

Committee Meeting

12 July 2018

The Grehound

Minutes

The meeting opened at 20:35 and the chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Attendees

Shaun Chew (Chairman), Joanne Sadowsky (Secretary), Andy Berry, Nick Treitl, Hannah Newbold and Graham Wadsworth.

Apologies

John Boothman, Mark Sandamas, Glenn Whittaker, Helen Stead, James Stead & Rachel Lowther.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer was not able to attend the meeting, but the current bank balance stands at £6,421.67. In addition to this, the receipts from the Pinhaw, Kelbrook and Buckden races have yet to be paid over to the club and they could increase this balance by around £2,000

Social Media

There is a closed group for members only on Facebook and it was agreed that members who have recently left the club should be deleted from this group. After a brief general discussion, it was agreed that the club should be officially represented on this group in order that an authoritative response may be given to member's queries and Hannah Newbold will attend to both matters.

Web Site

The problem raised at the last meeting of the web site not scrolling properly has now been resolved. However, Andy Berry highlighted the fact that in the results section, the results from previous years are not being displayed properly on mobile devices. Graham Wadsworth explained that this was a legacy problem caused by the transfer from the old web site to the new. It may mean that each of the old pages has to be manually edited to cope with the new web site which adapts to the device on which it is being displayed and he agreed to look into the problem.

Cross Country

As agreed at the previous meeting, the club is now registered for both the Red Rose and the Mid-Lancs Cross Country Leagues.

Club Vests

Hannah Newbold said that many of our women members have been complaining about the club vests and they have requested a change of supplier. This is because the vests do not particularly fit women properly. In addition, some men have complained too, as the finish is rough and can cause their nipples to bleed after a long race. It was agreed that Joanne Sadowsky will have a word with JB Supplies in Earby and see what they can come up with and will report back at the next meeting.

Flags

Following on from the last item, the Chairman raised the possibility of also asking JB Supplies about making flags for club races which will have the club log on them. There followed a general discussion about the existing set of flags. It was agreed that these flags, using plastic electrical conduit for the stems were heavy to carry around and made the flagging of the courses more onerous than it need be. It was resolved that Joanne Sadowsky will raise the subject of having special flags made by JB Supplies and Shaun Chew will look into the possibility of finding some light weight stems on to which they can be attached.

Road Relays

Ian Liversdage has offered to organise the six stage road relays. The committee were unanimous in welcoming this offer and agreed that the club would fund as many teams as he could raise.

Women's Fell & Road Captain

Several members raised the point that many women members have been complaining about the fact the Women's Captain has been conspicuous by her absence. They appreciate that she has been injured, but she never turns out to support the women at either races or in training and observe how the women members are performing and to meet new women members. The Chairman agreed to approach the Women's Captain and explain the disquiet amongst the women members and ask her if she still wanted to continue in her role.

Juniors

Nick Treidl explained that there is currently a scheme to encourage juniors to turn out for races. This scheme involves giving each junior a ticket for each time they run in a race and at the end of the season, these tickets are drawn at random for prizes, the main one being a pair of Inovate shoes. This scheme works on the basis of the more races in which a junior takes part, the more chance they have of winning something. Nick asked for a budget from club funds to fund these prizes. It was unanimously agreed to provide this funding, but the committee asked Nick to come back with a definite figure of how much he will need. Graham Wadsworth suggested giving a cup (the John Boothman Trophy) each year to the junior who attended most races in recognition of them getting out and representing the club.

Relays

A general discussion took place on this subject. It was agreed that there can be a danger of the club entering too many relays and upsetting member's own racing schedules by pressurising them to run in these races. However, it was agreed that the club would, this year, enter the FRA relays and the Ian Hodgson relays. Anyd Berry reported that we will definitely have a place for one team in the Ian Hodgson and we may have the possibility of having two teams. Hannah Newbold asked that if the second team can be a women's team. After this general discussion, it was queried whether we had enough lady members, including reserves to enter a women's team. It was agreed to bear entering a women's team in mind, although it may be better to enter a mixed team.

Future Meetings

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 October. The venue to be decided.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:57