

Reading Roadrunners

Final Meeting of the 2021-22 Committee

TUESDAY 08MAR22 – 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)

Phil noted that Anne will stand down at the 2022 AGM after an incredible 19½ year service to the Committee, mostly in the role of Membership Secretary

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Track fees. The Committee agreed by unanimous vote to extend the suspension of track fees until it is possible to operate from within a building, at which point card payment via iZettle will be introduced on a trial basis.

Van insurance. It has been agreed that where vans are hired with a high mandatory damage excess, the Club should take out separate insurance against the excess. This should mitigate the risk of volunteer drivers becoming responsible for damage repairs.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In his final report as the Club Chairman, Phil thanked several groups and

individuals for their recent contributions to the Club:

- the Team Captains for organising the teams taking part in the very muddy National XC Championship at Parliament Hill.
- the Bramley race committee, led by Adele Graham, for getting through the complications of organising the race, cancelled for two years running, only for the race also to be cancelled at the last-minute owing to storms.
- Anne, for organising an extremely enjoyable Club Dinner Dance and for her lengthy service to the Committee.
- the members nominated to stand for election to the 2022-23 Committee.
- the members of the outgoing Committee for their support.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In a departure from the norm, Chris demonstrated the Xero financial system that he has implemented for the Club.

With this in place, we have a single statement of the truth as far as our finances are concerned rather than disconnected, manually maintained spreadsheets, with transactions reported automatically from the bank. Altogether an impressive display of progress.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

AGM. Bob will shortly issue the AGM pack to members, the time having past when members can lodge items to be addressed at the AGM.

Berks Athletics Association. The Club has renewed its affiliation to the Berks Athletics Association.

Team Relays. The Team Captains are planning to enter Club teams into the Ridgeway Relay and the SEAA Relays. Members can express interest in taking part in the Ridgeway Relay using an app in the WebCollect Events section.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sam reported that eleven new members have joined in the past month. As of the date of the meeting, some 124 2021-22 members were yet to renew.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ian and the rest of the Committee thanked Anne for organising an outstanding Dinner Dance, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Phil thanked Ian for organising a raffle at the event, the proceeds from which will be an early donation to the 2022-23 charity account, to be confirmed at the AGM.

COACHING REPORT

Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

XC Championship. Whilst there has been a TVXC Championship for some years, at the 2019 AGM the Team Captains proposed a revision to the way the Championship was scored to make it fairer, and to operate a second competition based on the Hampshire XC League. Both proposals were agreed by the assembly.

Sam noted that the TVXC competition was successfully run as proposed in the current XC season but that it was not possible to operate the Hants League competition owing to there being too few races staged by the league to make it viable.

Hence Sam proposed that henceforth the Club should combine the TVXC and Hants XC League results into a single Club Championship.

The Committee agreed to this approach on a split vote, meaning that the 2022-23 XC Championship will be run as a single competition embracing all the races in

both leagues, the rules to be defined in due course.

Altercation at Palmer Park. The Committee has become aware of a recent altercation between a member and a receptionist at Palmer Park, apparently owing to the member being refused early entry to the stadium.

Whilst the Committee will press the stadium management to facilitate reasonable access before Club bookings to enable members to get changed, there is no excuse for abusing the staff.

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

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: TBD by incoming Committee

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