

TRC COMMITTEE MEETING

12th April 2012

Christ The King Social Club

9:00 pm

In attendance: Gareth Thomas (Chair), Rob Watkins, Nigel Hale, Mark Grimsey, Janet Constable, Rob Hopkins, Simon Loughran, Steve Selwyn, Rob Cowlard, Liz Dix, Craig Carscadden, Angela Bushell, Jo Plumbley and Sarah Bradley.

Apologies: None.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

Matters arising from previous meeting (16th February 2012)

Roles of Responsibility – Cross Country Captains.

Rob Watkins confirmed that Pete Mainstone has agreed to be men's cross country captain and would be assisted by Nick Langridge. Pete will also help to organise the ladies teams in the absence of a ladies captain. Jo Plumbley said that she would be willing to take on this role next season.

Dursley Sport Relief 2012 event.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Dan Durden of Dursley Club who informed him that they had taken part in an event organised by the Dursley Swimming Baths. Three separate runs of 1, 3 and 6 miles took place on the recreation grounds around a 400m course, where there were no showers and minimal changing facilities. Only a few of their members were required for car parking and marshalling. The turn-out was good, with 155 pre-booked and 40 turning up on the day. The Committee agreed that we should take part in 2014 with a more ambitious event linked in with South Gloucestershire Council.

Member of the Month.

Rob Cowlard reported that he has been in touch with Bitton Road Runners to find out how they operate their scheme. It operates on a fairly ad hoc basis, with a three person sub-committee looking at suggestions from members and deciding the recipients. The criteria for awards are very wide; anything special that a member has achieved or done for the club. It was decided that we should adopt a similar scheme. The award would be announced each month at Club night and in Club News on the web page. No prizes or trophies will be presented.

Action: Rob Watkins to select two or more members to form a selection panel.

Road Race Championships – points calculation.

Craig Carscadden agreed to adjust the calculation method to take into account the concerns expressed at the last meeting by Rob Cowlard.

Run Bristol block bookings.

Rob Cowlard reported that he had contacted Run Bristol who confirmed that entries may be purchased by members of UKA affiliated clubs. The Committee agreed that passing on entries to third parties is not condoned by the Club.

Action: Rob Cowlard to purchase a block of 10 places for the Bristol Half Marathon for the Club.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a current account balance of £7244.89 with £54.23 cash in hand and deposit account balance of £5,188.36. There was a surplus of income against expenditure for the year to date of £1996.87. The Riverbank Rollick showed a final profit of £1892. On-line payment of subscriptions continues not to be very popular.

The 2011 audit has been completed and the auditor has approved the accounts as presented. The Committee agreed that the Club should make a small gift to the auditor.

The web site provider has now been paid and no further loss of service is expected.

Action: Treasurer to present a gift or donation to the auditor to express our thanks.

Secretary's Report

Two new members have joined since the last meeting:

636: Ross Phillips

637: Anna Fischer

The membership total now stands at 126, of whom 35 have paid for individual England Athletics membership. It is of concern that a large number of new members joining in 2011 have not renewed their memberships. The Chairman reported that he has sent out reminders to 12 members who have not yet paid their subscriptions.

The Club's membership of Avon Athletics Association has been renewed, the fee for this year being increased to £30. Membership of the Association of Running Clubs has also been renewed, the fee for 2012 being £209. The Secretary will shortly be renewing the Club's affiliation to England Athletics and registering individual members who have paid £5 for membership. A number of members who took out individual memberships last year have chosen not to renew this year. In order to be able to re-register them in the future it has been suggested by England Athletics that they be registered as Social Members. If they re-join in the future this can be changed back to Competing Member.

Sundayhill 10K.

The Chairman reported that on-line entry has been set up with Fabian4 with entry fees set to £8 or £6 (affiliated). Entries on the day will be charged at £9 or £7 (affiliated). The race permit has been obtained and the police informed. In the light of many competing events and the low turn-out last year (130 entrants) the Chairman stressed the need for publicity. He has prepared a press announcement to be submitted to the local press nearer the time and has got Runner's World magazine to list it. He will also get in touch with PROPS regarding fund raising at the event.

Action: Chairman to contact PROPS.

Action: All committee members to actively promote the race.

Summer Handicap.

Rob Watkins reported that he has received the following dates from Wilf Burke

17th May – 14th June – 12th July

It was pointed out that 12th July clashes with the Sundayhill 10K and it was agreed that 5th July would be a good date. Rob Cowlard suggested that we operate a staggered start, with the slower runners starting first.

Action: Rob Watkins to agree a new date for the third race with Wilf Burke and propose a staggered start.

Summer Party.

Janet Constable and Sarah Bradley confirmed they will get together and make the arrangements for the Summer Party. It was agreed that we should hold it on July 14th at Lodge Farm and Rob Watkins stated that he would confirm this with Cathy. It was assumed that with a charge of £5 per person and an expected attendance of 100 the budget should be around £500.

Action: Janet Constable and Sarah Bradley to provide an estimate for the next meeting of the cost of hiring a band, marquee and provision of drink.

Helen Ralphs Trophy.

The Committee were not able to identify an obvious recipient from the list of members who have newly joined in 2011 and 2012. A suggestion was put forward by a member of the Committee which was agreed by all. The recipient will be announced at the Summer Party.

Action: Janet Constable to prepare the trophy

Trophies.

Janet Constable presented a spreadsheet detailing the trophies we present, what they are awarded for, what the qualifying period is, how many need to be bought each year and when they are to be engraved and presented. There were a few gaps in the chart which the Committee were able to fill in. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Janet for the work she put in to bring together this information. Some of the records of past winners were incomplete.

Action: Janet Constable to consult with Arthur Renshaw and John Grimsey to find records of past winners of Club trophies.

Race Equipment.

No further information from Jim Godden.

Try Athletics Day.

The event has been publicised and will go ahead on Thursday 19th April at 7:00pm in Munday Playing Fields. For further publicity the Chairman will send out a press release and Rob Watkins will put an announcement on the Club web site. Liz Dix asked for some people to arrive at 6:00pm to help set up the tent and cake stall. We will have the kit table, which Jo Williams will run. The usual groups will go off for a run which will be a mix of road and path with opportunities for turning off for those who want a shorter distance. It was asked if the pavilion will be available to us.

Action: Liz Dix to ask the groundsman if we can have use of the pavilion and if there is a charge for it.

Action: Chairman to send out a press release.

Action: Rob Watkins to work out a suitable route.

Any Other Business

- **High visibility clothing.**

Mark Grimsey pointed out that some people are not wearing high visibility running gear which is still necessary as it is quite dark during the latter stages of the Club run.

Action: Rob Watkins to make an announcement that it is still important to wear high visibility running gear to be safe.

- **Fundraising Run.**

Janet Constable suggested we hold a fundraising run during or close to the Olympics to raise money for PROPS. She suggested running in relays of two runners for 20 hours 12 minutes in a loop around the town. This would require permission from the Highways Authority and police.

Action: Liz Dix to contact PROPS to discuss the idea of a fundraising run.

- **Captain's results.**

Rob Cowlard asked Rob Watkins to overcome his modesty and include his own achievements when making Club announcements.

- **Web site log on difficulties.**

Angela Bushell commented that she has had difficulty logging on to add information to the web site. Rob Cowlard suggested adding the web site as a trusted site in internet tools. Rob offered help out if this does not solve the problem.

- **Thornbury Churches Diamond Jubilee Service.**

The Secretary received an invitation from Thornbury Churches Together for the Club to send two representatives to a service on June 3rd to mark the Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that the Club would not be sending any representatives.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 14th June.

Nigel Hale, Secretary