



Meeting Minutes
1 September 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Honiton Running Club Committee was called to order at 19.00 on 1 September 2011 by John Burgess.

Present:

John Burgess, Judy Davey, Mickie Dicks, Gary Enticott, Roger Saunders, Warren Oak and Bruce Strawbridge.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Apologies were received from Kevin Hawker and Jo Lowman.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- The minutes of the 9 June 2011 meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

- The CRB checks are complete except Fran Bond that Judy will follow up.
- Cotleigh Race (Canter) measurements have been completed.
- Shelterbox presentation completed and sponsorship monies transferred.
- A reminder on outstanding subs has captured the majority of members due.
- Cotleigh Canter committee has met and significant progress has been made for the race. (see Item 8)
- Junior members are being invited to this month's handicap with the new school term looming.
- A coaches meeting was arranged and the winter training programme is being compiled.

4. Chairman's Report

- The End of Year Awards was completed for the Juniors.
- The Blackdown Beauty was very successful with over 80 runners. The shorter alternatives proved popular and good feedback was received across the board. Over £300 was raised for McMillan and thanks were received from Colvin Perry, who is looking forward to next year's event and agreed a date of 7 July 2012.
- A successful camping trip was made to Dartmoor and thanks were given to Warren for his organisation.
- Thanks were given to Gerry and Maggie for hosting a very enjoyable breakfast run.
- The Woodland Relay in July received a much lower turnout from all clubs. There was effectively no Junior event and thus in the future only one Woodland Relay event will be organised each year.
- The East Devon Relay was not entered due to lack of interest and possibly time of year with an overall reduced field compared to last year.

- The club was well represented at both Over the Hill and Farway and Dalwood 10k.

5. Secretary's Report

- Various general correspondences have been received and replies have been sent accordingly.
- The coaching programme was agreed for the winter and individual coaches will be contacted to arrange suitable leaders for each night.

6. Treasurer's Report

- The Club finances are in good balance for the year with income meeting expenses for the year to date.
- Charity payments have now been made accordingly to Shelterbox and McMillan.
- Membership currently stands at just over 80

7. Club Rule Amendment – London Marathon Places

- The rule was discussed and agreed by the Committee. It was discussed that this was a valuable asset for the club with the Marathon becoming harder to enter each year.
- John will arrange an Extra Ordinary Meeting at the start of a Club run to gain agreement and apply the rule. This will be once running returns to the town and we meet on the balcony in the Sports Hall.

8. The Cotleigh Canter

- A committee (John, Judy, Roger, Bruce) was created and has met twice to date.
- The courses have been officially measured and the EA certificate has been granted.
- A risk assessment was carried out by Roger and Ian
- Race numbers, spot prizes, awards and medals have been gathered from the Club shed and will be utilised in the event.
- Bruce will personally visit the village residents and also try to confirm parking arrangements.
- An article will be written by Judy to raise local interest via the Midweek Herald. Monday night training will be offered to new runners who can use the event as a gateway to running/fitness.
- The routes will be run by the club, plus invites to village residents and others, on 19 September.

9. Honiton Duathlon

- The event has been cancelled due to insurance difficulties and lack of committed support from other clubs.
- A club Duathlon was discussed as a non-official trial; possible venues included Payhembury and Talaton. Invites could also be sent to other clubs including old and present members with N1.
- Roger will check the feasibility of using Payhembury village hall, parking and dates. Sunday 16 October was mentioned as a suitable date to fit the race calendar.

10. Exmoor Stagger and Stumble

- 15 runners have expressed a strong interest for the 23 October race.
- Bus enquiries have been made to cover numbers in excess of a single mini bus.

- Warren will chase for additional interest and gather a list of costs that will include transport, race entry and a pub meal on the return. Deposits will be requested for transport costs.

11. Sport Relief Mile

- The Sport Relief Mile is on March 2012 and contact has been made by the organisers.
- The current mile course is a concern following the removal of Police assistance as their presence is required for the High Street route.
- It was agreed that the Club will proceed with the event and contact police for committed assistance. An alternate route using Allhallows sports field and a loop round nearby streets could be used.
- The option of the 6 mile route might not be offered as not many people do it and it means the marshals are out for a long time.
- Warren will contact Darren England (Community Officer) to gauge Police assistance for the event.

12. Winter Training Programme

- Programme has been agreed with coaches and they will be assigned sessions.

13. Any Other Business.

- The next pub run will be in October from Plymtree.
- Sponsorship from Sportshoes.com has been applied to the website and samples have been supplied for 3 runners. The reviews have been sent back and acknowledged. They will be contacted to enquire the next samples and if any additional items could be given for the Cotleigh Canter.
- Leadership in Running Fitness courses are being run in the next few months and Bruce will attend a suitable course.
- The Blackdown Beast will need amending following the closure of the Royal Oak. Alternatives include the Highfield Social club or Lakeview Manor. The start could also be amended to another point of the course. Gary to investigate Highfield and John Lakeview.
- The Christmas Meal invite will be followed up with a request for deposits. It was agreed that free transport will be supplied by the club (via race cake sales).
- No entry will be made to the Parrett trail relay due to the all day event requiring multiple transport arrangements and logistic organisation.

Adjournment:

The meeting was closed at 20.47 by John Burgess. The next meeting will be at the Burgess Residence on Thursday 17 November 2011, 19.00.

Minutes submitted by: Gary Enticott
 Approved by: John Burges