

Saltaire Striders

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 28/2/24

1 Present and apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Martin Fillingham, Tim Mosedale, Donna Hector

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 10/1/24

Agreed as correct record

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

- Club records: Ultra (EG) – Done EG to send to DB for website **Action EG/DB**
- RtoR group – DH - **Done**
- Track taster session – LN - **Done**
- Focus race suggestions (LN) – **Done**
- Membership email lists: ensure up-to-date (MF) Carried forward **Action MF**
- Facebook closed group: purge (DH) Carried forward **Action DH**
- New organiser for Bilbao Trip (SS) – As of yet, nobody expressed interest in going. If anyone does, SS will ask them to organise it! No further committee action reqd.
- Email for help with organising teams for specific events (SD) **Done**
- Send email re committee governance thoughts (LN) **Done**
- Chris Hassal gift (DH) – **Done**
- Nick Breare family contact (AG) Anthea reported Merv to meet with him next week.

3 Financial update (TM)

- TM sent apologies and sent report ahead (appended to minutes)
- To question with Tim: his report says WebCollect fees have increased due to the number of members on the system, and WebCollect currently has >300 records despite club membership being 224. Would the cost go down if we purged records of ex-members? **Action: TM to advise**
- Tim still to remove Alun and add TG/EG as admins to PayPal and SumUp. **Action: TM**

4 Training (LN)

- LN sent report ahead (appended to the minutes)
- LN has also advised of her resignation from the role of Training and Coaching coordinator.
 - Louise was thanked for all her work in the role.
 - Louise explained that in addition to the more “technical” aspects, there was more work involved in managing run leaders than she had expected.
 - Louise to try and write a role duties list. **Action: LN**
 - Louise will tell the run leaders at the next LIRF meeting.
 - Louise confirmed that she will continue with other work as a coach, eg leading track sessions and supporting members with training plans, alongside our other coaches.
 - Committee to advertise for a new coordinator who we would co-opt onto committee. **Action: EG? Or TG?**
- Checking license renewals
 - Louise informed us of the difficulties in getting this up-to-date, but we are now almost there with it (only John Singh outstanding, and he has promised to do it). This was largely down to the need for all run leaders to log on and accept new Ts&Cs, which naturally some forgot to do and needed chasing, but others struggled with logging on.

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- Ewan expressed his gratitude for bringing this up-to-date. EA have seven “club standards” and this was one of the two in which we weren’t compliant.
- Next LIRF meeting date Tues 5/3.
- Louise to produce training plan for the Filey trip (see below) **Action: LN**
- CPSC Running drills workshop: It was felt this would be worthwhile but will need to be handed over to Louises successor. Keep on agenda to follow through to next meeting.

5 Membership update (MF)

- Current membership 224: 178 full, 10 second-claim, 32 social (non-competitive), 4 honorary. Two leavers and one new member.
- Brief discussion re recent leavers. Two have left to specialise in Triathlon and join a more suitable club, one is more of a concern because it looks as though there may have been some sort of “falling out”, Ewan offered to discuss further with her but she declined, so nothing more we can do.
- Need to confirm with Martin that he has annual renewals in-hand **Action: MF**

6 Club main events

BMWR (AG)

- Good news is we were not charged for the Sportsshoes vouchers (£400) for prizes last year.
- Possibility this will be the same this year, considering officially asking Sportsshoes to sponsor the event by donating them.
- Lower costs this year due to bulk buying of race momentos last year: will only need to buy a few.
- Penistone Hill: Cricket club available with indoor space for changing, registration, toilets etc, cost £35. Changeover position will not be moved though, so no changes to route.
- Laycock Village Hall and Rugby club both sorted, same price as last year.
- Silsden: housing development was a concern. Anthea has driven up and nothing looks any different, though do need to check we still have the “waste ground” available for registration table, toilets etc. Anthea was advised that a nearby house belongs to Richard Smiths sister, she will confirm if this is still the case and make contact via Richard.
- Mike has applied for race license.
- Email invitations sent out to all usual clubs, first entrants are in.

John Carr Day of the 5000 PBs (SS)

- Volunteer call-out for rota will be done in about a month or so. It’s expected that each rota “timeslot” will need x1 car park marshall (not all day), x2-3 marshalls and x2 last lap bell.
- Currently 22 entries, of which 9 are Striders. No concern yet, Stewart has been advised that most entries occur within the last 6 weeks.
- Hoping for semi-professional *(sorry I didn’t write down his name)* to run sub-16.
- Banner: SS to progress. **Action: SS**
- Not botherings with EA license: too difficult to get: so no results on powerof10
- Anthea asked about asking Nigel Pepper re photography. Stewart advised also considering videography for future years promotion.
- Entry limit is 300, break-even point about 110-120.

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- Stewart stressed that this year should be seen as a “test” and the hope is the event can grow to a multi-day event in future years. For this year, we should be happy with break-even number of entries, and expect to see that grow in the future.

7 Running Events (CT/SD)

- Club champs races: on website
 - Jack Verity suggested another race from Horsfall stadium, trail, to be used as a reserve in case of a cancellation from the list.
 - Need to change “Bingley parkrun” to “Myrtle parkrun” just for correctness.
Action: SD/DB
- parkrun competition: 4 weeks in and so far all good.
- Filey trip (TG): all good though limited take-up so far.
- Endure '24: Stuart to send out an email to gauge interest. **Action: SD**
- PECO update:
 - Great achievement with a total of 66 runners
 - Hopefully we can field a few teams for the relays
 - Several club members got awards, hopefully will attend the award night.
- Stuart reported he'd heard about a new race by Ilkley Harriers: Pete Shields 10km: more info to follow....
- 12/6-stage relays: Faye is organising womens team(s), Lee is organising mens.

8 Social Events (SS)

Club abroad trips: Tromsø all in-hand

Awards night:

- 3rd or 24th May available at the golf club: 3rd May chosen.
- David to put “save the date” in newsletter **Action: DB**
- Awaiting price from Graham D'Arcy
- Noted that there needs to be more food than last year! Even if it costs more.
- Short discussion re raffle prizes, and questions re whether it is worth doing a raffle if we can't get enough good prizes. Final decision in due course.

Red Lion:

- Friday 14th June: organised by Tracy Foy
- £34/head for dinner
- Club to pay £100 for room for ladies showering, and £450 for coach (a lot cheaper than last year).
- All OK: Ewan to advise Tracy to go ahead with booking. **Action: EG**

9 Welfare issues (DH/AG)

No new issues to report

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10 Award Categories (EG)

A discussion took place to review suggestions by members and committee, and taking ideas from other clubs (eg Ilkley Harriers) we narrowed the list to the following *(committee please advise if I have recorded this correctly, much discussion was had with many scribbles and crossings-out!)*

Existing awards to continue:

- 3 divisions 1st, 2nd, 3rd = 9 awards
- Personality award
- Deja-vu award (for most frequent SofM nominated but not won)
- PECO most improved M/F = 2 awards

New awards:

- Committee award
- Striders strider
- Outstanding performance of the year
- Unsung hero
- Lifetime achievement award
- Run leader of the year
- Run leaders accolade
- Possible silly awards:
 - Best fall/trip
 - Most clothing award
 - Best outfit

It was suggested that the “Striders Strider” and “Committee” awards should be a big re-issued shield with individual names added. No final decision was made.

Committee to continue to discuss number of awards and final list over the coming weeks.

Tim to facilitate this and finalise by early April. **Action: TG**

12 Misc

- Club kit: Ewan to make contact with PECO (the company) to enquire, then send out an email appeal for someone external to committee to take on setting it up. **Action: EG**

13 AOB None

14 Date of next meeting and close

Tues 16th/Weds 17th April: Ewan to do WhatsApp poll nearer the time. **Action: EG**