

Reading Roadrunners Committee Meeting

TUESDAY 08FEB22 – 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

Anne, Chris, Paul

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dinner Dance. A booking form for the Dinner Dance is available on WebCollect.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Phil noted that the calling notice for the AGM has been sent to all members and urges members to make the effort to attend. He also hopes that newer members will consider standing for Committee positions for the coming year.

Phil commented that he was pleased to see the Club Championships launched for the coming year, and thanked Liz Johnson, Women's Captain, for devising the race schedule.

Phil thanked Adele Graham and her team for their efforts to stage this year's Bramley 20/10 race in very difficult circumstances. There are still several essential marshalling vacancies needing to be filled on the course and in the car parks. Members are asked to contact

Alan Makepeace for details: rocket-al@hotmail.com.

Phil commented on how pleased he is to have seen the TVXC League staged again this season and the level of participation by Club members. The Hants XC League has also been running but with fewer events. The season will end with the National XC Championships at Parliament Hill, for which the Team Captains are organising a Club coach.

January saw delivery of a First Aid course for coaches and LIRFs, which is valid for three years.

Phil is looking forward to the Dinner Dance and awards evening and having the opportunity to meet members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris was unable to attend but provided completed accounts for January and filed a report:

Chris now has the accounting package, Xero, up and running, which is now set-up as intended with the balances all agreed and ready to use going forward.

There is some further work to categorise the 2021 transactions so we can use it to report the Club's year end accounts.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

AGM. A calling notice for the AGM has been sent to all members, including by post to members who have not provided an email address. A nomination form was sent with the letter for members to declare their candidacy to join the Committee, as well as the rules for nominating a charity for the Club to support in the coming year.

Palmer Park. Bob has received notification from GLL, the company

managing Palmer Park on behalf of Reading Council, that the stadium buildings will be closed from April for six months for re-building.

It is stated unequivocally that our access to the track will not be interrupted and that temporary toilets will be provided, though no changing facilities will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Sam reported that she has pre-printed 2022 membership cards for renewing members and blanks for new members and will shortly begin distributing them as members renew. Renewals are due by the end of February, but the Club has traditionally allowed a grace period through to the end of March before requiring a new joining fee and loss of eligibility for the Club London Marathon entries ballot with late renewals.

Sam noted that she is making efforts to contact all potential new members after their first session to welcome them and explain how to join.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ian reported that all members who were due refunds from the disrupted Christmas Party have now either been refunded or have kindly donated their ticket cost to the Club Charity account.

Anne has advised that she intends Dinner Dance bookings to be closed on 20Feb as she has to advise the caterer of menu choices by 22Feb.

COACHING REPORT

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

January was a tricky month towards the end with Tom being taken poorly and Lesley not coaching for the month but one LiRF in particular, Angela, has stepped up to fill the gap on track. Last week Nigel kindly stepped in for Lesley.

January has seen a steady stream of new members which has been great to see, and they have arrived with much enthusiasm, and it has been great to see our existing members welcome them into the groups.

Our offer throughout January has been the best it has been for some months, Claire is leading weekly outruns, which are inclusive of all abilities, Harriet has started leading a Couch to 5k group on track and there are 4-5 regular coached sessions.

One LiRF is working through their CiRF qualification, and a long-standing member has been showing interest in taking the CiRF qualification as well.

Parking on Wednesdays is beginning to become an issue again with lots of vans appearing and taking up already valuable space.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Track fees. Noting the plan for track fees is to be re-introduced from 1 March using card payment, Sam highlighted the issues that will be caused by closure of the stadium buildings for six months.

After some discussion, Bob suggested that the free period should be extended at least until the Club has access to the rebuilt building, and that this proposal should be put to a vote at the forthcoming AGM. This approach was agreed.

Bramley finances. Through no fault of its own, the Bramley team lost a substantial quantity of materiel needed for the race to be professionally staged. The Committee agreed that a list of items needs to be replaced and that the cost of re-provisioning needs to be explicitly recorded on the race's statement of profit and loss. Phil is to advise Adele.

Van insurance. The Bramley team has recently come to realise that the insurance provided with their van rentals carries a £1000 excess against damage with no means of waiving that risk. The Bramley

team has asked for the Club to carry that risk.

The Committee is reluctant to offer a blanket statement that it will cover all damage claims regardless of the circumstances, but equally understands that drivers do not expect to be penalised for volunteering and subsequently having an accident.

Phil will discuss with Adele possible ways of ameliorating this risk. The Committee agreed that whatever costs are incurred in so doing must be explicitly included in the race's statement of profit and loss.

TVXC Championship. The rules for the TVXC Championships state that any member who returns a result in all the available races will receive an award. (For the purposes of the Championship, marshalling our own event is equivalent to having run it.)

The Committee agreed that the participation award will be a £10 Oracle gift card.

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

2022-23 Committee places. All ten positions on the Committee are due for renewal at the AGM. Members wishing to put themselves forward for one of these positions need to nominate themselves in accordance with the instructions laid out in the AGM calling notice.

Newsletter Editor. In the absence of an editor, it has been necessary to suspend publication of the newsletter.

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](#).

DONM: 19:00 Tuesday, 8 March by video call.

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