

Saltaire Striders

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 22/5/2

1 Present and apologies for absence.

David Bower forgot to come, but we'll let him off because he went running at track in the rain instead! And did message later to apologise!

All other members present

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 14/4/24

Agreed as correct record

Agreed re redactions for public minutes

Outstanding action points (unless covered later in agenda) (see minutes for detail):

- Facebook closed group purge (DH): Donna queried membership list status because purging the closed group requires membership list to be known. Martin advised that membership list has now been fully purged of all members who did not renew last year. Agreed to purge facebook and WhatsApp groups now, based upon current list, which will leave in this years non- (or possibly not-yet-got-round-to-) renewals. Revisit once membership list for this year is finalised (see item 5). **Action: DH**
- Stuart raised action point of "Awards: all actions done" and reminded us that we had considered buying a re-usable "shield" type trophy for the "Striders Strider" and possibly "Lifetime achievement" awards. He will cost up and report back. **Action: SD**
 - While discussing the awards evening, Stuart also highlighted it was too early in May, all agreed that we need to begin planning it asap in January to get more choice of a date booked with the golf club.
 - All agreed the evening was a success, more food this time, good attendance and Ewan thanked Stuart for all his work on the awards.

3 Financial update (TM)

- Regular update circulated in advance and appended to the minutes: nothing specific to report this time around.
- Change of PayPal and SumUp authorised officials: SumUp in progress, paper-work they required is submitted. Paypal: Tim G to see if latest method worked. **Action: TG**

4 Training

- Ewan circulated the revised role duties list for the post of training and coaching co-ordinator, which is appended to the minutes. It was felt it still needs some work, as Martin thought it feels too much like a job description for a full-time role! Ewan to revise further, then Tim G to advertise. **Action: EG/TG**
- Tim G questioned whether it was better now to continue without someone in post until the AGM, rather than advertise the post, co-opt somebody now and then they need to be elected in a few months time. However, as Tim M pointed out, this has the advantage of someone being able to "try out" the role for a few months first. So agreed best to advertise asap.
- CPSC running drills workshop: to be progressed by next T&C coordinator
- Donna reported that she is still doing the leaders rotas while Marcus is taking a back seat, though he hopes to be back doing it soon. She reported there are occasional struggles to fill all groups, but particularly groups 3 and 4. Stewart said don't worry too much about 4 if no leader is available, because even if no-one volunteers to be on the rota to lead, someone is bound to turn up who can improvise a route on the night.

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- Ewan asked if leaders could be asked to fill in their attendance numbers “directly” (Secretary’s note: not sure what this means in context but I assume leaders do). Stewart (?) asked why it was necessary to report at all: both Ewan and Stuart agreed that it was good info to have to help plan leader provision etc.

5 Membership update (MF)

- Currently 166: 140 full, 3 second-claim, 17 social, 6 lifetime. This number is still “creeping up” with late renewals, and there are some non-renewals who we would expect to, even yet.
- Martin still chasing people, to decide in June whether to drop non-renewals from the membership list. **Action: MF Discuss at next meeting**
- WebCollect lists: agreed to delete all lists from WebCollect except the one main one of “all members” that we use to send emails out. Other lists on there aren’t used any more. **Action: MF.**

6 Club main events

BMWR (AG)

- 35 teams to date
- Tim M has organised a “Google cashier” payment and booking link, which is proving helpful.
- Really struggling for volunteers, as many regulars are unavailable. Anthea and Alun have had to take on Laycock team leading themselves, and Tim M has stepped in to lead Ilkley.
- Anthea notified us that we will probably drop down to the minimum water stations required by EA, i.e. only on legs >10 miles.
- Ewan to check housing development and space at Silsden **Action: EG**
- Financially, first aid is a bit more than usual. However, Pensitone Hill Cricket club is £35 whereas portaloo hire would be £180 so saving there.
- Still uncertainty about whether Sportshoes will give us the vouchers for prizes or not. We agreed that we should get them anyway, even if we do have to pay for them this year.
- Rugby club are liaising with Anthea on a proposed “pay as you feel” menu – work in progress.
- Volunteers still needed:
 - Water stations minimum 2 x2 people each
 - Start ideally + 1
 - Penistone Hill +2
 - Laycock +3
 - Silsden +1
 - Ilkley +3
 - Finish +3
 - Some committee members indicated their willingness to help, then Anthea and Ewan to post for volunteers. **Action: AG/EG**
- Level crossing still potentially an issue, Network Rail have suggested we change the route to avoid it but this is not practical. Ewan suggested we get entrants to sign a waiver at registration stating that they will act responsibly. Also investigate posting a marshall there. **Action: AG**

John Carr Day of the 5000 PBs (SS)

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- 76 signed up so far, a big improvement on when we considered cancelling the other day.
- Going with “unbranded” numbers (i.e. not got event name on them), same price but no minimum order value.
- Still below break-even, but OK with that.
- Volunteers and pacers all sorted.
- Caterers and bar company have pulled out due to not enough entrants to warrant them working, Stewart can’t get hold of them now. Instead we have a coffee van (Nick from Cafe Direct, does Lister parkrun) and an ice cream van. Both are cost-neutral and no-risk to us, they just turn up and keep their takings.
- Still need extension leads: Tim G and Martin offered to lend **Action: TG/MF**
- Ewan suggested asking for baking donations to give out after races, Stewart not keen on this idea. Ewan suggested and others agreed that as a minimum we should provide water. Anthea to provide water containers from BMWR equipment, Ewan to arrange cups. Stewart to buy “Celebrations” or similar mini chocolates **Action: AG/EG/SS**
- Donna highlighted that several club members had questioned the rationale behind the original idea of serving alcohol, given the history of the race series and John Carr’s issues with alcohol. Stewart answered that the race format was based on the “Night of 10,000 Pbs” event, where the atmosphere including alcohol was very important. However this is now somewhat of a “moot point” this year since we will no longer be having a bar.

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Running Events (CT/SD)

- parkrun competition: SD: all going OK: future discussion to have re changing the rules for next year.
- Filey: TG: all OK
- Endure ‘24: SD: will put another reminder out, but not going to push it as a “club event”. **Action: SD**
- Tromso: SS: all OK
- BMWR: CT/SD: Will have a mens team, would love to have both a ladies and a mixed team but think it’ll just be a mixed team.
- Fell Relays: No action required at the moment: John Singh heading up: fairly local this year, think it might be Simons’ Seat.
- Yorkshire Vets: SD will continue to send reminders out.
- LCWR – possibility to promote and field a slower paced team – discuss at next meeting how to promote and recruit. **Move to next meeting**
- Parkrun takeover/foodbank run: possibly September. **Move to next meeting**

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Social Events

Red Lion Burnsall trip: 14th June: all OK

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9 Welfare issues (DH/AG)

- Committee was updated on the social media issue and complaints in April, which are still being handled by Ewan. **Action: EG**
- Donna reported that she is supporting a few members who are going through tricky times for a variety of reasons.
- Donna and Anthea raised a concern about an individual member over-training and not following good advice. Discussed in detail and agreed to monitor the situation.

10 Club Governance (EG)

- Proposal to align AGM with renewal year
 - Generally the committee was OK with it.
 - Tim M highlighted that it has to be at least 2 months after the end of the year: he can prepare the accounts very quickly but it takes a couple of months to get them examined.
 - Suggestion therefore to move it to July (as May/June fairly busy with other events)
 - Question whether we would need to have an AGM this November or whether we could go right through to next July. Agreed that we probably could skip this year, but it would probably be easier to have one to avoid having to lengthen everyone's term of office and have 2 years worth of accounts at one meeting.
 - Ewan to review the constitution and consult with Alun to agree whether any changes would need to be made to allow it. **Action: EG.**
- Proposal to have information shared pre-meeting to allow discussions to happen during the meeting
 - Agreed to give it a go: Tim G to include a request for updates from all committee members when agenda is sent out. **Action: TG**
- Is there an appetite to make major committee changes, as suggested by Louise earlier in the year?
 - Agreed that the only necessary change is to change "vets" captains to "vice" captains.
 - Discussed issues of diversity on the committee and also inclusivity of/openness with club members. Agreed that diversity on the committee is difficult to achieve, it all depends who puts themselves forward for a role. Discussed inviting a guest club member to committee meetings, or the idea of "open" meetings, no firm decision made. Agreed to publicise committee meetings to members and asking for suggestions of things we should be discussing. **Action: TG.**

11 Misc

- Club Kit: no further progress: EG to chase **Action: EG**
- Invitation/request from Mind: Bradford charity re 5k "Mental Elf" run in December: no further progress: TG awaiting reply. **Action: TG**

12 AOB

- Received a request from Emon Choudray about supporting a possible new Bradford 10K organised by Bradford Bulls starting/finishing at Odsal. Replied that sadly we would not

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be interested in supporting this, as there are already 2 long-standing Bradford 10K road races in the year.

- Ewan stressed to all the importance of communications to club members when it comes to events, don't be afraid to "push" things as there's no such thing as "over-communication". Important to ensure we do it over all 3 channels: WhatsApp, Facebook and email via WebCollect, as not all members use social media and some won't check their emails!

13 Date of next meeting and close

Weds 10th July. Ewan to book Hulaballoo **Action: EG**