

Plymstock Road Runners
164th Committee Meeting
6th January 2016
18:30 at 98 Plymstock Road, Plymouth

Attending: Steve Leonard, Steve Whitney, David Oliver, Jill Rose, Steve Rose, Mike Greaves, James Blewett, Kate Aspinall, Bridgette Henry.

Apologies: Kathy Wilmot, Becky Graham.

1. Finance

1a. Steve Whitney reported that Junior's were running at a loss of £381.11 this year but as the two clubs will soon unite rent cost will be reduced. Seniors are likely to have a deficit of around £500 at the end of year which is half the budgeted amount of £1,000 despite not having budgeted for £176 transport. Monthly draw was covered under miscellaneous costs.

1b. The continued compulsory membership of individuals as part of their club membership was discussed by the committee. It is compulsory for the club to be EA affiliated but the proposal will be put to the members that it no longer be required for them to be EA members as part of their membership and EA membership will be up to the individual. Membership fees will be decided at the next finance meeting. As a benefit to members, club may pay for entries to an appointed race. It was suggested by Steve Rose and Steve Leonard that we join The Association of Running Clubs (ARC). Membership to ARC would cost the club approximately £160 and would give us insurance for the Duckponds Race and more easily obtained race permits including road running. It was agreed by the committee to join ARC.

1c. Now that the club logo has been agreed Steve Leonard had made inquiries at Kit World who can supply vest and shorts for £14 each plus VAT (£16.80) with a minimum order of only 10 items of any size. This is a better deal than previously obtained through WASP. Steve Leonard will obtain some sample vests for lady members to try. It was agreed for Steve Whitney to proceed with payment of £100 to his niece for designing the logo and that we will supply her with a printed running vest.

1d. AOB

Kate Aspinall suggested that transport costs could be reduced if we adopt a scheme used by some other clubs where if individuals carry three others in their car then the club will pay them a petrol allowance. This was agreed to be a good idea and the finance committee will agree a sum.

Steve Whitney questioned whether club should continue with monthly draw and registered his view that we should cease to continue giving the £20 vouchers. It was felt however by the committee in general that it should continue as it offers members the opportunity to retrieve their membership fee and creates fun at the club. It was agreed that once a member had been the recipient of a voucher their name will not be re-entered into the draw until the next year.

Next finance meeting 3rd February at Steve Whitney's 6:30pm.

2. Muddy Duck 2016

2a. Steve Rose reported that if we can extend the run onto pavements and roads then it will be easy to make the race 10k. Joining ARC should make obtaining race license and insurance to do this easier. Steve Leonard has already considered new routes.

2b. Age category prizes to continue to be awarded in the form of ‘Go Outdoor’ vouchers. Fun runners to receive medals. It was agreed we would give vests as souvenirs this year. Pre entries are therefore important to order correct sizes for shirts, those entering on the day will have to accept what is available. Colours and costs for the vest to be explored. Money from last year’s race will be set aside as a cover for the cost of this year’s vests.

Jo Anderson will no longer inputting race entrants details, Race Master needs to be on a lap top for entrants details to be input on the day for results of age categories to be announced. Steve Whitney offered to take on this duty.

2c. AOB

None

Next meeting 20th January at Steve Rose’s

3. External Committee

3a. Kate Aspinall requested that the website picture be updated to represent more current members.

3b. Kate Aspinall reported that Facebook page is being more widely used by Members with increased postings.

3c. AOB

Kate Aspinall reported that Monday and Tuesday Junior club nights are to be merged to Tuesday night from the 19th January. Eleven and unders will remain indoors with the over elevens being taken outdoors to run. Next External committee meeting tba.

4. Internal Committee

4a. AGM will be held on 25th February 2016 at the church hall. Bridgette will plan an out and back short run to follow the meeting.

4b. The committee agreed on the wording change to rule 5:

To be eligible for the club London Marathon places runners should have;
applied for a place in the ballot and been rejected.

Been a fully paid up annual club member from 1st March in the year of the draw (payment of club fees must be complete by 31st March).

Attended at least 10 Thursday sessions or otherwise be actively engaged in supporting the club from 1st March of that year.

Not received a club London Marathon place in the previous 3 years. (Once a place has been received you are not eligible to enter the draw for the next 3 years).

Suggested amendments below

1st March to be replaced by the 31st March

(Payment of club fees must be complete by 31st March).

Statement to be removed

And final 1st March to be changed to 31st March

4c. Personal Best board has had limited response. Steve Leonard will remind club Members about giving their PB’s and inquire who has had PB’s after races.

4d. Not discussed.

4e Steve Leonard reported that he felt the suggestion box is working well.

4e. AOB

In order to comply with Data Protection only members of the committee should have access to spreadsheets containing members details.

Sandy Williams has already been presented with vouchers by the Junior club following her decision to stand down, Senior club will also show its appreciation of her years of service by presenting her with £50 of Sports Direct vouchers to be funded by the Junior Account.

A Life Time Membership Award will be awarded at the AGM and the recipient was agreed by the committee.

Steve Rose has previously held a Map My Run account which he self funded and used for the club. Steve has terminated this account and discovered that the club has its own account. Steve Leonard will transfer routes on Steve's account to the club's.

Next full committee meeting 16th March 2016 at Dave Oliver's 6:30pm