

Wells City Harriers  
Committee meeting September 8th 2015  
Meeting held at Royal British Legion Club, Street.

Present: Simon Prior; Paul Chadwick; Gary Tubridy; Ian Eddy; Nick Heath; Mike Rusca; Katrina Prior; Graham Goldsmid; Rex Whitcombe; Lynne Elstob; Stephen Dickinson; Matthew Dickinson

1. Apologies: Alice Knight; Chris Collier; Ed Tickner

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (Feb 2015) proposed by Gary ; seconded by Graham; agreed by all

3. Treasurer's Report (GT)

Gary outlined that current state of finances were healthy. We can't open an online banking account due to the status of the account (voluntary body) requiring 2 chq signatories for payments. Likewise for the same reason we can't get a Club Debit card.

There was a discussion about using a PayPal account for members to make payments, and whilst it would incur a 4% cost it was agreed that we would set one up and absorb costs. ACTION: GT to set up It was agreed that we would continue to subsidise kit at current levels. Mike & Alice have systems for recording stock.

4. Entry Policy & Entry Secretary

It was agreed that we would continue to pay for members to compete for Wells City Harrier teams at the Relay events (road; off road; XC) and at Regional and National Championship events (South-Wests; Southern; Nationals). The reason for this is to promote the participation of all members and to help promote the Club at top level events. Where an individual member makes the payment themselves they will need to claim back the entry fee(s) at the time of renewing their membership. ACTION: GT & AK to review how to simplify; SP& PC to discuss with YOAC about how this applies to those who pay membership via YOAC. We will need to review how this will work at future meetings. Nick Heath volunteered to submit team entries for those Championships that will permit this. Important that all team managers assist by giving Nick relevant detail before relevant deadlines.

5. Street 5k Series

Ed was not available but had raised a few issues. Need to identify First Aid cover. Only Kay Franklin & Hannah Whitcombe currently identified. All committee and coaches had been circulated with details of a forthcoming First Aid course.

Club First Aid kit would be placed in track store room (ACTION: PC) Simon offered to set up Street 5k Facebook page.

Wed eve runners to be encouraged to come and run or marshal at Street.

Suggestion that RBL venue could be a possible race HQ if needed, subject to availability.

6. Updates

(A) Harrier supported races: the 4 that had taken place since the last committee meeting were reported on. All had been successfully organised by local Race Directors/committees with Harrier assistance. It was agreed that subject to the Somerset Series having room for 3 Harrier races in 2016 that the same 3 (Babcary; Butleigh; Wells Fun Run 10k) be proposed, with Baltonsborough being a reserve.

(B) Membership update- Alice reported 191 paid up members; 63 lapsed; 3 transfers being processed.

In discussion it was recognised that the Club's allocation of London Marathon places was dependent on the number of members. It was agreed that these places continue to be allocated on the basis of the Individual being a paid up member when they applied for the place through the main London ballot - i.e. by early May. Any eligible member would then go into the Club Draw held before Xmas. (C) XC preparation: dates for both the Gwent League and Wessex League were now available . ACTION: Paul would add to the Website. The dates would be made available to those attending training and an explanation given about the respective strengths and advantages of each League for members - recognised by all that the Gwent League is tougher, but is also logistically further away. Simon hopes to take a minibus to all Gwent League fixtures to encourage participation. Neil Biss would continue to coordinate Harrier members at Wessex.

7 AGM Draft minutes - no corrections needed.

#### 8 Website review (PC) & Facebook (SP)

Paul had circulated a report on the website- this shows that in terms of content & freshness it scores well but there are some other elements not so strong. He invited all to contact him with any observations. There are some tabs/pages not well used and some useful info buried away so revisions which help reorganise this will help. The site has an important role as being the main source of contact and updates about news and forthcoming events. Bob has done a good job looking after the tech side of the site over many years but would be happy for someone else to take this one by the time of the next AGM.

Simon reported that the old Facebook group had become a closed one, with Andrew Deamer as the other moderator.

Discussion about photographs of members. (Update: Membership form does include photograph permission for Club publicity).

9. Social events - Chris Challis was looking at organising a venue at the Brittainia, Wells. ACTION: Simon to confirm some possible dates in November.

10. Training reports - Graham, Simon, Lynne & Mike reported that all were going well. Car parking at Millfield had been problematic but an e/mail had been received advising that works would be complete by November, and that we should continue to advise all to use the main school car park. It was reported that Matthew Dickinson had completed the Asst Coach course and agreed that the Club pay towards the course on the same basis as others and in return Matthew would assist at Monday sessions when in Somerset.

11. Kit - Mike reported this was going well. It was asked if the YOAC badge/logo could be added to the training top and this was in hand, although costs might need to go up.

12. Somerset Network - Paul reported that there was up to £250 that the Club could bid towards for Club development. Deadline was Dec 2016, so can be discussed at a future meeting.

13. Date of next meeting: provisionally Nov 4th venue tbc.

14. AOB (1) Simon has spikes sourced by Al Thorner which can be purchased by members; (2) Paul congratulated the work of Al , with help from Simon and others, in getting the storage space at Millfield. - a big help to coaches.