

Norwich Road Runners Committee Meeting

Tuesday 30 August 2016

Present: Gary Cooper (Chairman), Mark Betts, Nicky Dowson, Paul Dowson, Kathleen Easter, Nick Gurney, Barry Hipwell, Beryl Knowles, John Miller, Rachel Miller (Minutes), Mick Powell.

1. Wroxham Wrap up

Nick Gurney updated.

This year's Wroxham 5k series has been the most successful ever.

NG noted that he would like to step down next year as Race Director, however, will work alongside and support anyone new in the role. Suggested to send out to the club for any interest in the Race Director role for both Wroxham and Broadland.

2. Broadland Half Marathon

The date for next year's Broadland Half Marathon is scheduled for 12 March 2017.

Kathy noted that the hall has been booked. Mick to sort the permit for 450. Nick Gurney to oversee entries for Broadland and Chip Timing.

There will be no Grand Prix or County Championship at next year's race.

Mick to also contact first aid.

Paul Dowson noted a possible alternative location to consider as venue – Norwich Unit at Blofield with good parking and facilities. Investigate options for 2018.

3. Junior NRR

Elies updated on the Junior NRR.

Currently 41 paid members with a few more joining soon.

They held a meeting last month and some points which came out of that meeting included:

- They have developed a code of conduct in conjunction with the juniors. This is now included in the welcome pack but also need to ensure everyone has received a copy.

- They will be targeting Junior Parkrun and Catton Parkrun once month and encouraging the juniors to wear their vests.
- Looking at dates to book the sportshall.
- Ekiden was a very successful trip for the NRR Juniors with a few learning points for next year.
- NRR Juniors need further coaches to assist with sessions.
- Following a recent cancelled session it was agreed to put together an email contact list to be able to quickly contact parents in case of any future cancellations.
- Any further information for the NRR website to be passed to Nick Gurney.

4. Horsford Cross Country

The dates for this season's Horsford Cross Country Series are:

- 18 December 2016.
- 15 January 2016.
- 5 February 2017

All to be added to Facebook and the Website.

Rachel Miller voted as Race Director for this year's season.

5. Broadland Half Donation

Nick Gurney to contact Break to arrange to present the £457.47 donation from the sale of refreshments at the Broadland 2016 race.

6. Coaching

Gary Cooper noted that Richard High has stepped down from co-ordination the coaching list. He will continue for the rest of the year however.

The coaches to be asked if anyone would like to take over this role/share it.

7. Membership

Mark Betts updated.

Currently at 319 Adults and 41 Juniors.

8. Communications Officer Report

Nick Gurney updated.

We have recently featured in the local paper and on Mustard TV regarding the funds raised for Nelsons Journey from the sale of refreshments from this year's Wroxham 5k Series.

Nick had an article published on the Run Norwich website about the myths about joining a running club.

Mark Betts asked about any enquiry emails which come in and who should reply to these. Nick noted that he picks up these emails.

Beryl and Mick to be added to email distribution list.

Nick noted that the new website is going well. The login to the site works well, however, further development and discussion is needed on this as to if it is actually required.

9. Treasurers Report

Kathy provided the latest Treasurers Report. To be added to the minutes.

10. Kit

Nicky Dowson noted that they currently have a lot of stock.

There are 50 buffs left to sell for £4 each.

If there are any tote bags left these could also be sold.

There are also a few long sleeve winter tops available.

Nicky noted she has requested some samples for a range of cycling tops and other possible items.

11. Sewell Park Update

John Miller noted that at present they are still waiting to hear from the school.

Note: after the committee meeting we received the following response:

I started at the Sports centre last Friday night, the first lesson was everything is highly disorganised due to a calendar going missing...second was the passion there is in the community for this centre. It's superb and I'm already infected. I'm now working 7 nights a week purely so I can personally meet every user here.

I've had several chats with your members already. A retired policeman, I've forgotten his name among the hundreds! Paul Dowson was another. Following these talks I've managed to reverse the decision to close the bar. The online booking system is coming but I'm going to use it along with a cash and in person system according to preference.

I have been given some good information as to when and how you use the area. If there are other things any of you would like please let me know and I'll do my best for you.

Please assure your members there is no cause to be unsettled, I understand completely that after a summer of poor communication, upheaval this is hard but I'm not going to let this be ruined. It is true there is a staff reduction. Realistically it's just me right now but I'm a workaholic so that's ok. There will be a caretaker or similar covering me for 2 nights when we get this running correctly.

I hope this helps to settle your runners and they enjoy meeting up here again each night.

Peter Earle, Sewell Park

12. End of Year Awards

Nick Gurney noted that last year the committee decided to implement a nominations system.

It was agreed by the committee that:

- To get a list of members in age category from Mark.
- Each member will receive a vote in each category.
- Nick will set up a ballot box at the club during October.

Existing trophies from last year to be collected by Nicky Dowson.

13. Round Norfolk Relay

Paul Dowson noted that the mini buses are all organised.

14. ANRCC

Nick Gurney updated on the latest Athletics Norfolk Committee Meeting and passed a new fixtures list around.

We will be keeping the Grand Prix and County Championship at the Wroxham 5k.

The presentation evening will be held on the 11 October.

15. AGM

Nick Gurney noted he is happy to pull together the presentation for this year's AGM.

Noted to ask the Social Committee to put together a buffet as per last year.

16. London Marathon Ballot

The London Marathon Ballot to be held at the AGM.

17. AOB

- Agreed to pay for club members to attend the EACCL again.
- Coach for St Neots Half Marathon – Ask on the Facebook page and in announcements if anyone else is interested to make a coach viable.
- **NRR Code of Conduct.** Nick Gurney noted he is updating the current Code of Conduct to bring it inline with the new Constitution. Once this is drafted he will circulate to the committee.
- Jane Stafford asked if a prize could be donated for this. Further discussion needed but suggested a free entry to the Broadland Half Marathon.
- It was suggested and agreed by all for a further Honorary Membership to be awarded to Lou Miller.

18. Date of next meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 27 September 2016.

The committee can be contacted at any time:

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