

Pensby Runners Committee Meeting

Thursday 19th September @ Heswall Squash Club

Attended: Dave Green, Nigel Crompton, Ralph Pawling, Dan Bruffell, Emily Astley.

Apologies: Roy Fisher, Gordon Scholefield , Andy Summer, John Keyworth.

Agenda items:

- **Membership update**

Rider HQ 138 standard, 8 full, 1 under 25 years (7 second claim). = 147 members.

Membership total for VLM is taken from October 28th onwards.

- **Multi Terrain Races**

Numbers gone up from previous years – races gone well. Everything going well apart from ease of producing results. Possible move to chip timing using Nifty timing.

Potential to charge £8-£10 for May MT and charge £3 for Sept MT races, or £10 for whole series.

- **Club Website**

Farm Factory are awaiting reply in relation to Pensby email - discussion around info@pensbyrunners.co.uk to be open to all members of committee. Once answered by one member, email is marked as responded to. Tuffnutz and Seaside Runs now also on main website

- **Virgin London Marathon 2020**

Information now available re how to apply – club places open on 28th October until 25th November. An email not sent to club – emphasis on club to apply online.

- **Interclub Challenge**

All 4 clubs have agreed to it – plan to go ahead in 2020.

- **Seaside runs – Report provided by Gordon Scholefield**

SEASIDE RUNS FINAL REPORT 2019

Our annual presentation evening was extremely well attended with approximately 100 attendees. Although the Derby Pool proved to be an improvement on Leasowe Lighthouse as a venue we still struggled to fit everyone in the room. We presented a cheque for £250 to Leasowe Lighthouse and £500 to our nominated charity, the Wirral Branch of the Deaf Children's Society. We have not yet finalised our accounts for this year but we felt that it would be appropriate to present an initial cheque for £500 on the evening and present a further amount at our club AGM early in 2020.

Highlights of 2019

In 2019 we introduced biodegradable cups at the finish, rather than plastic sports bottles, in an attempt to reduce waste and our use of plastic. We also improved the updating of the category league tables for which we must thank Dan at Nifty Timing. Over the season we had an average of 306 runners per race, compared to 272 in 2018 and 179 in 2017.

2019 also saw our May race included in the Merseyside Road Race Grand Prix and it now looks like we have become a permanent fixture in the series. Mark and I have both run one of the races this year and we are both in agreement that 500 is our maximum and if we reach the maximum then we will close entries.

2019 also witnessed a number of new course records.

Joseph Morrison improved his own under 20 male record to 15/45.

Emily Kearney improved her own senior ladies record to 16/50

Kiera Brady-Jones set a new under 20 female record of 17/45

Carol Parsons set a new over 40 ladies record of 18/06

Mike Walker set a new over 70 male record of 20/03

We are attracting runners from far and wide and a selection of clubs represented in 2019 include: Datchet Dashers, Hyndburn AC, Rochdale Tri, Bramhall Runners, Macclesfield Harriers, Nidd Valley Road Runners, Llangollen Ladies, Whitchurch Whippets, Ilford AC

Looking to the future we are always looking to improve and with this in mind in 2020 we are planning a few new initiatives as well as keeping a lot of things the same. We plan to retain Spark Medical as our first aid providers and we shall aim to keep entry fees the same. We are also planning to keep the format of the race dates the same i.e. the last Wednesday of each month March to August. In an effort to further improve we aim to provide markers at each kilometre and we are investigating the feasibility of introducing a team competition. We also plan to introduce some financial reward for breaking any of the course and category records.

At the Presentation Evening we gave out 24 category trophies and 115 Grand Prix Awards.

- **Treasurers report:**

Andy Morley provided the latest figures.

As of today 19/9/2019 – Current balance = £10,080, at this time last year, balance was £9387 last year – difference mainly linked to profit from Seaside Runs.

No significant payments to come out of current balance.

Profit of seaside runs = £1100 increase from last year. Discussion about how to spend money - Is it possible to give our members either reduced rate or free entry to Wirral Seaside Runs? Possible Christmas gift for all members. For further discussion.

Current charity is Prostate Cancer UK.

- **Christmas Do**

Date agreed for Friday 13th December. Agreed food was not ideal last year, same company from 2 years ago booked.

Donations for Christmas prizes – **ACTION – Roy** to email members

Emily / Andy to buy raffle prizes.

- **Club 10 miler**

Sunday 22nd September 09.30am start.

Gordon going to lead race on his bike. Plan for water mid-way through race.

Helen Measures to marshal along route. No formal plans for catering.

- Any other business

- Query around responsibilities around accidents which might happen in club. Do we need next of kin details in membership?

ACTION: Dave to add question to Rider HQ around next of kin.

- Club Heswall Pub Crawl organised by Andy Morley – Friday 29th November

- Membership Pack – for all new members / renewals. Only would be new members from thereon. Discussion about possible content – Pensby Running vest / training vest / buff?

