

**HYDE PARK HARRIERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Present:

Amy Young (Chair)
Naomi Adkins
Lorraine Beavis
Zeni Bellwood
Richard Edwards
Clare Evans
Rebecca Gray
Phil Hammond
Robyn Johnson
Jonathan Spain

1 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting of 16th August 2020 approved.

2 **Membership Update**

24 new members had signed up since sessions re-started, bringing the total to 200 first claim members.

EA had advised that their registration fee would be unchanged for next year. Agreed our new members' fee for this year would be £40 - £20 for a vest, £15 EA membership and £5 profit (reduced from £6 to enable members' fee to remain the same).

Noted that Lizzie Coombes and Bart Lewandowski were both running the virtual London Marathon. Agreed that in current circumstances, it may not be appropriate for club members to gather at the end of their runs. CE to message each of them to establish whether they would want support on the day. Another option discussed was that of members sending in videos wishing them both well.

3 **Finance Update**

No change since the last meeting. The only regular outgoing was payment for the club website and email, amounting to £200 per annum. Money was still set aside for LiRF qualifications when needed.

The possibility of providing head torches to members was discussed but agreed it would be difficult to administer. NA had reminded members that hi-vis clothing was now compulsory.

4 **Sessions feedback**

From w/c 14th September, timing of sessions had been moved from 6:30 and 7:30 pm to 6:00 and 7:00 pm and from 23rd September it may be too dark in the locations used to date to continue sessions beyond 6:30. Other options discussed were:

- Kirkstall Hills – two groups (one at groups 1-4 pace and one at groups 5-8) starting at opposite ends of the route
- Current sessions to remain but at 6:00 pm only.
- Headtorch run on Meanwood Valley Trail, which Lizzie Coombes and Tom Thomas had offered to lead
- University grounds may also be a possibility

It was agreed to keep group sizes at a maximum of six people for the time being.

The following actions were agreed

AY to message Kay Jefferies about run/walk sessions. AY
NA to include reference to Kirkstall Hills in the newsletter NA
AY to message Lizzie Coombes and Tom Thomas about MVT sessions. AY
Other member communications – NA/ZB.

5 Competitions

Positive feedback received about cancelling championships for this year.

Agreed to advertise races that were going ahead and encourage members to enter but without the championship competition.

AY to set up a races file in Google.docs to enable sharing of information about races which could then be included in the newsletter. AY

6 Strategy and SWOT Analysis

Main strengths identified as inclusive, friendly and accessible which should be the common theme in our future decision-making. Priorities identified as:

Short Term (6 months)

Inclusivity (in terms of ability)

Friendly

Relationship with Tri Club (Amy)

Medium Term (2-3 yrs)

Thursday sessions (NA)

Coaching / training plans (AY)

Community partnerships (ZB)

Vets (RE)

Long Term (4-5 years)

Junior Section (RE)

Location was considered but agreed this was not a key focus for now as the Edge is accessible, free and close to the city centre.

7 Any Other Business

ZB still planning an event at Woodhouse Moor in memory of Rolf Neugebauer.

Noted that Lucy Ryder was planning another Run & Talk session – details to be confirmed.

8 Date of next meetings

18th October 2020