

**Norwich Road Runners Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 29 September 2015**

**Present:** Gary Cooper (Chairman), Mick Powell (Secretary), Paul Dowson, Nicky Dowson, Stacey Harper, Rachel Miller (Minutes), John Miller, Wendy Smith

**Absent with Apologies:** Kathleen Easter, Barry Hipwell

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting (25 August 2015) were agreed with no further comments

**2. AGM Update**

John Miller updated on plans for the next AGM, to take place on Tuesday 24 November 2015 and an update to the club constitution.

He is looking at a campaign to encourage more members to the AGM as in the constitution it states that a third of members are required to be present.

Looking at ideas such as:

- Buffet and drinks.
- Make it an event/celebration.
- Reflection on the year and also looking forward.

Also looking at drafting the AGM agenda, to possibly include;

- Review of the past twelve months (JM)
- Chairmans report – looking forward (GC)
- Election of officers – Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chair.
- Extension of officers to possibly include Communications/Media, Welfare Officer, Membership Secretary, Team Captains.
- Election of Committee.
- Accounts.
- Subscriptions for the year.

- London Marathon Ballot (BH nominated to carry this out).
- Ask for any questions in advance of the meeting.

JM noted also looking at the new London Marathon ballot rules. Need to agree rules. All who haven't read please read through document and feedback any points. Noted to add into the rules all members entering the ballot need to have marshalled at two club races. This to be added to the rules following the 2015 ballot.

A discussion took place regarding the wording of the payment of membership fees. This needs to be more concise. Suggestions such as issuing reminder emails in the months leading up to the deadline.

JM to email the constitution to the committee for comment.

RM to create survey monkey to gauge interest from members on attendance and buffet preference.

Request Social Committee to arrange the buffet.

### **3. Round Norfolk Relay**

GC updated that the Round Norfolk Relay went very well and everyone involved enjoyed the event. Currently looking for team captains for 2016.

### **4. Races**

- Horsford Cross Country – MP has permits for the races. Add dates to Facebook and into club announcements/noticeboard.
- Southern and National Cross Country. Paul Sullivan pulling these events together. The committee to arrange coaches. Nicky Dowson offered to arrange. Wendy Smith to possibly target one of the races for members new to racing.

### **5. Club Phones**

Following a discussion it was noted that the phones are only suitable if you run in large groups. Need to encourage members to take own phones and some money with them.

### **6. Award Nominees**

NG to email list of members in categories to the committee and everyone to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

### **7. Social Committee**

RM updated.

The Fish and Chip night went very well with over 36 attending. Hope to make it a regular event.

The new interview initiative is also being well received on Facebook.

The Christmas Party is starting to sell well too. A bank account has been set up to avoid Paypal charges.

The Social Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and can be contacted via [social@norwichroadrunners.com](mailto:social@norwichroadrunners.com)

## **9. AOB**

- St Neots coach leaving at 7.15am.
- Bryn Williamson has kindly made a donation to The Air Ambulance but has requested that this is donated from the club. Suggestion to match donation from Wroxham 5k cake sales which was agreed by the committee.
- Venue for meetings. Suggestion that some future meetings be held at a different location and on a separate evening to avoid late finishes.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 27 October 2015.

*The committee can be contacted at any time:*

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