

Portsmouth Joggers

Committee meeting 24 November 2014

Attendees

Ray Ruzewicz (acting chair), Jeff Clark (acting vice-chair) , Chris Gambs (secretary), Tony Conway, Steve Bell, Bill Scales.

Teresa Bavistock & Phil Hoy – Plod race director / organisers

Apologies – Jane Collins, Claire Fleming (proxy vote power assigned to Steve Bell)

1. Plod

Meeting opened to discuss the Plod – thanks to Teresa & Phil for attending. Review progress and points that they need assistance with.

- a. ARC licence - £20 refer to ARC website – any issues contact CG
- b. Proposed start will be one line across the field
- c. Catering – discussed soup plus hot dogs – [update Davina and Patsy have kindly agreed to sort the catering]
- d. Medals – running imp / supplier Claire used for the ladies 5 – two possibilities
- e. Support from Alexandra Sports – spot prizes etc – CG will liaise
- f. Raynet – RW will pass on details to T&P
- g. Photos – Alan Dunk – CG has contact and will ask if he is able to cover again this year.
- h. Shelter – plan is to use the BBQ shelter – JC offers his caravan / awning. Discussed the two club Gazebos / hire in heat blowers if forecast looks poor.
- i. Promotion – website (BS) / facebook (TB) and CG will mail the league XC race captains.
- j. Route – TB & PH have this planned – need some landowner access contact – RR (& Patsie) to assist.

2. October minutes

Note correction to published September ones – vote passed to accept committee resignations of Kiernan & Meranda – was in fact in the committee set but not the web version. CG confirmed had already sent corrected version to BS to publish.

October – minor amendments . Proposed BS, second JC – vote passed.

3. Winter XC review – CG

- 513 entrants – 100 more than Pamber Forest.
- Thanks to all the catering crew / marshals / car park team / all other helpers – who were all fantastic
- The new course worked really well – lots of very positive feedback. Marshal team were excellent and thanks to Del and Ian who helped CG mark out the course. We heard of no navigation errors at all.
- £15.25 profit made. Accounts / cash all been passed to Jane and confirmed correct

- H&S one minor injury – twisted ankle dealt with by on-site first aid – no hospital attendance. Reported to ARC as part of the usual post-race report to them
- Reminder for next year to have the long curved finish funnel to cope with numbers – worked very well – funnel exit next to large tree on the downward lead-in track.
- Large gazebo and the hut worked really well to reduce the food / drink queues from previous years.
- Only tricky issue was the car parking. With the numbers being 100 more than Pamber this led to congestion / traffic back up. Not helpful that QE now demand parking fee and the carpark entrance is very near the main road. All clubs had been briefed in advance to tell their members that there is a £3 fee and to have that ready so we could speed up access. Many competitors were not aware of this and some were sadly very abusive to our car park team. This will need reviewing next year – possibly selling advance car park tickets to clubs

4. GSR follow-up - RR

- Again fantastic support from the club.
- Officially we are not to open the bottle tops but some runners were unhappy about this and we did in fact open some of the stocks. Effectively that is our choice and no negative feedback from Nova for that.
- Nova will donate a fee to the club - £300 usually – the club did out of that allowance buy coffees / teas for the volunteers. RR to report on the Nova payment when received.

5. Pub to Pub

- Got race number – JC to check branding on them
- Marshals still needed – facebook requests and club shout-outs to be made again.
- Route – BS to publish
- Prizes – CG advised had asked Alexandra Sports some while ago and they were happy to support. JC to follow up and contact Dawn / Angie
- Permit – JC confirms obtained

6. C25K

- Start date is 6.1.14.
- BS to put on website.
- CF – has in hand Facebook promotion
- Thanks to Russ Bestley who has produced the PR design for Claire

7. Consultation

Agreed review January meeting. CG advised that the response rate was very low and therefore the exercise for that reason / reporting bias draws no clear conclusions. CG will produce a summary.

8. Newsletter - SB

He will do in a pdf and pull together the last draft into final format. Agreed just circulate no need to revert to committee for sign off. CG advised the Davina has the full membership list so SB to send to her to e-mail out. Reminder to bring hard copy to the club

9. Paypal / website access

- BS has looked into the paypal but we will need a new linked bank account. Need Jane C present to agree take forward
- BS will mail a basic guide to all so we can have a go at amending entries on the website so it's not just limited to BS.

10. Alexandra Sports

- TC - they have now taken up all the stocking arrangements. A new ladies shirt has been produced. Not sure if they have set up an area on their website which they said they would.
- Shop day - CG will liaise New Year to arrange - hoped to sort by now but too many other activities that needed priority

11. Mince Pie

Davina is kindly organising and fixed for 11.12.14 outside MBC.

12. London marathon draw

Agree do the draw before but announce at the MBC at the traditional Mince Pie run. CG to arrange draw and pass winners details to Davina.

13. London Marathon Coaches

CG organised last year - there were limited PJC take up and we only at the last minute filled a small coach. CG asked others to organise this year if the club wants to continue. It was noted that many other clubs now in fact organise their own transport. No committee volunteers - agreed offer to members who want to attend the race to organise - details can be passed to anyone who wished to take this up.

Discussion re marathon groups - TC with liaise with Bob and set plan. JC also wants to run a group and so does Kiernan Easton. Suggestion this all pulled together and put in one place on the website.

14. Xmas event - TC

The raffle prizes sort - Good set trainers / gait analysis & Meal out. TC will publicise

15. HRRL captain

Barry Griffin has offered to do this - all agreed will be excellent. Formal proposal JC, second TC -vote passed. CG will liaise with Barry to advise and also set up his access rights on facebook / remove Steve.

16. Race entries

Jane C raised members need to use the full club name when entering races otherwise won't score. CG has action and posted message facebook / club shout out.

17. HRRL mugs / hoodies

- Members who entered all race get a mug. These are with Claire - she will bring to club for those still outstanding to receive theirs.
- Hoodies - Steve proposed that members doing 7 races last season get a hoodie. We have heard not been actioned. CG will liaise with Steve / Barry to investigate / action.

18. Health and Safety.

- One minor fall at the winter XC
- No further action re previous matter raised October minutes
- Remind members to wear light clothes - add comment to Facebook / club shout outs - CG action

19. Treasurer

Jane C reports balance.

Agreed that we need new signatories on account and that Kieran (Alan too if still in place) need removing. CG to pass request to Jane.

20. Secretary

Membership 252 end of Oct (265 end of Sept) Note there has been issue with members being slow to renew and this affects numbers plus more work for Davina to chase. CG will remind members.

Discuss if proceed with amendments to constitution. CG remains of the view that the drafting in the old one is poor although the notice provision has of course been changed last AGM. All committee agree proceed with working group.

21. AOB

- Race clock - returned and fee paid. CG sent thank you mail to Alan
- Fix AGM? Agreed good sense to get in the diary. 9th April proposed SB,seconded TC vote passed. [Note Jane has asked for later date post meeting to allow time for accounts to be prepared - discuss Jan meeting]
- CG- Can we have a contact us tab added to the website / the committee e-mail address is wrong - BS to action

