



Ackworth Road Runners
Committee Meeting Summary
6th January 2021

Online via Zoom
1945 hours

Present:

Chris Taylor	Chair	CT
Steve Berry	Secretary	SJB
Stewart Haigh	Treasurer	SH
Joe Worthington		JW
Chris Sharp		CS
Jenny Swindell		JS
Ruth Walker		RW
Jeff Denton		JD
Dave Allison		DA
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Lesley Needham		LN
Mel Owen		MO
Helen Wainwright		HW
Debbie Worthington		DW

Apologies for absence

Chris Field

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December were accepted as a true record with no matters arising.

Chairman's Slot

CT commented on the short lived return to training that commenced on December 8th and also the events that we managed to fit into December before the new lockdown in January. These included the Turkey Trot 5k, the 2 Reindeer Runs and the South Yorkshire versions of all of those for our SY members. He also thanked SJB for keeping the club abreast of implications following govt. policy changes and also RW and SJB for managing the training booking system and schedule on RunTogether and the ARR website.

Treasurer's Slot

98 members have so far renewed their subs which became payable on January 1st.

The Reindeer Runs raised £565.50 which when added to the £935 raised earlier in 2020 from the Awards Night and donations means that the club will soon be sending £1500.50 to the Prince of Wales Hospice. £200 is also due to be sent to Down's Syndrome Association from sales of the 35th Anniversary book. These donations will be publicised on the ARR Facebook page and website.

Secretary/Correspondence

SJB confirmed that all training and events had to be cancelled until further notice following the latest lockdown announcements.

He informed the meeting that the AGM on 17th Feb. would definitely be held virtually on Zoom. Technical limitations will limit attendance to 100 but it will be recorded for later circulation.

Login details will be sent to those who indicate their intention to attend via a Webscorer page to be made available before the end of January. Reports are required by the end of January.

ARR Juniors

JD reported that training sessions for the Juniors had been cancelled following the latest lockdown announcement. The Buckingham Palace virtual run was progressing well. JD thanked RW for managing the Junior's training booking system on RunTogether.

JD informed the Committee that he was retiring from his role of Chair and Treasurer of the Junior Section with effect from the AGM and therefore from this Committee.

The new Joint Chairs of the Junior Section have been subsequently announced as Dave Hughes and Darren Horobin. The Junior's representative on the Senior's Committee will be Ruth Walker.

Captains' Slot

JS and JW reported the following successes over December as follows:

GUN Christmas Canter:

5k	-	Lucy Vamplew	2 nd lady
10m	-	Emma Evans	2 nd lady
HM	-	Debbie Sidwell	3 rd Lady
HM	-	Sarah Cooper	2 nd lady
5k	-	Dave Allison	1 st overall
10m	-	Simon Barber	1 st overall
10m	-	Mark Leadbeater	3 rd overall

Sheffield Santa Run:

5k	-	James Roberts	2 nd overall
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Virtual Sprout Scuttle

10k	-	Jenny Swindell	2 nd overall
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Betty Goodwin Trophy

After reading about the Betty Goodwin Trophy in the ARR book, DW suggested a new annual trophy for volunteers or non-runners who have given exceptional assistance to the club over a given year.

Action: DW to suggest further criteria and an Award name for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Ackworth Half Marathon 2021

Following a discussion, it was decided that this would again be a virtual event and may be a series of events similar to the 2020 virtual half. Date yet to be determined.

Action: SJB, SH, CS and DA to meet separately to discuss format and arrangements.

Lockdown League Format commencing January 16th

The next Lockdown League will now commence on Jan 16th. JW will manage the format which will still be a 5k run but will feature a different challenge each week.

Action: JW to post details in due course.

2021 GP

A discussion took place re the format of this year's GP. The plan is to do a virtual GP event each month. Your best 8 events from 12 will count.

The first 4 virtual events will be as follows. Further details will be published in due course.

- 30/31 Jan - 5k
- 27/28 Feb - 5 miles
- 27/28 March - 10k (Frickley if restrictions allow)
- April - 10 miles (Rabbit Ings if restrictions allow).

2021 Awards Night

The list of award winners will be published in February. It is hoped to organise a presentation event later in the year if restrictions allow.

Any Other Business

- MO – Permissions from the Land Trust and Frickley Hall discussed re use of Frickley.
Action: JW and SJB to obtain agreement with Land Trust for club events at both Frickley Country Park and Rabbit Ings.
- RW – Referred to a local commercial concern offering Settee to 3k course for beginners for a fee in excess of double our annual subscriptions. A post will be made on the open ARR FB page in due course regarding what we can offer as a club.

The meeting closed at 2130.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday February 3rd 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.