

Annual General Meeting - Henfield Joggers

5th December 2012

Henfield Leisure Centre

In Attendance:

Sandra Skelt, Brian Harwood, Linda Neave, Chris Bradfield, Brian Bracey, Derek Tyrrell, Richard Knight, Mark Skilton, Hugh martin, Brian Turrell, Rob Thornton, Jenny Cobby, Rose Sayers, Gill Hamilton-Orr, Sue Spiers, Liz Pamment, Cathy Walker, Tina Hawkins, Lesley Besson, Phillipa Hunt, Ilidia Campbell, Jackie Parsons, Gayle Williams, Paul Crowe.

Apologies: Celia Emmett, Brian and Jackie Griffiths, Terry Smith, Alison Crowe

Welcome from Paul Crowe

Reminder of 19th December 2012 Christmas party/meal at White Hart, please contact Jackie Griffiths for any outstanding meal choices ASAP. [Action All 1/12](#)

The Improver of the Year Trophy will be voted on through counting nomination slips available on the night.

Treasurers report and accounts - Lesley

Real money spinner was the Seven Stiles which bought more money in than the subscriptions. Joggers paid for the South Downs Relay this year as there was money in the account. Money was paid out for the social events. Donations have been made to the leisure centre of £150.00 Thanks to Lesley for her hard work on the accounts and to Brian Griffiths for auditing.

WSFRL - Seven Stiles - Terry Bourne

Terry is stepping down from the WSFRL as of end of year - he will continue to accept emails from WSFRL and forward them on to whoever takes on the job. We dropped in the league table from 13th to 15th as many people do not do the runs. Terry is happy to give advice for the Seven Stiles etc but he will not be organising or helping on the day due to other commitments.

Massive thanks to Terry especially for his encouragement and advice.

Beginners – Gayle

Two courses have been run this year very successfully, in future Gayle proposes to start beginners/ run/walk programmes 3 times a year to coincide with school terms i.e. January Easter and September to bring more people in at times when they are more likely to be able to come or want to start again.

In order to maintain members Gayle would like to spend some of the money we have on account on paying a coach to come along and give advice for beginners and older runners alike.

Gayle will contact someone she has heard about who is local to the area and is already expressing an interest in starting a running group. [ACTION - Gayle Williams 2/12](#)

Handicap - Chris Bradfield

Main change has been the additional summer route, 26 people have taken part only 11 have done 3 or more

3rd Trevor Hodgson -

2nd Liz Pamment

1st Gill Hamilton-Orr

Well done to Gill who was the only person to have completed all handicap runs this year and therefore best place to win the trophy and have her name on the board in the foyer of the leisure

centre.

Standardising 7.15pm start for the handicap has helped more but participation would be nice.

Thanks to Chris for running and calculating results.

Improvers Trophy

The Ballot was counted and the trophy goes to *Tina Hawkins*. Tina joined the beginners course and has been along most weeks since she joined and completed runs during the week to best maintain and improve. Well Done Tina

Also recognition for Sue Spiers for how well she has done this year. She has been joining the 'Big Boys' on a Saturday morning, she has been running distances of up to 10 miles and even doing some off-road. Well done Sue.

South Downs Relay - Mark Skilton.

Names required for people who want to take part in the 2013 relay being held on 1 June 2013. 2 teams required 6 people in each team Derek Tyrrell happy to be a team captain, Mark Skilton will be the other team captain as he has experience in doing it but will step aside if someone else expresses an interest in doing it..

People are needed to help run the routes/legs and partake in the training to help learn the routes and then may want to join in in future years. We need to keep the numbers up and reach a specified cut off point in order to maintain our places.

Good communication nearer the time is the only way to maintain a team spirit and get more people interested in taking part in future years - (rather than pub runs maybe we will fit some of these training legs in as our weekly meeting places. GW)

The date for the next South Downs Relay is 1 June 2013 – Captain s- Derek Tyrrell and Mark Skilton. Please register interest soon in order to arrange teams. [Action All 3/12](#)

Marathon places –

We only have 1 entry for London this year due to our membership numbers, and 2 for Brighton Voting was taken and was carried, the decision being that Marathon places are now no longer given out only if you have a rejection letter from London.

Gill was given first choice on marathon place as she won the handicap - she declined

1st name out - Richard Knight - London - Accepted

2nd name out - Derek Tyrrell – Brighton - Accepted

3rd name out - Terry Smith – Brighton – Declined – this place is now available to someone else

Election of Committee members

Club/Membership Secretary - Brian Bracey

Treasurer - Lesley Besson

Beginners/New Members - Gayle Williams

Publicity & Communication - Paul Crowe

Pub Run Co-ordination - Hugh Martin

WSFRL - Mark Skilton/Paul Crowe

Seven Stiles - Hugh Martin/Mark Skilton

Sussex Grand Prix - Jenny Cobby

Social Secretary/Focus - Gill Hamilton-Orr/ Liz Pamment

No specific remit: Cathy Walker

Even ~~though~~ thought these people have specific roles to undertake in order that the club continues to run successfully, it is thought that as members of the Henfield Joggers we all have a role to play in the running of the club and therefore we should all be seen as committee members. Anyone who has an opinion regarding any aspect of what or how we do things needs to be able to speak out as it without changes they may leave declining our numbers further.

Food on Wednesdays –

This was a big debate and it is fair to say that some members support the need for food more than others. However what was agreed is that we should all try to support the idea of social interaction by staying a little later after the running, either to eat or socialise. To support that the proposal is to try to create some variety across the month: _____ **Action All 4/12**

1st Wednesday of each month - Ilidia will do food to tie in with the handicap (with pre booking essential – NOTE this will start from **February** as Ilidia is not available in January.) Further details to be confirmed)

Occasional Wednesdays will be a Curry night for which Lesley will bring in tins of curry, microwave rice etc Further details to be confirmed

Several occasions across the warmer months - pizza night (Derek Tyrrell has a Pizza oven!!) Derek will provide the dough we would make our own and bake them! (This will mean going to Dereks house, not too far from the Leisure Centre - as in Dereks words the oven is about the size of a Smart car! It does take about 3 hrs prep to get it hot enough for baking the pizzas, so more details will be communicated when we near the first occasion)

Location of meetings ie whether to continue at the HLC, was discussed but require further discussion.

Membership - Brian Bracey

The Club will remain affiliated to the UKA at a cost of £50 p.a.however if in addition individuals wish **themselves** to be affiliated (and maintain their UKA competitors license) please advise.Brian who will action. UKA have advised that this individual affiliation fee has increased from £5 to £10 per annum Brian will write to UKA to advise that we are not happy with this and that we will change club policy from “opting out” to “opting in”, meaning that the Standard Membership will from January 2013 become £10, with an option to pay £20 to include individual affiliation and get a competitors licence. _____

Action Brian B 5/12

We as a club need to be aware that the club membership has fallen by 50% this year and we need to bring more people into the club.

Youth coaches could be needed if we want to focus on younger members, and if we are able to get a coach we should think about liaison with youth club/school

Mulled Wine night

12th December 7.30pm Mark Skilton's house for Mulled wine, social and nibbles/buffet style food. 3 Gresham Place Balloons will be outside...

AOB

We must NOT meet in the lobby - we need to be meeting in the hall. This causes problems for members of the leisure centre who are wanting to come into and out of the gym and also affects the automatic doors which is irritating for the boys on the front desk(!)

Safety - we need to be more careful! Be aware of what colors we are wearing especially when we are near or on the roads, and especially in winter when the nights are very dark

Membership renewal system - Brian believes he has found a way we could to do this online.

There was not time to discuss this at length and Brian will take this away to review and consult the membership in due ~~epourse~~course _____ **Action**

Brian B 6/12

Alternatively we will provide banking details on the next newsletter and then people can pay online and then email Brian and or Lesley that we have paid in, quoting their name on the 'Reference' line. Brian to advise as part of the 2013 membership renewal process

Action Brian B 7/12

Many thanks to all who turned up and voiced their opinions.(and to Gayle for taking the Minutes!)

