

SOC Committee Meeting Minutes – 3rd February 2020 - Spreadeagle – 7.30pm

Present: Tony Flowers, Mick Turner, Simon Webster, Ruth Pearson, Lyes Fridi, Michelle Klein, Michael Smaldon, Nikki Javan, Peter Johnson

Apologies Beatrice Schaer

References: Ally Whitlock, James Burree, Andy Perks, Michael Davis

1. Chairman's report and Sandilands - TF

- a. Increased rent to Sandilands. £275.00 per month from 1/1/20. This equates to an annual increase of £300.00 (based on last year's rent plus the £1,000 donation to Sandilands from the Croydon Half Marathon.). This was not unexpected. Due to this it is unlikely that we will contribute anything further from the CHM.
- b. Sandilands - the lights down the pathway and around the patio are being replaced with better and cheaper lighting. We expect this to happen soon.
- c. Croydon Half Marathon
 - i. Wings Transport, who have sponsored us £1,000 for the past two years, will not be sponsoring the event this year. At this point we do not have a replacement but it is likely we will not have a sponsor for the event.
 - ii. Croydon Council have advised that we need to employ a road traffic marshalling company this year. Estimated cost is £700-900. Potentially in future years we could ask Striders to train. Current cost for a half day course is £50.00 per person. James Burree will be contacting Croydon Harriers to discuss the impact on their events and to discuss mutual assistance to future proof us against these costs.
 - iii. No stated commitment to contributing all surplus to charities this year.
 - iv. Medals have been ordered. Social media commenced this week. Sign up is in line with last year.
 - v. Bar is booked - same as last year, breakfast will be available, and awards will be in the bar.
 - vi. Winning Margin - Nothing confirmed yet.
 - vii. Tennis Club and Running Sisters are helping again and a donation of £250 per club has been agreed.
 - viii. Simon Webster raised a safety concern over one of the road crossings. **TF to pass this on to JB.**
 - ix. **TF to keep in close contact with JB on CHM planning**

2. Secretary - MT

- a. Committee. John O'Mahony has resigned his role as Communication Officer. **MT/TF will advertise this to the club.**
- b. Website.
 - i. Michael Davis is developing the site locally. He has suggested a hosting company for just over £5.00 per month, **This cost was approved by the Committee**
 - ii. He has also asked that the Committee double check the website content for accuracy/need. **MT to lead.**
 - iii. **MT to check timescales with MD.**

3. Membership - SW

- a. Membership renewals. 246 have paid. 94 unpaid.
 - i. **SW to chase for remaining non-renewals.**
 - ii. **SW/MT to then to clean striderslist/mailling list.**
- b. Membership form. It was agreed to add an option for an ICE number on the form. **SW to implement.**
- c. Striderslist replacement. **SW to send out Google Group invites to the Committee and Run Leaders as a priority.**
- d. Welcome email. Kit and welfare text has been added to this.
- e. **MK to liaise with SW over helping respond to queries to Striders of Croydon gmail account.**

4. Treasurer - RP

- a. To date c£8,000 in membership fees, roughly in line with previous years.

5. Social - LF

- a. Mob Match with Croydon Harriers. March 14th at South Norwood parkrun. **MT to talk to Collingwood re mob match.**
- b. parkrun away days to continue.
- c. Christmas Party. After two successful events at the clubhouse it is likely that the 2020 Christmas party will be freshened up.

6. Kit - NJ

- a. Club vests won't be stocked online until the current stock has been sold.

7. Club sessions

- a. Reminder of the benefits of having two leaders per group on a Wednesday night.
- b. There will be a push to encourage runners to try a quicker group on a Wednesday - with the 40 min option being promoted. **PJ and AW/JB to lead.**
- c. The Thursday speed session with Harriers is now promoted on Chris Morton's Tuesday email.
- d. Speed/Run Faster

- i. TF to send a reminder about the benefits of Alan Dolton's Thursday shorter speed session.
 - ii. PJ to offer to help with introductions to track as it can be intimidating.
- e. The Committee recognises the efforts to organise the Run Leaders talk at the club on the 12th February.

8. Swimming - RP

- a. RP to promote the benefits of the first class coaching available.
- b. RP to contact BS re open water session later in the year

9. Health & Wellbeing

- a. MS to email out a cut down version of his draft first aid/incident process page. The view was that the initial draft had content that would need to be updated

9. AOB

- a. Bring & Buy kit charity event on 5th March. TF to publicise.
- b. XC entries. NJ/AP to discuss a better process of handling entries for cross country events.
- c. Owen Trophy & Sandilands. Both competitions need to be reviewed, rules reviewed/simplified and promoted. TF to look at Owen with GD. MT to look at Sandilands