

Reading Roadrunners Committee Meeting

TUESDAY 11JAN22 – 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

Nothing to report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Phil wished everyone a Happy New Year and went on to recognise Chris's work on transitioning the Club's financial affairs onto the Xero platform, which is nearing completion. Despite being impacted by the latest COVID scares, Phil thanked Ian for his efforts in organising the Christmas Party.

Phil is pleased with the Club's turnout for this season's TVXC League and remarked that there are two more fixtures to go.

Phil noted that work is well advanced on the Bramley 20/10, which will take place on 20Feb, followed by the Shinfield 10K on 2May.

Finally, Phil reported that Jamie Smith has had to stand down as Men's Captain owing to work commitments and thanked him for his leadership during his tenure.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris provided a copy of the December Club financial position. Work is well advanced on preparing the 2021 end-of-year accounts for external review in time for presentation to the AGM.

The Committee agreed that Chris should commission external validation of the Club's accounts.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

AGM. Bob has booked the Suttons Bowls Club clubhouse as the venue for the AGM, which will be held on 15 March.

Subscription fees. It has been necessary to raise the 2022-23 subscription fees by £1 for members affiliating to England Athletics owing to EA raising its fees by £1.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Sam has mailed all members asking them to check their profiles on WebCollect to ensure that we have correct addresses and emergency contact details for their membership cards.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ian was disappointed to have to scale back the Christmas Party but was pleased to report that the DJ agreed to allow the Club to defer the booking to a later event in the spring.

Ian noted that there are still some refunds to be made and will agree with Chris how the money should be transferred.

Ian is considering organising a Spring Do in May.

COACHING REPORT

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

Additional coaching options have commenced: Couch to 5K and an outrun. This is countered by one of our regular coaches unfortunately being unavailable during January.

In response to members' requests, Pete advises that the pre-session briefing will explain the focus of each of the evening's coaching sessions.

It is disappointing to report that several members continue to disregard the Club's track safety rules, which are far from being intellectually challenging. Pete has asked the Committee to consider what action can be taken should this continue.

Pete took the decision to close the track early at the session on 4Jan22 owing to icy conditions. There was some dissent regarding this decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the Coaching Co-ordinators have the authority to end a session if they deem the circumstances to warrant curtailment, including but not limited to on safety grounds, following a serious incident or medical emergency.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dinner dance. Anne asked Bob to set up a booking app for the Dinner Dance. The price will be set at £36 per head to a maximum of 100, seated at tables of eight.

The Committee agreed that Anne could go ahead with purchasing items for the event.

National XC Champs, Parliament Hill. Phil reported that the Team Captains have requested that the Club should provide a coach to take teams to the Champs. The Committee agreed.

Maidenhead 10. Phil reported that Maidenhead Athletics Club has offered the Club two free places to this year's race. Phil has accepted and will arrange for the places to be balloted.

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.

DONMs: 19:00 Tuesday, 8 February & 8 March by video call.

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