

Minutes of meeting 19 March 2021

Chair: Alison Holt (AH)	Treasurer: Steve Knight (SK)	Interim Club Secretary: Vicki Hamilton (VH)	Ordinary Members: Jeroen Peters (JP) Zoe Barton (ZB) Guy Riddell (GR) Matt Crompton (MC) Pete Davis (PD)
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1) Apologies:

Received from PD

2) Chair Business:

AH was contacted by the Welfare Officers on Friday 12th March, raising concerns about the comments on the post about women's safety, on the GDH Facebook page. This quickly became a recommendation from both Welfare Officers to close the thread for further comments before things got out of hand alongside concern about individual(s). The thread was closed for a short time and then re-opened with a message from AH asking people to be respectful to each other.

3) Minutes from 05th March:

The minutes were agreed. VH to ask DS to publish.

4) Update on Actions:

- MC - Constitution - No further update yet.
- SK - Needs to follow up on tax liability. Where the club receives income from non-members, we may need to be looked at in more detail. Staying unincorporated shouldn't present any further issues.
JP - from his experience has never seen any issues, where higher incomes from events have been much higher.
Actions: SK to look into the tax element of this
Actions: MC to present pros and cons at next meeting
- ZB - Survey - Collaborated with AH and Caity and re-visited the original motion. Proposed an annual survey to find out 'who are our members and what do they want from the club'. This will be communicated when the survey is published. Further work to be completed on the more complex questions which will help guide the Committee in their decision making. Caity's input has been really valuable about looking at other ways to engage.
- AH - Wioleta has been in touch about the Mastermind Classes and AH is attending and hoping to use it as a focus group to ask what members want.
- JP - Coaching Eligibility - no progress yet but has attended a meeting with EA and is looking at creating infrastructure to support coaching.
Action: Others to input ideas to Jeroen regarding funded coaching eligibility.

5) Club Captains:

Immy and Ian met to discuss the idea of expanding the role of captains, although the roles are still evolving and suggested a monthly event, where members can get together as a club, in line with COVID restrictions. The idea is to re-engage the membership with some fun running. Both accept it may be work heavy but hoping to bring others in to help with some elements. JS had mentioned about putting a Nav Event out and this could fit with what is being discussed.

MC - clarified it is an event and a social which differentiates it from the Champs.

Immy confirmed not all of the events will be competitive but they don't contribute to the champs.

AH expressed some concern about the wild camp but Immy suggested they can be flexible and look at campsites.

Ian shared one of the ideas was around a mini relay with road leg, trail leg and fell leg and JP said Caity is already putting something together for this. Ian also asked about the insurance aspects and both AH and JP confirmed our insurance looks ok but a risk assessment will be completed.

Immy asked for feedback if there is enough balance between fell and road and the Committee agreed there was a good balance.

VH - Great idea and just wanted to check if we need to have some sort of disclaimer so that people take it up at their own risk because we are an unincorporated club which means liability can be apportioned.

Ian agreed it would need to be very clear and have some sort of disclaimer for both the road and the fell challenges. AH suggested all challenges / anything that goes on the website will require a similar approach and this needs further discussion as a committee.

JP agreed and said we would need to be specific rather than a generic disclaimer.

AH asked GR, as the committee link for the Virtual Champs, for an update and GR to organise a catch up with IC and PW. AH confirmed a £200 prize fund available for the Virtual Champs.

AH confirmed the committee has approved the events for the remainder of the year.

ZB suggested Captains' Challenges as a name for the event to recognise the efforts that have gone into it. IT and IC are happy with the name.

Action: Further discussion around a disclaimer

6) Membership Sec - Club Sec:

VH - 193 members who have paid and 52 members, where payment has been outstanding for more than 60 days so the membership has lapsed. Emails and Facebook announcements have been posted regularly but need to confirm an agreed approach for those members who have not paid. A member has also emailed to question if the FB group page is just for members, as they do not think non-members should access benefits offered to members. GR suggested some may not have prioritised membership because there haven't been many club activities in recent weeks. AH thinks the figure is quite high compared to previous years because EA subs are due 01 April. All agreed the Membership Sec should be the only person adding people on FB so it can be managed properly. If a member moves away but wants to retain a link with the club, (Jasmin Paris, Mike Mawby, Alex McVey) it has

been agreed previously, they have remained on FB but Committee agreed if members have not renewed, they are removed from FB and Strava.
VH - ARC renewal needs to be completed by end of March but need to confirm member numbers. AH suggested to renew on the same basis as last year.
VH - need an FRA Club Ambassador and a Race Director for Charleworth Carnival.

Actions: VH - Remove members from FB who have not renewed at end of March
VH to complete ARC form and SK to raise check
VH - Organise handover with LW
VH - Publish FRA vacancy and Charlesworth Carnival vacancy
VH - confirm Shelf Moore not going ahead with Mossey Lea

7) Covid Update - Andy Brack:

AB - Previous documentation still applicable for 29/03/2021. AB to go through risk assessment to make sure the guidance is fine and everyone will still go through EventBrite until 21st June when lockdown eases next. Number of people vaccinated will increase but we will retain our current approach. JP agreed the restrictions that will be coming in from 29th March are identical to Tier 3 restrictions and if it is an outdoor activity, there is flexibility for 15 plus coach.
AB reiterated we still need to maintain social distancing and follow guidelines and confirmed the sessions will be kept on the Simmondley track to avoid potential negativity of a group of runners on the pavement. AB to attend on Tues just to check all ok. Informal club activities with maximum groups of six are allowed to start.

Action: AB/AH to put text put together before publishing.

8) AOB

9) Date of Next Meeting:
Friday 26th March (TBC)