

## **ASHFORD AND DISTRICT ROAD RUNNING CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 8.45pm**

Present: Steve Hickman, Eddie Rodger, Robin Butler, Gill Pragnell, Sandi Starling, Dean Bracken, , Clare Jenkins, Jo Faux, Lucy Cresser, Neil Butler

Apologies: Helen Weeden

#### **Last meeting Minutes:**

Minutes were proposed by Steve Hickman seconded by Clare Jenkins

#### **10K**

##### **Martin from Nice Work attended the meeting for the discussion about the 10k**

The 10k went very well this year. Steve suggested that we should try to find a route that starts from the club as it seemed to be much better than the walk to Lenacre Street.

A new course will need to be measured and Martin suggested finding and requesting an official to measure before the Summer otherwise it's likely to get busy and it won't be done in time for next years' 10k.

The decision to have an out and back route or a circular route has not been made; this will depend on the distance measurements. There are pros and cons for both routes.

Thinking of a new route it was mentioned that the pub car park could be a good point for a water station and the revised water station this year was at a narrow part of the course.

The committee received an email from Julia Jones informing us that her running partner Paul Stinton was struck by a car, air lifted to hospital but died a week later. Paul was training for our 10k race. The committee decided to donate £200 to the Kent Air Ambulance in memory of Paul. Neil has also decided to run his next race for Kent Air Ambulance.

Martin confirmed that we have 706 paid runners and more finishers than in the previous few years.

Steve mentioned that the road closure was only until midday but we'd like it until 12:45. Martin said he will request a later time, but it is unusual for more than one hour to be granted for a 10k. Half marathons only get granted 2 hours of road closures.

The parking worked very well again at Brake Bros but more people are needed there and some people are needed earlier at about 8.30am as a few people arrived and there were no marshalls to direct them. It was suggested that we have more marshals but that they take "shifts" so that the early car park marshals can return to the club and take up duties around the clubhouse.

The Runners World ratings for the 2014 race are our highest ever. The Committee will request more reviews from the participants they know.

The Baggage worked really well with 3 people and the system that the baggage marshals were using was excellent.

By the March meeting we should have an idea of the amount raised by the 10k.

## **KIT**

We have enough stock at the moment. Members who are asking about rain jackets will be asked to pay for them and separate orders will be made on request.

## **COACHES TO MARATHONS**

Clare will look at booking coaches to Brighton and London marathons.

## **FINANCE**

Bank balance is £1387.21 with £941.86 still in the Building Society Account still to be transferred.

## **NEW MATS**

Jo has looked into the cost of new mats for the club but isn't having much luck. Neil said he would have a look too.

## **ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP**

Jo has established that people are interested in this trip but it's probably best if everyone finds their own accommodation so that they can choose where they want to be.

It will probably be cheaper to car share than to pay for a coach ferry crossing.

## **AGM**

Letters are starting to go out and a copy has been placed on the notice board.

## **AOB**

### **Awards Ceremony**

It was decided to hold this in May – date to be confirmed once we have a venue booked. Neil will check with the new pub owners, once they are set up.

## **Container**

Clare will arrange a skip to clear out the out of date water and the mouldy hay from the container in the Spring. Dean will assist and will find homes for the bench and other items.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

DONM: Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm

