent or reflective clothing as reflected in our own rules about running in the dark.
- JS asked about another date for Frogmary. It was agreed to propose 27 January 2024.
- DB asked if we would like her to book the golf club for next year. DB will check how many they could accommodate for next year but it was agreed that provisionally we would like to go back. It was noted that DB did a fantastic job in organising the awards night, so thank you! It was agreed that we would need to look at the booking system for next year.
- AH – Town Tree Trail is 22nd May 2024.
- TW – TW is taking over the 5k races. GS has volunteered to pick up signage, finish line and Timing Monkey. TW to liaise with GS about the information that he wants on the signage. TW will contact various companies regarding sponsorship. TW confirmed that PM will pick up first aid, LN will pick up on the night entries along with another club member. A club member has agreed to pick up chief marshal duties. AD to contact parish councils and police – SW to send email details over to AD. JM to confirm that we can use the Nuffield building. TW confirmed that one of the sponsors wants to be the race starter. TW asked about pacers, it would be good if we could have pacers for some or all of the series.
- JM – Risk assessment has gone in for Yeovilton 5k but we will need one for Easter Bunny. SW to discuss this with GW.
- GS noted that the next Street 5k is their 200th race so they would like as many runners as possible.

There next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 7.00pm. If anyone has any issues/questions they would like to raise, then they should email them through to the chair or secretary.