

Executive Committee meeting

6.50 p.m. 14 November 2015

The Pendle Inn, Barley

Members Present:

Carmine de Grandis, Nick Ham, Barney Nikolich, Andy Robinson, Dick Scroop, Mike Sellors,

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted and accepted from:

Karen Nash.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8 August 2015 were **agreed** as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Co-options

Andy welcomed the new members to the committee and proposed that Mike Sellors should be co-opted onto the committee. Seconded by Dick Scroop and **agreed**.

4. Committee roles

Andy outlined the roles of the existing committee members highlighting our areas of weakness, notably in relation to publicity/media and some aspects of internet skills. There followed a general discussion on what more needs to be done and what the new members could offer. MS volunteered to help Nick with photos with NH indicated he would welcome contributions from all but that photos would need to be saved to a photo storage site such as Flickr to make them accessible. In relation to the website AR was looking forward to Christmas when his anticipated new laptop would make life easier for him in maintaining the website and the results pages. It was agreed that BN would offer technical support to AR on web related matters.

Action: MS/AR

There was discussion around issues related to Facebook and Twitter and whether we were making the most of these options in communicating with and involving our members, problems in part arising from the lack of experience of some of the committee members' unfamiliarity with these media. Broadly it was agreed that MS would set up a Group page on Facebook to encourage more member participation and providing links to race reports, what's going on, individual member race reports, AR's list of ultra races (which was seen as particularly valuable) and anything else of interest to runners. NH volunteered to assist with this. Everything on the website to go on Facebook also.

Action: MS/NH

AR reported that Si Berry had asked for photos from today's AGM/Prize giving and it was **agreed** that these would be provided.

Action: NH

AR requested that somebody take over from him responsibility for prizes to lighten his load. It was **agreed** that CdG and RS would take this on with the handover taking place at the Haworth Hobble.

Action: CdG/RS

5. Sponsorship

AR reported that having been reduced to just 2 sponsors, things had moved on a lot since yesterday. We now had Pete Bland on board and Simon Berry from Beta Climbing Designs had undertaken to find us some more, he had played a key role in doing this in the past.

Other possibilities were mentioned. CdG suggested 9Bar but NH confirmed he had made attempts to contact them via a contact provided by Charlie Sharpe but had no reply. NH had also tried Tailwind Nutrition but again had had no reply. AR will try one more to contact 9Bar via Charlie Sharpe. It was **agreed** that AR would send a copy of the 2016 version of the Corporate Sponsors document to the new committee members.

Action: AR and all members

6. Publicity

It was **agreed** that the cards used previously to advertise the races should be continued and printed as soon as the sponsors were finalised. But getting them out is important and we all needed to be involved in getting them out at or to appropriate races (e.g. Jon Steele will be putting them out at all Hardmoors events) and into appropriate shops.

Action: All members

7. Insurance

Covered at AGM, will not be renewed.

Action: NH

8. Finance

Covered at AGM. NH gave a summary of the main expenditure areas, these are in the accounts already circulated.

9. Prizes

There was discussion about the quantity split between the various sizes of t-shirts with S-20%, M-60% and L- 20% being suggested. This was generally felt to be about right but consulting ROs who offered T-shirts and suppliers would also give a useful guide.

CdG queried whether it was appropriate to award prizes to runners who had only completed 3 races rather than 4 and it was **agreed** that this should continue to be done.

CdG also queried whether it was appropriate for example for an O60 to win an O50 prize etc rather than adopting the more usual fell running practice of a 40 to 49 and 50 to 59 bands etc. It was **agreed** to maintain the current practice.

10. Any other business

CdG raised the question of an U23 or U25 age category to seek to encourage more participation by younger runners. Noting that the minimum age for most races in the series was 18 it was **agreed** that an U25 age band be introduced.

11. Date. Time and Venue of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be after the Haworth Hobble at 4.30 pm, 12 March 2016 in The Old Sun Haworth.

AR reminded EC members of the need for some of us to turn up early to get the flags up.

Action: All members

Signed R Scroop, Assistant Secretary

Date: 21.11.2015