



## **Ackworth Road Runners Committee Meeting Summary**

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Ackworth Cricket Club, Ackworth

2000 hours

### **Present:**

Chris Taylor	Chair	CT
Stewart Haigh	Treasurer	SH
Steve Berry	Secretary	SJB
Joe Worthington		JW
Jenny Swindell		JS
Ruth Walker		RW
Dave Allison		DA
Chris Field		CF
Georgi Newton		GN
Mel Owen		MO
Debbie Worthington		DW

### **Apologies**

Lesley Needham, Jeff Denton, Vicky Wathey, Chris Sharp, Helen Wainwright, Mark Leadbeater.

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and matters arising.**

Read and accepted as a true record: No matters arising.

### **Chairman's Slot.**

CT welcomed all the new members to the Committee. He also commented on recent club activity in Malta where over 30 members did the Malta Half Marathon or Marathon and also at Norton (1 team prize), Carsington (3 team prizes and 2 individual ones), the Rotherham GP parkrun and in Poland where a number of members recently completed parkruns.

He also referred to PECO4 where Storm Ciara prevented ARR members from travelling to marshal the event and PECO5 which was cancelled by Leeds Council.

### **Treasurer's Slot**

So far, 275 members have paid their subs including new members.

### **Kit News**

DA has recently supplied many new members with club kit. An invoice for kit is now due to be paid.

## **Captains Slot**

JW and JS recently had a meeting with the outgoing Captains (now Vice Captains) about the roles. They also noted recent achievements:

- Malta Half Marathon – Catherine Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> in age category.
- Carsington Trail Half Marathon – Men's team prize, ladies team prize, Martyn Stearn and Ros Kitchen age category prizes.
- Carsington Trail 10k – Men's team prize.
- Norton 9 – Ladies team prize, Sarah Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup> female.
- PECO – Sarah Hunter, 1<sup>st</sup> female overall, Karen Ball, 4<sup>th</sup> in age category, Terry Forrest, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in age category.

## **Trees not Tees**

SJB reported that a few members had asked if the Trees not Tees environmental initiative could be adopted for future ARR events.

Trees not Tees allows race organisers to give entrants the option of not receiving a tee shirt or medal and instead electing for the organisers to send that part of the entry fee to Trees not Tees who would plant a tree instead.

While all agreed that the sentiment behind the initiative was worthwhile, it was also agreed that this would add further administrative layers to event organisation and therefore would not be pursued at this time.

## **Prince of Wales Quiz March 18<sup>th</sup>**

51 have so far registered to attend. DW will include some PoW specific questions alongside her own. A PoW representative will be attending. Ackworth Cricket Club have donated a bottle of gin as a prize.

## **Gazebo**

A short discussion took place on the merits of acquiring an event shelter to replace our current Gazebo.

*Action: MO and GN to investigate the options.*

## **YVAA Cross Country 8<sup>th</sup> March**

CT reported that we were entering 2 x 3 man teams.

## **Ackworth Half Marathon 2020**

- 141 entries so far received.
- SJB stated that volunteer recruitment was going well but still a few more required.
- MO has been unable to secure donations of beer for goody bags so these will be purchased.
- SH raised the issue of the state of the Water Tower Event field. A contingency plan will be required for parking. We will need to arrange transport to and from an alternative parking site.

*Action: MO to speak with Wendy Bournier or James Walters re the possibility of using Oakfield Park School.*

- We need to borrow a trailer to transport signage.

*Action: SJB to post on FB members page.*

## **Priory 10k**

Medals need to be ordered ASAP.

*Action: SJB to contact Nostell NT to see if they have a theme to incorporate.*

*Action: DW to contact Glenn Cracknell re options for mementoes.*

## **YVAA Event at ARR – June 10th**

CT reported that this will be a 5-6 mile off road event which we are hosting for YVAA. ARR will benefit financially. Volunteers will be required in all roles. YVAA will supply admin and some personnel.

*Action: MO and RW to investigate catering options.*

## **Any Other Business**

- JS noted certain event date changes since the GP list was originally circulated.  
*Action: SJB to amend and republish*
- RW – Training advice etc for members. RW referred to recent requests for advice from members and the extensive well intentioned advice subsequently offered by other members. It was agreed that such advice should come from the club's qualified coaches and run leaders.  
*Action: SH to set up a dedicated coaches email address*  
*Action: Coaches to discuss at their next meeting and nominate personnel to monitor and respond to such requests.*
- JW – ARR club pacing events at local parkruns. JW suggested that these informal pacing events for ARR members would help members achieve their goals. The first one will be on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> but will be held on an ad hoc basis. These should not be confused with formal parkrun pacing events.
- DW – recommended the Roundhay Runners website as worthy of investigation for future ideas for the ARR website.

The meeting closed at 2115.

## **Date for next meeting**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at Ackworth Cricket Club.