

# **Saltaire Striders**

## **Minutes of Committee meeting held on 14/4/24 (Redacted)**

**1 Present and apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Anthea Griffiths, Claire Thaper, Donna Pollard  
All other members present

**2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 28/2/24**

Agreed as correct record

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

- Club records: Ultra (EG) – **Done**
- Membership email lists (MF) – in-hand as part of annual renewals: see below
- Facebook closed group purge (DH) – assume ongoing – Donna will be waiting for confirmation from Martin re membership renewals completed. **Action: DH**

**5 Membership update (MF)**

(Minor change in the order of business)

- Current membership following renewals: 134 (i.e. number of people who have actually renewed)
- Martin is continuing to “chase” the remaining members to ascertain whether they have simply not yet got round to renewing, or do not wish to. In a few weeks time we reach the point where the current list of people who have renewed is “final” and assume non-renewers to have left. **Action: MF**
- Working through the WebCollect lists to remove ex-members, so it is now down below 300 records which will reduce the fees.

**3 Financial update (TM)**

- Tim sent report and proposed budget ahead (appended to minutes)
- In general there are no concerns with our financial situation. Our reserves are broadly in line with the policy of 6 months overheads (i.e. approx £8,000) and it is hoped that (maybe not this year, but thereafter) the John Carr race can once again make some money for the club.
- Question was asked regarding charity donations, which we haven’t made in a few years. This has been due to us not “making any money”, particularly without the John Carr races. It was suggested that we should have a charity policy that dictates at what income/balance level we should give money to charity, and how much. This discussion needs to be carried forward.
- Question was asked re whether we should change from “cash” to “accruals” basis accounts. Tim replied that he felt it was simpler for people to understand as it is and therefore no reason to change it.
- Tim presented the budget, and highlighted the fact that it was a balanced budget, and that any spend in excess of it should be authorised by committee first.
- It was commented that the income from the BMWR race seemed somewhat of a “conservative” estimate compared to the last years actual figure. Tim answered that last year we didn’t have to pay for the Sports shoes vouchers (£500 cost) prizes, which we were expecting to have to, but not sure if they will be donated again this year or not. Also because budgeted income figure is an average of the last 3 years, and 2/3 years ago entries were lower than hoped. However this year we have an even higher early take-up than last year, so we’re hopeful this year should be good.
- Stuart asked if the Golden Acre relay entry fee could be removed from the budget, in favour of the fell relays? TM agreed.

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- The meeting voted unanimously to approve the budget.
- *Subsequent to the meeting, Tim advised that the fell relay entry fees were £100 more than the budget for Golden Acre. Therefore the BMWR income prediction was increased by £100 in order to balance again. No committee members have opposed this change so the balanced budget remains approved.*
- Tim still to remove Alun and add TG/EG as admins to PayPal and SumUp: in progress. It is proving rather difficult as both Tim and Ewan have personal PayPal accounts, so their email addresses can't be used. Tim is looking to work round it by using other email addresses, probably secretary@ and chair@saltairstriders.org.uk. **Action: TM**

### 4 Training

- Ewan reported that he had received a long duties list from Louise. It looks as though there were some differences between what the committee had intended the role to entail, what actually needs to be done and what Louise had taken on doing. Ewan is going to go through the list in detail before the next meeting, so we can re-agree on a role description before advertising the post. **Action: EG**
- No relevant updates from last LIRF meeting that committee needs to take note of.
- CPSC running drills workshop: keep on the radar to be progressed by next T&C coordinator.
- Rowing club: all in-hand: Stuart to confirm start date with Will/other leaders (1/5/24 bank holiday or 8/5/24) and Tim G to publicise. **Action: SD/TG**

### 6 Club main events

#### BMWR (AG)

- Anthea not present: will update the committee in due course by email.
- Tim M reported already 9 or 10 paid entries, which is ahead of usual rate for this time.

#### John Carr Day of the 5000 PBs (SS)

- Stewart held a meeting at the venue with Racebest and the site caretaker: everything is finalised and all OK.
- Racebest have requested first aid provision: this will be provided by 2 x volunteer marshals who are doctors. Site has defib unit.
- Need to buy tape for segregating areas and borrow long extension cables for PA system, Stewart has all this in-hand.
- Volunteer rota is not far off full, and no concerns here. Stewart informed us that not all volunteers were club members: confirmed this was OK.
- Ewan asked how the committee can currently support the event, Stewart said just to promote it.
- Stewart said he had a hypothetical minimum entry figure of 70, below which we would consider cancelling, however we need more than 100 to break even, so it is possible we run at a loss this year.
- Suggested to send out a circular email to running clubs using lists Anthea has re BMWR.
- **All actions: SS**

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### Running Events (CT/SD)

- Endure '24: Possibly a few going. Stuart to email out again. **Action: SD**
- Relays:
  - CWR: John Singh organising: definitely one team, it would be good to get a mixed team if poss.
  - It was noted that with our membership being pretty much 50/50 M/F it seems a shame that it's difficult to field a womens team for these kind of events. We didn't manage to get a team for the 6-stage road relays, though it was noted we did have a very strong womens turnout at PECO. Various reasons were discussed but nothing concrete in terms of a way forward to improve uptake at the moment.
  - BMW: recruit team soon.
  - Fell Relays: John Singh will be asked to organise a team for this.
- Yorkshire Vets Grand Prix series: SD to promote now, and it's hoped for a good take-up. Tim M asked if there was one race, maybe one of the Weds evening ones, that we can really have a push on: to consider. **Action: SD**
- Harrogate Series: not pushing, as the club would have to commit to join and host an event, can't take on that.

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### Social Events (SS)

#### Awards night:

- Raffle: It was suggested canceling the raffle, as not enough good prizes were forthcoming. Ewan thinks we should do it, and asked all committee members to try and ask 2 or 3 local businesses to donate prizes. David Bower will donate a flight again. **Action: all**
- Awards:
  - Awards nominated/voted for by the club: Striders Strider, Outstanding performance of the year, Unsung hero, Run leader of the year. There was a tie for Unsung hero and the committee decided which nominee would receive it, as the other nominee had 2 x awards already.
  - Run leaders Acolade: nominated/voted by run leaders
  - Lifetime achievement award: voted by committee, majority in favour of one member with other names suggested for consideration in future years.
  - Personality award and other regular awards all in-hand by Stuart.
  - It was agreed that the criteria (and possibly name) of the personality award would be discussed again with a view to being changed before next year. It was noted that the award criteria are currently published on the website, so we should make any changes as promptly as possible and make sure it's up-dated.
  - Silly awards to discussed via WhatsApp nearer the time, prizes will be just chocolates etc.
- Presentation arrangements
  - David Bower will do announcements again.
  - As Claire won't be there, we ideally need a female presenter: either a former captain or another committee member (Anthea or Donna) alongside Stuart.
  - Ewan wants to take a more active role in this, so he will be involved at least in presenting award(s) to Stuart!
  - Stuart would like to use a powerpoint, he will prepare it. **Action: SD**

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- Stewart to ask if the venue can provide projector/screen. **Action: SS**
- Ewan asked us all to continue to promote it widely, and to subtly drop it into conversation when chatting to those receiving awards, if possible!
- Stuart to circulate proposed awards and their costs for approval before ordering. **Action: SD**

#### 9 Welfare issues

- The committee recorded their sadness at the death of Nick Breare. Also we noted Mervyn Silva's excellent achievement at the Manchester marathon, in memory of Nick. By all accounts it was a fantastic day.
- Sadly, a social media altercation took place in recent days, and a number of complaints are now being handled.

#### 11 Misc

- Club kit: Ewan made contact with PECO (the company) and needs to send them the logo and a list of kit: probably discuss this further next meeting or by WhatsApp. **Action: EG**
- Manchester Marathon: number transfer: Ian Storey ran in Mel Robinson's number, no transfers allowed. Tim to contact both to stress the importance of following race rules when entering as a member of the club. **Action: TG**
- Mind: Bradford charity: 5K Mental Elf run. Agreed we may be willing to help: need more details of what they may want from us. Tim to reply to email. **Action: TG**

#### 12 AOB None

#### 14 Date of next meeting and close

Tues 21st/Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May: to be decided via WhatsApp poll.