

Norwich Road Runners Committee Meeting October 3rd 2017

Present: Gary Cooper (chairman), Nicky Dowson, Paul Dowson, Kathy Easter, Chris Harrison, Beryl Knowles, James McFarlane, Tina Moseley, Mick Powell, Steve Moseley, (Coach), Alma Simmons (Juniors) Neil Walpole, (Coach),

Apologies: Mark Betts

It was reported that Rachel Miller would like to stand down from the committee, although she is happy to help out with sessions, announcements etc. Many thanks to her for all her hard work and we wish her continued success within the club.

We want to recruit new members for the Management Committee – mentioned in announcements. Alma will be a member of the Management Committee with immediate effect.

Coaching

Congratulations to Neil and Steve on completing their coaching qualification. All agreed this was not only a great achievement for them but an investment for the club. Neil and Steve are happy to encourage and support others who want to take on a similar course.

The UEA Track sessions are booked and paid for and these sessions will be promoted/advertised on Facebook and in announcements over the coming weeks. The sessions, which are for club members only, are free with members being asked to pay 60p for entry to the SportsPark. The sessions were a great success last time and an opportunity for the club to thank members for their support at training sessions, turning up to marshall races etc.

Gary talked about the club's recent involvement in the Round Norfolk Relay. The success of the teams and high level of commitment/involvement/excitement is a reflection of the club's spirit and the hard work put in by Neil and Steve.

There was a general discussion about the increase in numbers at coaching sessions. We are pleased that NRR is a popular, growing club but an increase in numbers requires us to think about how best we manage the group to keep everyone satisfied and safe. This needs monitoring and under discussion.

Juniors

Alma reported that the Juniors had had their first committee meeting on September 19th.

There is a rota for volunteers (particularly successful at the hill session) to make sure supervision is at a good level. A programme of races is being prepared. Alma is keen to develop a 'Young Leaders' programme to develop the young people- as well as being a positive step for the youngsters themselves, it is a way for them to continue in the club and also provide inspire younger members. Alma will get some Junior Leader t-shirts for them.

Alma and Elies are preparing training programmes so that volunteers/coaches can take group sessions as appropriate. Other items on JRR minutes.

Social Committee

There wasn't a member of the Social Committee attending the meeting, although it was confirmed that the Christmas Party is booked and places are going well.

There was a discussion about whether committees should have a delegated budget – views were exchanged but this issue was declined at this time. It was suggested that a member of the Social Committee is on the Management Committee.

AGM

This will take place on Tuesday November 28th and will be promoted/advertised on Facebook and in announcements.

Tina will put forward a proposal of how the AGM will run, based on last year's event.

London Marathon

The ballot for club places will take place at the AGM. James will help to organise this and collect the rejection slips.

Following discussion about travel and accommodation for the London Marathon, James will organise these but will ask for a non-refundable deposit from those wishing to attend.

Membership

Club numbers continue to rise, with some 30 new members within the last ten days. Mark had sent a document comparing NRR membership fees with those of local clubs. It was agreed that NRR offered good value for money and fees were to be unchanged.

Communications

Chris will talk to Nick and Rachel about access to the website and how information is put on there.

Some discussion about what we think should be on the website - this needs further discussion. Chris has set up an automated response about queries about joining the club, attending sessions etc.

It was suggested that members are encouraged to write their own reports about a race and send them to Chris to upload.

Future races

Tina has booked Chip Timing for Broadland Half. She will get a quote from MED PTS before booking them or any other first aid cover. She has sent a query about road signs to Mark Betts. There will be a Junior Fun Run before the half marathon.

Discussion about Horsford Cross Country races – some items to confirm at next meeting.

Sewell Park and Finances

We are up to date with our payments. Future payments will be made monthly and will be in the range of £200-250. Thanks to Kathy and James for their efforts in sorting this out.

Kathy will send a cheque for £45 to East Anglian Cross Country.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 14th – venue to be confirmed.

September spending

Panks – beacons for RNR	165.00
Medals for all – club standards awards	521.46
SportsPark – UEA track sessions	700.00
Sewell Park Academy – outstanding payment	812.50
James McFarlane – RNR petrol/diesel	103.02
Sean Hurn – auditor fees	120.00
Total	£2421.98