

ROADHOGGS LEICESTER A.C.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HEATHCOTE ARMS ON 22ND SEPTEMBER

1. PRESENT: D Swan, C Smith, D Lodwick, M Chamberlain, K Dakin, S Martin, R Moyes.
2. APOLOGIES : R Atton, S Smith, K Richardson, B Waterfield, A Lodwick, B Barratt
3. MINUTES : Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.
4. ARISING : Kit was discussed and the option of placing small orders to prevent holding too much stock is to be pursued.
5. CHAIRMAN : Dave S said that small numbers of both men and ladies were continuing to join the club, with majority of enquiries coming in through the website. At the end of the Summer league the mens team failed to get promotion by 2 points, the vets maintained their position and the Ladies failed to get promotion by 4 points, largely due to a poor turnout at the last league race. A couple of the new ladies were however showing promise. There had also been 2 or 3 successful social events, with thanks going to Keith for these.
6. TREASURER : Current bank balance stands at £2033.77
There is an outstanding kit order of around £200 (Mainly ladies vests and a few mens vests)
Float for Cross Country races of £50 to go to Kim
Cross Country in March - £35 profit
Glooston 10K – money from Runners World now in bank, leaving race in profit 0.69p.
Race Fees Outstanding of £32
Payment to Manor Road for showers is due end of September - £50 for 6 months.
Round Leicester Race - £50 per team.
7. ROAD RUNNING : Mark felt that this season had not been as good as last year. Entries were down and some of the faster Winter league runners such as Surita and Hannah had left. The base of Manor Road during Winter and pub runs within 5 – 6 miles of Leicester on alternate weeks in the Summer worked well. It was suggested that non foodie pubs were targeted as having fewer problems with parking. Dave L agreed, and proposed the runs were kept local, and that members should be asked which their favourite runs were. Changing club night to Thursday was discussed, but it was agreed to leave it as Wednesday.

Ladies membership was discussed and turnout on training nights, with regulars Sally injured and Cathy having increased work commitments.

Congratulations were given to the 7 EverPresents, Dave L, Alison, Peter, John Stew, Trudi, Dale and Jon Heap. This achievement was Peters 2nd, Alisons 4th and Dave L's 5th year in a row.

8. CROSS COUNTRY : Four clubs volunteered to put on races, and Roadhogs are to host the relays again. There is a possible new course for Hermitage/Ivanhoe event. All races are going to split the ladies and mens races due to congestion, men starting at 10.50 and Ladies at 11.10. Feedback from club representatives was positive about the relay course Roadhogs put on. Thoughts were the race could be promoted better and there was some uncertainty due to late change of course which may have contributed to low turn out.
Proposed dates for the 5 Winter league races are 4th Jan, 25th Jan, 8th Feb, 22nd Feb, 15th March and 29th March. Kim put in a request for Hares for the school races. Farmyard Frolic is also back, run in aid of Meningitus and Roadhogs may put a team in.
9. GLOOSTON 10 K : Race broke even, though numbers were disappointing according to Colin. Dave S asked if Roadhogs should continue with the race, with Ron no longer available to liaise, and whether a midweek day would be any better. It was agreed to continue with race, proposed date 20th June 2009. Dave L proposed change to prize structure and was to sound out possibility of vouchers for Running Shop as prizes with just one trophy each for winning Man and Woman.
10. SOCIAL : Silly hat run before Christmas was proposed, possibly with a different theme to Pirates from last year. Christmas dinner/ Presentation evening to be repeated in January. A skittles night was suggested for Tues 11th Nov. Quiz night could be repeated at same time next year.
11. ROADSHOWS : Keith reported a poor response, with 1 person turning out. It was agreed it was time to end them.
12. MEMBERSHIP NEWS : Currently have 45 entered with English Athletics, though membership is slightly higher than that. Kim was to be asked whether we'd missed the entry for London Marathon, with people who'd applied finding out if they were successful in the next couple of weeks.
For Summer League, David Little would need to be notified that any new members are registered as a Roadhogg.
13. AOB : Club fees were discussed and it was agreed to hold them for next year. It was suggested a pricing structure was required for new members joining throughout the year. £25 per year, £12.50 from 1st July.

Date for the AGM was queried. It was decided to wait for date of Presentation Evening from Mark. Request put in not to have meeting on Monday night due to it being a training night for some members.

Dave S proposed another meeting to finalise the details of the Glooston race and Presentation evening on 25th Nov. Ron to be invited as his final meeting.

Dave S congratulated Dave L on the last newsletter. Dave L said more contributions welcome and any race photos.