Ashford & District RRC

Committee Meeting

17th July 2014

Members present: Steve Hickman, Dean Bracken, Phil Hamilton, Neil Buckley, Jo Faux, Robin Butler, Gill Pragnell, Clare Jenkins, Lucy Cresser.

Apologies: Sandi Starling, Eddie Rodger

**Hardelot 10k**

It was agreed that we would once again take a mini bus to this race as it has proved very popular over the last few years. CJ to call AmB coaches to enquire whether they have a slot for us and also to check the cost. We will not subsidise this trip to the extent that we have done previously, all passengers will pay £25 and any runners will pay their own race entry fee on the day. Once confirmed an email will be sent out and JF to set up a DoodleEvent on facebook page to notify members. Anyone wishing to come will have to pay the money up front, non refundable. The number will be restricted to 16 as we don’t wish to run a half empty bus.

**Chilham Run**

The date for this is 14th August. CJ to mark out the course in the day and man the usual water station at half way. Cars will be used, as was the case for Lenham, saving costs on a mini bus.

**Finance**

RB reported the balance in the Current AC to be £2646.65. Dave Edwards may have gone to the Building Society to organise transfer of signatures for that AC although nothing definite was confirmed.

RB mentioned that as we have saved monies on the mini buses for the Summer Runs, it would be acceptable to purchase the exercise mats for Circuit Sessions. RB had contacted the suppliers and agreed a 20% discount for us.

Members using this equipment will be asked to bring their own towels to put over the mats to preserve the life of them and for hygienic reasons. A sanitising spray will also be purchased. It was agreed that RB will order 10 mats.

**Members**

Several members still remain on the unpaid list. The following members were deemed to be non returners and removed from our records:

Kai Bessant; Clive and Marion Harrison; Mark Harrison; Paul Smith; Mike Teal; Jim Vincer; Jason Windle

We have 2 new members, Amy Major and Clifford J Lattimer.

**Publicity**

Lucy Cresser has been kind enough to make up a leaflet for us to hand out at races and Park Runs. A very impressive draft with some lovely photos and a small write up was agreed to be exactly what was needed, with a possibility of making it double sided to incorporate an entry form on the reverse.

LC has also offered to look in to printing costs as a local printer may give her a discount.

Neil Buckley also mentioned event clips for putting your race number on your vest without using pins. The A & D logo could be printed onto them.

**AOB**

PH mentioned that a founder member of the Club, Graham Coniam, had sadly passed away. The relevant members who knew him have been notified of the funeral details. It was thought appropriate that maybe a small article should be put onto our web page about how and when the Club was started and some info on the original members. PH agreed to draft up something.

**Lock up**

There is not much left in the lock up that we need to keep , SH to ask Martin Burke if we need to keep the 10km markers and signage. The A & D flags should be in there as well, so will need to be rehomed somewhere safe.

**A & D 10k 2015**

It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting (September). A decision needs to be made about the course route… whether we use the revised route, and if so, an official measurement of the course needs to be done and certified.

**Kit**

DB needs to order some more small vests , the others came up quite big. DB to count what he has and maybe sell off some of the older style kit at a reduced price.

**Kent Relays**

A very successful series this year, two trophies brought home and a very supportive team of runners. The picnic was a success again, something we will continue to do in the future, and very nice that members contributed to the offerings as well.

**Race to the Stones**

We have five members competing in this Ultra Distance race this weekend. Good luck to Neil Buckley, Steve Hickman, Amanda Bashford, Marion Oakley and Helen Weeden on their 100k jaunt!

Neil is also to run the 100 mile challenge on 9th August… we will check the route to see if we can support him along the way.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 4th September 2014

**Meeting Ended** 9.30 pm