

SOC Committee Minutes 15th October 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Ally Whitlock (Communications Officer), Beatrice Schaer (Committee Rep), Hannah Luffman (Social Secretary), Michael Smaldon (Committee Rep), Michelle Klein (Runners' Rep), Mick Turner (Secretary), Nikki Javan (Kit Officer), Peter Johnson (Runners' Rep), Simon Webster (Membership Secretary), Tony Flowers (Chair).

Apologies: Ruth Pearson (Treasurer)

1. Welcome to AW and HL

2. Chair TF

- a. Sandilands. No Sandilands Committee meetings recently. TF reiterated club's commitment to Sandilands.
- b. EA Club Leadership Programme. 50 or so clubs have joined up with TF and MT attending.
- c. Kenley Aerodrome VLM. TF recorded a note of thanks to AW and HL and volunteers at the Virtual London Marathon Event.
- d. Striders Strollers. **TF to catch up with Andy Elliott who expressed an interest in taking a lead in organising Striders walks.**
- e. Outcomes from AGM
 - i. C25K. A discussion around proposed C25K. The Committee agreed it would be a good thing to take this forward.
 1. **AW & PJ to formulate a plan for a proposed New Year launch.**
 - ii. Diversity & Inclusion/Club Survey A discussion took place around D&I in general. It was noted that we should acknowledge the progress the club has made on gender inclusion. However, it was important to note the spectrum of D&I issues and the importance of listening to the right voice to make the right decisions. There was also a discussion around carrying out a new club survey.
 1. **HL to lead working group(s) on D&I and club survey.**
 - iii. Croydon Half Marathon. A discussion around the event and proposed postponement of 2021 event.
 1. **Committee with James Burree to decide by January whether to cancel 2021 event or postpone til autumn 2021.**
 2. **PJ to circulate current calendar of autumn 2021 races.**
 3. **TF to liaise with JB to look at easing load on him for future years**

3. Secretary MT

- a. Club Rules.
 - i. The Rules of the club have not been fully reviewed since the club launch in 1982. It was agreed to undertake a review process with proposed survey to inform outcomes.
 1. **MT to initially review with NJ.**

4. Finances

- a. The only financial movements since the AGM are c£1900 of membership subs and a £550.00vpayment to Sandilands. It was noted that Striders did not accept a rebate from Sandilands on our subs to them earlier in 2020 but that we should be mindful of this and keep an eye on the rate of membership renewal.

5. Membership SW

- a. Sub renewals. c40 in the first week. Just 2 confirmed resignations although in practice most non-renewers do not inform us. It's too early to say how Covid will impact on renewals.

- i. SW to add a 'How did you find us' question to the membership form.
 - ii. HL/SW to investigate D&I monitoring and associated GDPR issues .
 - iii. SW to offer reduction in fees for financial hardship in next round of comms for membership renewals.
 - b. Google Groups Striderslist. 180 people signed up to the new list.
 - i. SW to switch over and issues comms in very near future
- 6. Club runs.
 - a. AW reported that runs going well.
 - b. TF said that the club hasn't received any negative feedback re meeting points on a Wednesday.
 - c. More first aid kits have been ordered by MS.
 - d. MK had been asked if we were planning a Marathon training schedule for winter/spring.
 - i. MK to contact Myles M.
 - e. PJ noted how many new leaders we have. Covid has also caused others to step up.
 - f. HL happy to run another Run Leaders Q&A.
- 7. Communications
 - a. Website. A discussion was had re progress on the new website.
 - i. AW to source quotes for how much it will cost to design new site.
 - ii. MT/AW to continue work on content.
 - b. It was agreed to prioritise Comms at next Committee meeting. MT to note.
- 8. Social
 - a. Yoga going well 10-15 attendees.
 - b. 'Striders Park Run'. Looking to organise, if possible, a parkrun-type event at SN parkrun for cub members. Smaller groups. HL/MS to look at this to be Covid compliant. It was also suggested HL catch up with Chris Morton due to his Virtual race planning.
 - c. Christmas – no party obsvs. Very likely to be some kind of virtual social.
 - d. Also potential walk/trail run with mulled wine/mince pie stations. Look for these to be family friendly and in line with current Covid guidelines.
 - e. HL to plan and email club for any other social ideas.
- 9. AOB
 - a. NJ asked to ensure Committee comms go on FB as well as email.
 - b. XC Lloyd Park test East Surrey League event. Limited numbers one lap 6K. NJ to promote.
 - c. Reigate Priory Relays. The license is for 1.5 mile leg relay. There is a time limit of 15 mins per leg. Committee agreed to not take part. NJ to update Andy Perks.
 - d. Access to toilets at Sandilands. Use of toilets pre-Wednesday cub runs was discussed. TF/NJ/MS to look at Sandilands covid protocols to return to using the toilets.
 - e. PJ liaising with Matt re Croydon Arena closure. Noted that Croydon Football Club had moved to Crystal Palace. MT reiterated SOC support for Croydon Harriers in their efforts to get back to Croydon Arena.
 - f. SW received complementary feedback from a member of the public who witnessed club support at the Kenley Aerodrome event.

Date of 26th November 2020 set for next meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9.38pm