

Pensby Runners Committee Meeting 8th September 2107

Present

John Keyworth (JK), Andy Morley (AM), David Green (DG), Jayne Price (JP), Roy Fisher (RF), Nigel Crompton (NC), Chris Marsland (CM), Gordon Scholefield (GS)

Apologies were received from

Andy Sumner (AS)

Approval of minutes

Minutes of 7th August were approved by email but holidays had prevented timely posting

Matters Arising

Due to the amount of significant items to be discussed in the meeting these would be reviewed next month

Committee Governance

Following on from a number of discussion threads on Facebook and a number of personal approaches to the committee it was agreed that the committee would in future consult the membership on the following issues:-

- Constitutional changes
- New policies (or material changes to existing ones)

CM/DG to advise the membership via email of the committee's decision and that a survey mechanism such as Survey Monkey would be employed going forward for any items that fall into the above categories.

It was noted that this is not a vote, just a sample of the membership opinion to help inform the committee

Action: CM and **DG** to write email

Social Media Usage

The committee felt that the introduction of this new policy would be an ideal candidate for the new membership consultation approach.

CM/DG to advise the membership of the survey via email (including a copy of the policy).

NC to would draft the survey and circulate to the committee for feedback prior to sending out to the membership.

Action: CM and **DG** to write email

Action: NG to prepare Survey Monkey

Conflicts of interest

NC and **JP** declares conflict of interest and withdraw

GS suggests the approach used by the Local Authority whereby at the start of each year School Governing Body members have to formally declare any pecuniary interest and this is publicly recorded.

Action: As this is a potential constitutional change plan to survey the membership prior to the AGM.

GS said that the Seaside run will become more transparent about sponsorship. They will pull together a set of criteria etc. and then test the appetite from local business for sponsorship

The committee will review use of training provided by the club to individual members for future commercial gain.

Membership types

It was agreed that prior to the AGM the committee will put out a survey which will be used to inform any changes that may need to be made to the membership types as detailed in the constitution.

Treasurers Report

Current balance £9276.87

Agreed that the payments to the Squash Club would be based upon membership numbers as at 1st March with a second payment based on numbers as of 1st September

It was agreed that some of the discount obtained from the Squash Club on the membership rates would be used to offset the already notified EA membership fee increases.

Membership update

We currently have 15 full members, 125 standard members, 4 Heswall Squash Club members and 1 second claim member giving a total of 145

Seaside Run

The final race saw our largest field to date with 219 runners. The race confirmed our view that 300 is the maximum we can accommodate. We had a total 552 Runners over the series of which 336 were men and 216 women resulting in an average of 179 runners per race. We have been surprised by the number of NEW Seaside runners e.g. Last Race 84, over a third of the field, were first-timers. The Awards evening was a great success with approximately 50 people attending. The awards were presented by Roy. Grand Prix Awards – 29 for 6 races 29 for 5 races and 22 category prizes were awarded. The policy of no Under 11 next year was announced.

Speed Awards

Fastest Man – Dan Jarvis – Time 14 mins 59 secs

Fastest Woman – Ellen Mary Kearney – Time 18 mins 46 secs

Volunteer Awards

Mandy McGonigle, Fiona Doherty, Norman Grundy, Chris Marsland, Colin Sinnot

Friends of Leasowe Lighthouse – Cheque for £500 was presented

Race Directors Awards

Early Registration – Jim Atkin & Rosemary Rogers
Most Enthusiastic – Adam Potts
Fastest guided runner – Ben Darby

Friday nights

The committee felt the “trackies & a pint” night in the Squash Club bar after the last Chairman’s Challenge seemed to be a success and agreed to do repeat this on the last Friday of every month.

Multi-terrain

JK reported that this had been a success and that it was good to see so many Pensby runners taking part either as runners or as marshals

The committee suggested that the start should be moved to 1830h as the light was starting to fade at the end.

Action: JK to advise Steve Saunders of this

December Cross Country

Date is 10th December and certain actions need to be done ASAP

Action: DG to advise council and get EA licence

Action: RF to book the hall

We need to get a referee for the race. **GS** suggested Bob Brimage

Action: DG to contact Bob Brimage

County update

Nothing to report

November drink night

AM said that he was happy to organise again

Action: AM to organise drinks night

AOB

NC in this role as Club Coach has produced some guidance for parents who are running with their children. He will publicise this shortly.

Action: NC to post guidance of website

Next Meeting

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