

Pensby Runners Committee Meeting 7th August 2107

Present

Nigel Crompton (NC), Chris Marsland (CM), Jayne Price (JP), Andy Sumner (AS), Andy Morley (AM), Roy Fisher (RF), John Keyworth (JK)

Apologies were received from

David Green (DG), Gordon Scholefield (GS)

Approval of minutes

Minutes of 10th July were approved by email as agreed at last meeting to improve speed of posting

Matters arising

Social members wording – completed on website however the wording on On-line Membership system needs changing still

Social media policy – Gordon's first draft had undergone several iterations. Once agreed it should be posted on website and a link provided on Facebook.

Action: NC to provide final draft.

Squash Club negotiations – Committee has accepted our revised payment proposal

Ralph Pawling is now taking the lead on social media to help celebrate the clubs' successes on the various media channels

Storage

Action: NC to purchase shed and padlocks for outdoor area at Squash Club

Action: CM to continue to compile equipment list.

Training

Some members taken up proposed LIRF dates

NC still to hear back from guided runner and first aid course providers

Borders League

CM email overtaken by Facebook discussion

Webmasters

Chris Nolan has provided list of admins for various sites but the committee was still concerned about the risk to the club as the admins did not have full control over the sites. DG to speak with Chris again.

Action: DG to speak to Chris Nolan about full control of sites for at least one other person

Other items were covered in under existing agenda items.

Treasurer's report

£10250 in the bank compared to £5385 this time last year.

Whilst appearing large in comparison a lot of the difference is down to timing of funds coming in and going out. It was agreed to focus on using some of this balance to the benefit of the members when

the fees were set prior to the AGM

It was agreed to stop PayPal system as it caused accounting difficulties.

Membership update

Agreed to introduce a student membership. This is based upon an approximate 25% discount off the Squash Club portion of the fees (full rate EA fee) resulting in a rate of £40 per annum for those under 25 or in full time education. On-line membership system needs to be updated to add this new membership category – see later agenda item.

Seaside Run update

GS was not available to provide his usual comprehensive update. However the penultimate race in the series had run smoothly although short of one or two volunteers. There was a record field for this race.

County league update

NC advised that the Cross Country Championships are to be held at Arrowe Park but dates are still to be confirmed.

NC also advised that World Elite Sports Performance Academy - WESPA - were under investigation by the County for poaching members from other running clubs.

On-line Membership system

AS confirmed that there was a system in place for the approval of applications to join. It was agreed that the step where new members have to have their application approved prior to being allowed to pay would be removed.

AS advised that the EA registration system had changed and it would be sensible to adjust the details in the membership system to reflect this – mandatory title and email requirements.

Multi terrain race

The club is hosting this on 5th September and marshals etc. will be required.

Action: NC to publicise on Facebook

AOB

Guest runners

The subject of guest runners and visiting/occasional runners was discussed. NC proposed the following criteria...." Afiliated members of UKA clubs can run with us but if 2x per month for 3 months or more within a year then we would expect them to join as 2nd claim".

Action: RF to email all members using this as the basis for the text

Friday nights

Some of the suggestions aired in the Facebook discussions regarding a "Social" run would be tried on the last Friday of August – 25th. Due to timing the Chairman's challenge would still be held however future "Social" runs would be timed so as not to clash.

The run will be for all ability with the aim to stay together, faster runners could loop back. Runners could then change into jeans or tracksuit and resume discussions etc. in the Squash Club bar.

Juniors

The status of the Sunday morning junior runs was discussed and it was agreed that the Club should

be more accommodating and helpful to the organisers.

Action: CM to ask Simon Rogers to suggest how the committee/club could provide more support and list it as an agenda item for September's meeting.

PROBs

All cyclists in PROBs are members of the club and it was suggested that it would be advantageous for them to become affiliated with British Cycling. RF to ask Ian Chalmers to provide a short note on the benefits of this to the club.

Action: RF to get note from Ian Chalmers regarding matter

Next Meeting

Action: CM to send out doodle poll for next meeting in September