

Reading Roadrunners Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 16NOV21 – 7:00PM
(by video call)

THE COMMITTEE

Phil Reay	(Chairman)
Chris Burt	(Treasurer)
Ian Giggs	(Social Secretary)
Anne Goodall	(Ex officio)
Paul Monaghan	(Social networks/Web)
Claire Seymour	(Coaching liaison)
Bob Thomas	(General Secretary)
Sam Whalley	(Membership Sec)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Claire

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Anne, seconded by Sam.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Friday sessions. Phil followed up on enquiries by two clubs about joining Friday sessions, but neither club wished to go ahead.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Phil welcomed Ian Giggs to his first Committee Meeting as Social Secretary.

Referring to the Reading Half Marathon, Phil thanked members who had marshalled and congratulated our runners. Phil also thanked Kerri French for having successfully negotiated our use of a tent with Goldline Events, and Vroni for supplying refreshments, which generated over £600 for the charity.

Phil was "super pleased" to see the TVXC League up and running again. A little delayed, but it was a proud moment when Men's' Captain, Jamie Smith, stepped up to receive the Men's trophy for the 2019 season.

The Club was also successful in the 2019 Hampshire League, being awarded the Vet Men's Gold and Vet Women's Bronze medals.

Phil listed upcoming events:

- Vroni's charity night in Woodley
- Bramley 20/10 will take place after missing 2020 for a flood and 2021 for COVID.
- Planning for the mid-spring 2022 Shinfield 10K has started.
- The annual dinner dance will take place on 5Mar22.

Turning to a burning issue of the time, Phil noted that GLL has introduced parking charges at Palmer Park, which seems to be deterring some long-term resident parking.

Finally, Phil announced his decision to step down as Chairman and from the Committee at the 2022 AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris provided a copy of the October Club financial position, noting a small deficit, which he explained as an result of timing, e.g., having paid the invoice for the London Marathon coach before ticket monies had been fully accounted.

Chris noted that the Bramley race committee is working on its 2022 budget, reminding the Committee that there will be full expenditure but little revenue as most places are rolled forward from the cancelled fixture in 2019.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

TVXC bookings. Following years of collecting cash on freezing winter days for TVXC fixtures, the decision was taken to

require pre-booking and online payment this year.

Bob supported this very sensible decision by providing a booking app on WebCollect.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sam reported that thirteen new members have joined in the past month.

Sam also noted that she is struggling to find volunteers for staffing the gate on Friday sessions.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ian reported that he has booked the Phantom Brewery near Rivermead for Saturday 18th December for the Club Christmas party. There are two rooms of which one will be reserved exclusively for the party.

There will be a cash bar available, and Ian is seeking a DJ for the event. There will also be a food truck at the venue (menu TBD) from which members may purchase their choice of food.

Booking and payment will be online through WebCollect, the cost covering the DJ and some snacks.

COACHING REPORT

Sarah reported on behalf of the Coaching Co-ordinators...

Sarah noted that she is now fully qualified to coach.

Still getting lots of new members each week which is fantastic.

LiRF uptake is still low.

First aid kits are still pending and looking forward to the first aid course.

One new LiRF is currently working through her course, with Pete and I supporting with filming this week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dinner dance. The Committee agreed that Anne should purchase what she needs for organising the Dinner Dance.

Mince pies & mulled wine. The Club traditionally provides mince pies and mulled wine after the last Wednesday session before Christmas. It is not yet clear whether that will be feasible with the present state of the stadium.

VACANCIES

Members who would like to know more about any of these roles are invited to contact Phil in the first instance, email to: chairman@readingroadrunners.org

Chairman. Phil will stand down as Chairman at the AGM.

General Secretary. Bob will stand down as Secretary at the AGM. It would be ideal if his replacement were shadowing before the AGM.

Newsletter Editor. Ben has stood down as the newsletter editor. If the newsletter is to continue, we need a volunteer to step up as editor.

Mental Health Champion. The requirement for this post arises from EA, which summarises the role as:

"The role of a Mental Health Champion is to support people to access the mental wellbeing benefits of running, remove stigma and get people talking about mental health. Champions will NEVER be expected to provide mental health support in the role but they will be provided with details of where to signpost people for professional support with their mental health."

The best way to understand the role would be to consult the [narrative provided on the EA website](#).

Ex officio Committee posts. There are three Committee posts vacant for ex officio members and two more will become vacant at the AGM, when Anne & Claire stand down. The ex officio

members do not have fixed duties (c.f. Chairman, Media Manager, Treasurer, Social Secretary, etc) but are available to take on tasks as they occur throughout the year.

DONM: 19:00 Tuesday, 14 December by video call.

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