

Pensby Runners Committee Meeting

Monday 13th January 2020 @ 7.30pm

Attending: Gordon Scholefield (Chair), Nigel Crompton, Dave Green, Ralph Pawling, Andy Morley, Emily Astley, Andy Sumner.

Apologies: Roy Fisher, Dan Bruffell, John Keyworth.

Agenda Items:

- **Christmas Party**

A Lot less attended than said they intended to. Catering was organised for approximately 75 people, but only 52 people attended. Feedback that generally not enough food for those who attended. Agreed that party games organised by Ian Chalmers and Ruth Isaacs were fun and enjoyed by many.

- **Arrowe Park Cross Country – Gordon Scholefield**

Gordon fed back that this was a successful event. Parking situation helped by lots of parking at Red Rooms, which was also an excellent venue. Event was once again well supported by Pensby Runners members as well as by non-members.

Ralph highlighted the importance of having a protocol / list of tasks linked to an event, so that others can organise the same event in the future. This was in relation to all events Pensby Runners involved in organisation of.

- **Treasurers Report – Andy Morley**

As of today current balance is £7857

Last year £8265. Difference is due to EA fee and increased fees for Christmas Party and Cross Country food prices. Last year, had payments for TuffNutz of £1100, but this year, around £650.

- **Membership – Andy Sumner**

Current membership: Standard = 144, Full = 8, Under 25s = 4, Total = 156

Lots of new people keen to join – plan to advise them not to join until end of January 2020, due to deadline for EA fees. If new members join now, they will have to pay second EA fees on 1st April 2020. Plan to change grace period for 60 days.

Membership reminder email automatically goes out on 1st February 2020– membership stays at £40. Late membership after 1st March will result in increased fees of £45.

Beginners Group (Jeff Adams) – Starts this month, currently 12 expressed an interest. Plan for runners to pay £40 for the course. Upon graduation, the fees transfer to either their membership, for those that who don't graduate, fees go to charity. Starts on 21st January 2020 – now on Facebook page. Discussion around whether graduates will get free place in first seaside run. Agreed this a nice and sensible gesture.

- **TuffNutz 2020 – 15th March 2020**

Currently 14 teams for full and 4 teams for half.

Roy wondering about a sub-committee to plan and organise TuffNutz. Dave Green to organise this.

Dave to approach council and contact UKA re license, as well as First Aid.

Query re advertising locally and electronically – posters to share. Nigel to share also on Runners Hub page and elsewhere.

- **Committee Membership**

Three members proposing membership: Antony Dala, Peter Gately, Kate Carter.

Different roles discussed given movement among committee.

Role of Captain: to encourage people to enter events. Previously had a deputy, who led on Cross Country. Query about approaching Lisa Grantham as key person, given no expressed interest. Vice-Chair – Nigel to stand for this position. Asst Secretary post – available. 2 x standard members posts available.

- **Annual General Meeting – 31st January 7.15pm Heswall Squash Club.**

Charity Donation, Wirral Children's Deaf Society – this organised for AGM.

Plan to organise increased number of people who can countersign

Four nominations for charity: Merseyside Sea and Rescue – Dan Bruffell, North East Wales Mountain Rescue (Andy Sumner) Claire House (Helen Watson) and Head First (Chris Redmond).

Discussion about Ian's charity, homeless shelter in Birkenhead.

Emily to contact each of proposers and announce charity for 2020 on night or in coming weeks.

No Any Other Business at AGM.

Borders League -

Email reply sent to Colin Lamprey. Plan for Colin to come up with proposal and bring to AGM.

Northern Athletics Association

Cost of joining Northern Athletics Association for one year is £2 per member. Only race that we do for Northern Athletics is the Northern Cross Country event. Alternative event would be Cross Challenge in Sefton Park.

To prepare a total cost for the event:

£211 Mini bus hire

£300 NAA

Approx £80 for entry fees = approx. £600

- **Pensby 2020 Challenge – Nigel Crompton**

Plan to organise plaques for people who complete the challenge.