

SOC Committee Minutes 22nd June 2020 6.30pm via Zoom

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

Apologies: Lyes Fridi (Social Secretary)

1. Welcome & catch up Tony welcomed all to our first meeting post lockdown.
 - a. The Sandilands club is out of bounds with the grounds closed, due to public trespass issue. There are no plans to re-open in the near future. This would rule out Sandilands as a starting point for any club runs, when they return, until this changes.
 - b. Tony thanked Chris Morton for organising virtual runs and relays which have proved popular.
2. Return to activity. Tony, tentatively, suggested a return to club runs provided we adhere to England Athletics and government guidance. No date decided until sign up process is in place, with all route risk assessments completed and health and safety provision in place. Work is ongoing to make this happen with the help of our Routemasters, Coaches, Run Leaders and Covid Co-ordinator..
3. Health & Safety. Michael Smaldon, our Covid Co-ordinator, will co-ordinate the production of risk assessments to ensure the club is compliant with the latest England Athletics and government guidelines. Wednesday/Sunday Runs. As mentioned above things are moving in the right direction. We will continue to monitor any changes in EA/Government guidance. **TF to catch up with MS on RA updates following meeting. This will include best practice guidance on disposal of PPE equipment. MK requested that Lymes Disease be added to off road RAs.**
 - a. **Committee Members/Routemasters to check if the What Three Words app works well as a location pin-pointing tool on Striders' routes.**
4. Speed sessions. It was agreed to re-iterate the need to be aware of social distancing at all times in the session. A sign up process will also be put in place for future sessions. **TF to communicate this to the club. MS to update RA.**
5. Finances. Despite having no new members since March lockdown financial position remains robust. No membership income has been somewhat offset by club not paying for race entries. Potentially a surge in membership before end of club financial year depending on easing of lockdown restrictions and perhaps in conjunction with promotional activities. RP confirmed we were not being charged while not using pool.
6. Membership.
 - a. It was agreed to keep membership open, although enquiries have been low. Members can join virtual runs and Facebook.
 - b. Google Groups. SW sent out invitations to Google Groups, the proposed Striderslist (Yahoo Groups) replacement, to those members who expressed an interest in helping out. **SW to assess success and send out invitations to Google Groups.**
7. Website
 - a. A new hosting company has been identified. A request has been made for high quality images. Redundant content has been removed from current website. Plan to launch most popular sections. Theme/structure to be reviewed by Michael Davis with MT/AW. No confirmed timescale on this. **MT to approach relevant parties to update specific pages. Mt to check hosting costs with MD.**
8. Club promotion post lockdown. There was a general starter discussion around a plan for promotion of the club post lockdown and what might happen. Topics included couch to 5k, 5K to 10K help. To re-visit later when we are more up and running.
9. AOB. TF commented on the vacant Communication Officer role and questioned the historical internal comms nature of this role. He suggested it was a time to look at the spec of this role.. **MT to circulate Committee role specs in planning for virtual AGM in September.**
10. Consider AGM planning for next meeting. Virtual meeting? Man of the Year, Woman of the Year – do we hold these? Trophies and plaques?
11. Meeting concluded at 8.10pm