



## STRIDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Attendees:** Robin Jamieson, Jess Watkins, Tony Flowers, Beatrice Schaer, Darren Woods, Steph Upton, , Simon Webster, Ruth Pearson

Apologies: Mick Turner, Krzysztof Klidzia, John Gannon

### 1. Chairman's Report

Sandilands

Refurbishment of the bar is proceeding at a great pace. The structural change is proceeding rapidly and will be completed on schedule. I understand there are delays in delivery of some of the trimming like the new main door, the soft furnishings and the gear for the fitness centre. Though Darren is still aiming to have an operational bar by 15th April.

Striders Bar is working OK. I have bought £240 in stock and take £116 so far.

The water heating went off this week. Fortunately fixed this Friday. I am still waiting to find out what the problem was.

We have to regularise membership of the Sandilands Club which has not really been conforming to the licensing rules for the last 12 years. Ian Harris the Trust chairman is asking for a separate membership/ circulation list and separate contribution to the club. For discussion on Monday, though I won't find out exactly what we are being asked for until the Sandilands meeting on the 21st.

Personally I am happy to support a group circulation list like striderslist (though using Google groups rather than yahoo) for those interested in the new bar and fitness centre which may be enough. I am very reluctant to hand over all or part of our membership list.

**Simon has agree to look at Data protection issues regarding this**

I propose we but 10 numbers in the Development Fund Draw as we have for the last few years. **This was agreed by the committee.**

Croydon Half

Entries are about the same as last year which would mean about 260 finishers.

John is progressing with marshals. I need to follow up on a few extras, like a lead bike and sweeper. The sign posting team and a one or two to help in the grounds. We have two set of cadets volunteering on set for the water stations and the other for handing out medals.

Running Sisters will manage the baggage.

We will be posting advance notices through doors to neighbours.

The state of the bar on the 2nd is a bit uncertain but the very least we should be able to put entry on the day inside the door way with people being able to walk through to the hall. We can use one end of the hall for marshal kit etc.

The proposal to have a Sandilands inter club sports day at some point culminating in a beer mile. Strider would have to organise the races the other clubs would the rest. It would have to be Sunday or Bank a Holiday Monday sometime.

Separately there is the suggestion of a cricket match. The cricket club vs the other clubs sometime.

## **2. Membership Secretary's Report.**

Membership currently stand at 319 paid up members, 8 Helpers and 2 Ex Pat members. Since the last AGM we have had 39 new members with 17 signing up in the New Year. So on average about 6 new people per month! Affiliation fees to England athletics will be made in April. Members that were suspected of running and not paying subscriptions have been chased.

## **3. Kit Report**

Kit sales are going well, specific kit sales dates do not really work so the kit email will be advertised on the website to encourage kit sales. Jess to speak to Mick regarding this.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

Ruth will look into the accounting regulations for Striders to ensure we are conforming. Once fees are paid we will have approx £6000 in the bank. People that would like to go on coaching courses to assist the club well be encouraged and the club will pay.

## **5. Socials**

Darren will be trying to organise either 10 pin bowling or Trampoling as the next social.

## **6. Sunday Runs and other events**

Swimming is not paying for itself at the moment so this would be readvertised to encourage more swimmers to try it.

CHM - not including the team of marshals that we are expecting the Tennis Club to provide I have 31 people come forward to help marshal the race, we still need another 10 so an email reminder will go out shortly.

## **7. Triathlon Rep report – Nothing to report as yet as it's a bit early in the season.**

## **8. AOB –**

**Minibus hire** – both Adele and James Burree have expressed interest in this.

**Website update** – Jess has added the Strava app, Jess will look at the calendar and add on the current fixtures.

## **Maximise clubhouse both Revenue & Usage**

Note from John:

I feel that is important, especially when the clubhouse bar refurbishment is completed, that we as a club make use of our clubhouse as much as possible otherwise it could be a case of don't use it = lose it. A case in point being the recent men's cross country when on a cold wet day our team decided to get changed, both before and after the race, on a groundsheet in the park near the start/finish or, in some cases I'm guessing going from local reports, in the Cafe much to some customer's objections! When just half a mile away stood a warm clubhouse with hot showers? Crazy as well as unhygienic perhaps. Of course the team could have had a beer in the bar afterwards to celebrate their win, not only that but it the fact that if the Race HQ was situated at the clubhouse we could have attracted runners from other clubs to enjoy a shower and beer putting a smile finally on the face of our departing bar manager!

I would therefore suggest that whenever we joint host an event like a XC we should always have the Race HQ advertised as being at the clubhouse when it could be mentioned that they are not only changing facilities but perhaps refreshments from not only the bar but kitchen as well? I also feel that we should use the club more for social occasions, I recall in our early days at Sandilands we had the Xmas do at the clubhouse so perhaps if the bar has a more welcoming look and atmosphere we could look to using it once again for that plus any other social events (summer BBQ?) as well as encouraging XCOUNTRY hosting

Note from Krzysztof:

Thanks for your thoughts on xc and certainly when the new bar opens there will be greater inclination to use it. The present bar has very little in the way of warmth, food or drinks choice under present ownership to entice other clubs. I would also hope other clubs join us at the revamped facility, attempts have been made to invite clubs to the present bar with little success. Certainly we should be trying to maximise use.

It would be great to have the race HQ there, however the races start some way away near the car park, where club's runners park, traditionally display flags, and have tents, so it would prove difficult. Getting clothes on at the tent is necessary to get warm and wait for other club runners/races so we never avoid that scenario. There is also the consideration of first aid and lack of space for too many clubs to use the changing room.

I can only see us using the clubhouse more effectively for xc if we agree with CH to shift the start/finish over closer to the clubhouse.

The committee agreed it was up to Sandilands to maximise the bar takings and make it inviting so that Striders and other clubs will want to use it. Darren can provide us with a quote an options for the xmas party and then discussions can be had.

**1<sup>st</sup> Aid costs £62.50 for CH – Agreed this would be our contribution for hosting the xcounrty with Harriers**

**Incident at cafe – See above**

**Recent performances - Jess will also look at modernising the front page and possibly putting press releases on the front page to highlight Striders achievements.**

**AOB – Robin to pass RFL info to Tony**

**Meeting closed at 9.05pm**

**Next meeting date - TBA**

1	Triathlon Affiliation insurance	Open	Beatrice	Done
2	Website amendments	Open	Jess	ongoing
3	Kit Stock Take	Open	Mick	Done
4	Organise minibus for xcountry	Open	Krzysztof	Ongoing
5	Advertise CHM – contact K Selby/Flyers	Open	Robin	Ongoing
6	Christmas Run email	Open	Robin	Done
7	Advertise on Surrey league website	Open	Jess	Ongoing
8	9 mile route planned for superfast group	Open	John	Done
9	Social in January	Open	Darren	Done
10	Comprehensive list of contacts to be compiled	Open	Krzysztof	Ongoing
11	Data Protection Issues	Open	Simon	open
12	Accounting Practice	Open	Ruth	open
13	FRL details	Open	Robin	open
14	Social – Trampoling Bowling	Open	Darren	open
15	Purchase Development fund tickets	Open	Robin	open