

SOC Committee Minutes – Monday 20th November – Sandilands – 7.30pm

Attendees Tony Flowers, John Gannon, Robin Jamieson, Krzysztof Klidzia, Ruth Pearson, Mick Turner, Simon Webster, Darren Woods

Apologies Beatrice Schaer, Jess Watkins

1. Chairman's Report

- The Croydon Half Marathon signs have been re-branded with our sponsor, Wings Transport, branding.
- Marshal bibs need replacing due to carrying old sponsor branding. **It was agreed to purchase generic Striders of Croydon marshal bibs - RJ**
- Robin re-expressed his intention to stand down as Chairman at the end of the 17/18 membership year.

2. Sandilands Report

- The chairman of The Addiscombe Sports Field Trust is trying to move ahead with ambitious plans for a 1.2m sports hall near the club.
- The tennis club are attempting to have floodlights approved – again. The signs are better for them this time.

3. Membership Report

- Membership for the 17/18 membership year at the point of the meeting – Paid 247, Unpaid 99, 14 resignations

4. Treasurer's Report

- We have over £6,000 in the bank.
- **RP to register us with HMRC as we keep being contacted by them.**

5. Kit Report

- John O'Mahony, who has taken over responsibility for kit, has carried out a full stock take. We have over 170 pieces of kit in stock.
- He will also be investigating new suppliers as our current supplier, Wasp Sports, cannot provide hoodies or our white long-sleeved tops any more. They are a reseller so we could go anywhere. **Investigate new suppliers - JOM. Advise those who had ordered a hoodie know that we cannot source them now - JOM**
- Prices have crept up with vests at £16.99. **It was agreed to continue to subsidise club vests and review the price of other tops at the next committee meeting. John O'Mahony will send the committee an updated price list from Wasp Sports.**

6. Socials

- The Christmas social at the clubhouse has around 40 covers for the meal.
- Croydon History Walk Still in the planning stage. Watch this space.

7. Club Runs, Yoga & Swimming

- Group One has been busier with 20 runners at one Wednesday evening in November.
- Yoga. Tony Flowers has stepped down as the main Yoga organiser. The committee expressed thanks to Tony for all his hard work. We will likely look for somebody in the first class to take money and fetch the lights from the women's changing room. **MT to contact first class.**
- Swimming – no change

8. AOB – Welfare

- Club Welfare Officer. In order to conform to best practice, the club will be looking to appoint both a female and male Welfare Officer. **The committee will contact potential officers.**
- The club will also be reminding members and making clear to new members about how to behave on social media. **RJ to email out.**

9. AOB - Round Table of Running Clubs

- MT attended the second meeting of this recently-created network of South London running clubs on the 6th Nov. **It was agreed that it would be beneficial to be a member of this network.** Meetings are held quarterly and amongst the topics that were the most popular to be discussed were sharing race calendars, best practice, joint race hosting, encouraging newcomers, feeding back to EA and other conservator bodies as a group.

10. AOB - Marathon Training schedule EA Update

- Krysztof has contacted our nominated England Athletics coach. There will be a run and talk in December for all – this run will take place at 6.30 pm with the talk to commence at 7.45. **KK to advertise sessions**

11. AOB - Mini Bus

- James Burree has expressed a willingness to use the MIDAS coach for the Aldershot cross country on the 16th December if there is enough participant interest

12. AOB - London Marathon ballot rule change

- It was discussed whether to exclude ballot winners in the past year from the next year's ballot. **It was accepted that this could discourage volunteering so was not accepted.**

13. AOB – Purchase of new flag bags and a bag for our clock

- **It was agreed to purchase these. KK and RJ to source prices.**

14. Nick Kyritsis Award

- The proposal by RJ to purchase a trophy to commemorate Nick Kyritsis's 300th marathon was passed.

15. AOB – Waymarker posts in Lloyd Park/Shirley Hills

- The first phase of these waymarker posts will be laid by The Downlands Trust's between the 6th and 9th December in Lloyd Park. They may be looking for bodies to participate in a run to promote them. **JG will keep Striders updated on whether bodies are needed to participate in promotion and when the posts can be used.**

Action Points

Hoodie order	JOM	Open	Email members who expressed interest
Current supplier's price list	JOM	Open	Circulate to committee members
New kit suppliers	JOM	Open	Investigation
Paypal amendment	RJ	Closed	RJ has updated forms
Comprehensive list of contacts	KK	Closed	KK has sent link around for committee members to update
Accounting best practice	RP	Ongoing	Register us with HMRC
Socials	DW/MT	Ongoing	
Club race reports	JW	Open	Investigate ability for members to add comments to calendar entries
Yoga	MT	Open	Contact person in first class to sort lights and take money
Flag bags	KK	Open	Source prices
Clock bag	RJ	Open	Source prices
Nick Kyritsis memento	RJ	Open	Purchase
Social media communication	RJ/MT	Open	MT to email Robin the guidance
Striders marshal bibs	RJ	Open	Purchase
EA coaching sessions	KK	Open	Advertise and organise sessions

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Next meeting January 18th Green Dragon