

Pensby Runners Committee Meeting 5th June 2107

Present

Jayne Price (JP), Chris Marsland (CM), Gordon Scholefield (GS), Andy Morley (AM), Roy Fisher (RF), Nigel Crompton (NC)

Apologies were received from

David Green (DG), Andy Sumner (AS), John Keyworth (JK)

Approval of minutes

The minutes of 10th April 2017 were approved

Matters arising

The member survey was presented and agreed for publication.

Action: NC to post on Facebook.

The committee has given Ralph Pawling the go ahead to improve the publicity of members' achievements.

The Squash Club have given us shared access to a storage room, we will trial this instead of buying a storage container.

EA training courses are still outstanding.

Other items were covered in under existing agenda items.

Treasurer's report

Current balance is £8504.13. £1730 less was paid to Squash Club this year due to smaller membership. The committee agreed a donation to the Friends of Leasowe Lighthouse

Membership update

The committee clarified whether Social Members are able to claim club affiliation (and discount) when they enter races. The answer was no.

It was agreed that the wording on the website regarding Social Member benefits could be clearer.

Action: NC to update wording.

Club premises

All the feedback received from members in relation to the Chairman's email setting out the decision over the premises had been positive.

Whilst we had received a revised and improved payment structure from the Squash Club committee it was agreed that we should push for more.

Action: RF to re-open dialogue

Social Media Policy

The committee reviewed a selection of policies from other clubs and it was agreed that we needed a short, simple policy that was a compilation of these.

Action: GS to produce a draft for review.

Seaside Run update

Halfway through 2017 series and the race in May saw our largest field to date with 200. A number of issues were raised and are being addressed:

- We need more toilets opened,
- We should not delay the start,
- We need a third stopwatch.
- We need to improve the accuracy of number recording.

There were a significant number who had not run previously and clubs had obviously targeted the race e.g. Northwich Running Club and BTR. We were pleased with the number of club members who volunteered to help on the night. Feedback is positive, the new course and official 5K distance appears to be attracting more runners.

GS attended a Run Britain Race Directors course in May, which provided some useful information and a number of new initiatives for the future.

Borders league update

An application is underway however the Border League are having to consider numbers so we may not be successful this year.

County league update

County Fell – poor turnout, 2 from Pensby – 1 man 1 woman, 2 from Wirral, 2 from Penny Lane, 2 Southport & Waterloo

Cross country venue next year county championships – likely to be Arrowe Park

New clubs - UTS, BTR Road Runners have been accepted by EA.

Next County meeting on 28th June will define what it means to be Second Claim

AOB

Volunteers

JP asked if we should consider recognising the invaluable work of volunteers at the end of the year. General consensus was that this was too difficult however we would be lost without them so RF to write publically to all volunteers thanking them for all the work over the season

Links to other clubs

AM raised the idea of twinning with another club.

Action: AM to investigate during this year's holiday in France

Next Meeting

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