

# **LEICESTERSHIRE ROAD RUNNING LEAGUE**

## **Chairman**

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## **MINUTES**

**Meeting of the LRRL Delegates  
Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. 2017  
Groby Ex Servicemen's Club, Groby.**

### **Welcome**

### **Apologies**

Everard Robinson, Rebecca Hollicks, Deryk Woods

### **Minutes**

Minutes of meeting October 24<sup>th</sup>. approved

### **Matters arising**

### **Correspondence**

Application of Race Hub Tri club to be admitted as a member of the league. Members expressed concern that the LRRL is for Clubs and should be kept separate from a business with a Club attached. Race Hub qualified as an affiliated Club and their membership was confirmed

Barrow Runners had asked if a club were not to get LRRL status for a summer race, should they have automatic selection the next year as is the case for Winter races. A vote on the change of rules was taken. For the motion to have the same rule for winter and summer races was carried 23 to 10.

### **Treasurer**

The Presentation Evening lost 11p ! Current account £2140.70  
Savings account £3684. However, the position will change with increase costs with TTRO, medical provision, trophies, toilet provision etc.

### **Races**

Entry system

The system needed to settle down. The UKA entry system did not allow for closed races with unaffiliated members. The system required a URN of each entry. May need to look again at a low costs system more attended to the needs of the league.

SDRR did not agree with the online system saying that their members did not have computers and that they did not enter quickly enough to get entries into the first race at Kibworth. That meant they did not have a mens team to represent their club. Roger B asked if there could be a

reserved entry for clubs. As a suggestion, it was thought unworkable and the league had accepted at the last meeting that it should be done on a first come, first serve basis. West End suggested that either it could allow entries on line and collect the money on the day or to use a similar scheme as used by Barrow Runners. Race directors were responsible for telling members when the opening date was for entries. If Clubs let the secretary know, these would be shared with clubs.

#### Medical provision/UKA Good Practice

Wigston Phoenix had raised the question of cover by medical services if anyone had to be taken to hospital. UKA rules require any provider to be CQC registered. John Skevington to check. Many races in their medical risk assessment provide that in case of transfer to hospital, it was usual to call NHS for that service.

### **Reports**

#### Kibworth

Larger entry than usual. The school was taking an interest in the Health and Safety. Entry to the school sports centre would be monitored and only the permitted number would be allowed into the hall. Parking was a problem which needed the cooperation of entrants. Please care share where possible.

#### Stilton

Additional land had been made available but parking was still an issue. Most parking would be in reasonable walking distance from the start. Clubs were urged to bring a club tent. Volunteer Chapter 8 needed to help out please

#### Beaumont

The entry into the sports hall would be monitored. Parking is a continued issue as is the entry and exit of runners when they have finished their race. Early finishers must be mindful of runners should they wish to leave early. Clubs encouraged to bring tents. The club would have a PR campaign in Thornton village but in another year may have to review the length of the TTRO

#### Desford

Race meeting next Tuesday. Frank Lusk offered to share how Beaumont had completed their forms for SAG

#### Livingston Relays

Clubs expressed their continued support for this race. There were 123 teams last year and there might have to be a capacity limit. This year the date is for Sunday, April 30. Could runners please park away from the sports centre as there is concern and runners by parking near the park, are annoying the local residents. Please be aware we are guests and there is parking on the nearby industrial estate.

### **Race officials / Race equipment**

Storage. Ramon said that whilst his daughter's home was for sale, the equipment could be stored in her garage. PO said he could provide storage if necessary.

Many of the connex signs have disappeared as has the start and finish barrier. Would clubs please check their inventory to make sure they do not have signs which are for all clubs to use.

### **Results.**

Simon Mayes

Simon explained the system to members.

No. of counters for team competition: West End suggested that the present team awards of 8:4, Men/Ladies was not a true reflection of membership. After discussion, it was proposed that the rules be changed to 8:6 Motion agreed by 21 to 6 against. Change to be made with immediate effect.

### **Network / UKA**

John Skevington reported that sadly, the trailer and all the equipment stored in it was stolen from Prestwold. Please be on the lookout for any dumped running equipment.

### **Presentation Evening**

Dave Lodwick asked if members wished to continue. Members gave positive reply.  
Date Friday 6 October at Leicester Cricket Club

### **AOB:**

Huncote raised the problem of Clubs poaching runners.  
Hinckley asked of the entry system allowed for Club captains to see the entry lists. Confirmed

### **Date of next meeting.**

Meeting dates: 5 June, 4 September, 23 October. Dates subject to approval from Club.

Dear Peter,

Please could you distribute the communique below to the League Delegates on my behalf. It is my response to Andy Wilford comments made during AOB last night. Since I wasn't invited to respond, and it being raised as the last point of the night, after a long meeting where delegates were already "packing up" ready to leave, the timing didn't afford me the opportunity to make our clubs position on the situation clear.

I would therefore kindly ask that if Andy's comments are to be minuted, then the reply below be added to the minutes as an addendum and our response.

Thank you

Andy  
HHRC

Dear All,

At the end of the LRRD Delegates meeting last night, (Monday 30th January 2017). The delegate from Huncote raised a comment regarding a member of Hermitage Harriers who, it was claimed, was actively "poaching runners".

I first of all wish to thank Andy for warning me at the start of the evening that he was going to make the point, and for making the caveat that he did not hold me responsible.

However, I felt the timing of his remarks, coming at the end of AOB, and after a longer than usual meeting, afforded me no time to respond properly on behalf of the club, as this would in my opinion have extended an already over-running meeting by possibly opening up another discussion.

I do feel that it is hugely important that I make the clubs position clear on the matter raised and point out that I have previously had this discussion privately with Andy.

Firstly there was one individual at our club who has indeed approached runners with a view to transferring their membership.

As a club and a committee we neither instigated, sanctioned or supported this individual's actions, and we are extremely annoyed with the way these activities have made our club appear to the other League member clubs.

We as a club acknowledge that this has happened, but as soon as I as Chairman was made aware of the situation, I moved quickly to act on something that I felt was very wrong.

We brought the individual concerned before committee and made it very clear that we were unhappy about their actions and sought assurances that it would not happen again. These assurances were secured and this person has ended their pursuit of runners from other clubs following their meeting with the club committee.

Whilst I am aware that one runner was encouraged to transfer to us I am assured that any further applications for transfer have been made at the runners volition. We as a club cannot be held responsible for any runners choices and if we as a club are seen as one with whom a runners want to train then i take that as a compliment to the club and what it offers it's members, and I am not about to refuse their request for membership.

I do appreciate Andy's frustration and do sympathise - the same has happened to us in the past, we lost Alistair Watson to Notts AC, who actively approached him to transfer, and also Gemma Steel and Claire Smith, who at the time were our two fastest ladies, we lost to Charnwood AC at a time when we were just establishing the club within the LRRL. So I do fully understand his viewpoint.

We would however like to assure the delegates that we would always strongly discourage any "Poaching" of runners and, as I have already said, we have already acted on the concerns that Andy raised, and we are happy that the situation has been satisfactorily resolved internally.

With kindest regards,

Andy Buck  
Chairman  
Hermitage Harriers RC.

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