

## SOC Committee Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Michael Smaldon (Committee Rep), Michelle Klein (Runners' Rep), Mick Turner (Secretary), Peter Johnson (Runners' Rep), Ruth Pearson (Treasurer), Simon Webster (Membership Secretary), Tony Flowers (Chair).

Apologies: Beatrice Schaer (Committee Rep), Lyes Fridi (Social Secretary), Nikki Javan (Kit Officer)

### 1. Chair's report

- a. Sandilands – changing rooms remain closed under government advice changes. Bar is now open on a Saturday. The Chair was there recently on a fact-finding mission when a cricket match was on and trade seemed good across the day. Social distancing measures were in place and were straightforward to observe so hopefully the start of future bar openings although noting it was a warm summers day and everyone was outside.
- b. Club runs. No conclusion re decisions over runs once we move to road sessions. It was agreed that 7.30 sessions would be introduced as more club members return to office working. The Chair did not have much response to his plea for Group 5 leaders. It will be made clear that if Run Leaders do not come forward the return to running sessions could end. **TF and Run Leaders to communicate this.**
- c. COVID update. More first aid kits are being purchased to allow them to be given to more run leaders.

### 2. Finance. Not much movement. One more payment to Sandilands until the club year end. The Chair requested that two Coach in Running Fitness are put in the forecast for next year. **RP to note.**

### 3. Swimming is off. May open with reduced lanes.

### 4. Membership

- a. New members. We have started welcoming potential newcomers. There is a backlog and we re drip feeding them into the groups.
- b. Striderslist move to Google Groups. Half of members have been sent invitations to the new Google group. These were the easily matched wins so the remainder will take a little longer. **SW will send an email to the club once he thinks most have received the invite. MT requested that we remind users of the informational purpose of the mailing list.**

### 5. Website. There hasn't been much progress since the last meeting. Our request for high quality photos did not return much response. it was agreed that a photo shoot is needed at some point.

### 6. AGM.

- a. Suggested date is Monday 21st September at 7.30pm on Zoom. This is to allow the Wednesday run to go ahead as well.
- b. Rule update. Update Chairman with Chair within club rules. This affects rules 3 and 4. **This proposed change was agreed. It was also agreed to review the current rules and for MT,TF,SW to suggest edits for wider Committee before the end of the August and to decide then if to include in the notice of the AGM.**
- c. Chair, Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. **MT asked to have these by the end of August if possible.**
- d. Membership Fees 20/21. It was agreed to set the rate for individual membership at £20 + £15 EA affiliation fee, with a rider that the £15.00 will change to whatever EA set it at for April 2021.
- e. Committee. All members are happy to stand for next year. The current Communication Officer role is vacant. There was a discussion around the scope and title of this role and whether it needed changing into a support role for social media and comms. **MT asked Committee members to review role descriptions**
- f. Awards.
  - i. Voided for 19/20. Road Ranking, Age Graded Road Ranking, Track & Field, Road Handicap, Off Road Handicap
  - ii. Awarded 19/20. Cross Country, Sandilands. **MT to review results.**
  - iii. SMOTY/SWOTY. Decided to replace SMOTY and SWOTY with lockdown recognition awards. **MT asked for suggestions by end of August please.**

- iv. MT to purchase awards and plaques for 2019 Owen Trophy places
- 7. AOB
  - a. London virtual marathon organisation 4th October. Ally Whitlock is leading on this with. Committee agreed to promote as a club event. AW to organise in conjunction with MS as Covid Compliance Officer.
  - b. London Marathon Club Ballot for 2021 event. Difficult to comment until we know how many places VMLM will allocate if no 2020 event and what they will do with 2020 volunteer/club places.
  - c. Advertising businesses on Striders Social Media - Our current code of conduct doesn't explicitly forbid this. It was agreed to add a line in to Social Media Code of Conduct to include this.
  - d. Be Cool Running. MT to contact Bea re whether we should remove from front page of website,

Date of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 set for AGM.

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm