

Norwich Road Runners Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26 January 2016

Present: Gary Cooper (Chairman), Mick Powell (Secretary), Mark Betts, Kathleen Easter, Nick Gurney, Rachel Miller (Minutes), John Miller, Mick Powell. Elies Mann, Alma Simmonds, Richard Johnson (for Item 2 only).

Absent with Apologies: Paul Dowson, Nicky Dowson, Stacey Harper, Barry Hipwell, Catherine Twiss

1. Juniors

Elies Mann updated. They are currently operating a rota system for coaches, however, need to ensure they have more assistant coaches available due to people being unavailable at the last minute. Alma noted it would be safer to have two assistant coaches in attendance each week. Elies to add a request to Facebook and to advise everyone of the commitment involved.

Also looking at the maximum numbers which can be accommodated as the popularity of the juniors increases and advise anyone joining that there is a commitment.

It was noted that it is important to ensure that juniors keep to the junior club and do not mix in with Tuesday night sessions. It was discussed to agree an age when juniors can join the main club.

Also looking into the possibility of booking the larger sports hall for October, to accommodate growing numbers.

2. Norwich Half Marathon

Gary Cooper updated on the proposed move of the Norwich Half Marathon from November to April. It was suggested that a letter is submitted from Norwich Road Runners suggesting that this is presented to the ANRRC (Athletics Norfolk Road Running Committee) in order that all clubs are aware of the change and have their say in how it could impact the race calendar. Nick Gurney to draft a letter.

3. Broadland Half Marathon

Mick Powell confirmed that the race referee and adjudicator were booked and the trophies and medals ordered

Currently need around 20 more marshals. Rachel Miller to post and update on Facebook. No children to be out marshalling but can assist at the finish area. Need to confirm marshals so t-shirts can be ordered.

John Miller is to be the announcer on the day and will organise a PA system.

Other jobs to be allocated include number, t-shirt and chip distribution, which can be assigned to NRR who are running the race.

Stands at the race will be Sportlink, Dunerunner and Chas Allen offering massages.

4. Wroxham 5k Series

Nick Gurney updated.

He noted that he has put in a request to close Tunstead Road for 10 minutes. This would allow the start line to be moved to Tunstead Road, which would ensure the start was safer and also capacity can be increased.

Using Chiptiminguk for all three races. Their mat system fits in with the 10 minute road closure as these can be put in place quickly.

There will also be a very small increase in the entry fee to include the chip timing cost.

The race will be open for entries in the coming week, starting with just the series and individual race entries opening nearer the time.

Nick asked if everyone could think about ideas for possible memento for this year and suggested a shoe bag.

5. Horsford

Mick Powell noted that the Horsford Cross Country series was very successful this year with lots of thank you messages being received. He also noted that the awards have been ordered.

6. Parkrun Pacers

A further discussion took place over whether the club wishes to put its name to Parkrun pacers at Catton Park and it was decided that we wouldn't at this time. Rachel Miller to update Sze-Ming Cheung.

7. Social Committee

Rachel Miller updated.

The Social Committee are currently looking into this year's Xmas Party with possibly the same venue as last year at Norwich City Football Club. Further details to follow.

The Social Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and can be contacted via social@norwichroadrunners.com

8. 2016 Award Nominations

For the Club Awards 2016 we will be looking to club members for nominations in each category and then committee will then choose a winner based on the nominations. An email to be sent out to all club members in August.

9. Membership

Mark Betts updated that we currently have 346 members. An email to remind about renewals to be sent out shortly.

A discussion took place over if membership to over 60s should be free and it was decided this wouldn't be agreed, however, anyone who has been a member for 20 years will become an honorary club member.

John Miller asked if there is anything in place to welcome new members to the club. Nick Gurney noted that there should be an email automatically sent out when anyone joins and this has been tested recently.

10. Code of Conduct

Nick Gurney has recently sent around an updated amended Code of Conduct. To be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion and agreement.

11. PR

Nick Gurney updated that he has met with Danny Bond to work further on upgrading the website to make this more user friendly and to include a members section. Once this is updated the mobile phone app will also be updated. Looking at a two-three month timescale.

Nick Gurney also noted that he is currently working on press ideas for the Broadland Half Marathon.

12. Officer Reports

John Miller asked if we should include in the agenda officer reports in order to get an update on each area. Agreed to include in the agenda as an ongoing item.

13. Future meeting venue

Agreed to hold some committee meetings on a non club night and at a different venue.

14. Any Other Business

Facebook – Rachel to add Nick Gurney as an admin on the club Facebook group and he will then review current members of the group. Starting with anyone who has not been active for six months.

New Committee Member – Everyone to bring suggestions for a new committee member to the next meeting, to replace Wendy who has left the committee. The committee thanks Wendy for all her hard work and commitment.

Three Peaks – Gary Cooper asked the committee for agreement to the Three Peaks trip to be a club trip and contribute half the coach costs. Agreement from everyone at the table and other members to be consulted.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 23 February 2016.

The committee can be contacted at any time:

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