

**HYDE PARK HARRIERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
SUNDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Present:

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

Apologies for absence: **Richard Edwards**

1 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting of 18th October 2020 approved.

2 **Membership Update**

Total first claim members now 214.

Agreed that any new applicants would be allowed to join club sessions but their EA membership application would not be submitted until January.

Fee for extending membership to March 2022 would be unchanged at £45.

London Marathon ballot due to open in February 2021 and the allocation of club places would be based on the number of first claim members but no further information had yet been published. A further update was expected in December.

3 **Finance Update**

RG reported that the bank account safeguarding forms had now been completed.

Nothing further to report.

4 **Leaders Update**

The following matters had been discussed at the recent Leaders' Forum:

- What should a leader do if only one person signed up for a session? Agreed that the leader should post on the leaders' Facebook group to see if space was available in another group; if not the leader should feel free to cancel the session.
- There had been instances where the numbers for the 6 pm run/walk group had been increased after the Spond invites were sent out, causing people to move from the 7 pm session to 6 pm, significantly reducing the numbers in the 7pm session. It was agreed that, in future, if more than 6 people were allowed, the number should be determined before Spond invites were live.
- How to deal with members wearing road shoes for trail runs. Agreed that trail shoes should be mandatory but it was up to the individual leader how they dealt with a member turning up to a trail session in unsuitable shoes.

- Proposed intro to trail runs separate from regular Tuesday sessions. Committee agreed this would be acceptable as a one off but not on a regular basis, except as a social run organised by individual members (i.e. not as a HPH club run).
- Wellington Place suggested as an alternative route.

5 LiRF on-line course

The feedback from the first on-line LiRF course had been poor, although it was recognised this may improve with experience

6 Sessions

Session dates following lockdown agreed as 8th, 15th and 22nd December, then 5th January. Agreed that, if government guidelines were unchanged, sessions would be arranged but with no obligation on anyone to lead; in the absence of sufficient leaders, sessions would be cancelled.

Agreed that sessions would remain as before and reviewed in the New Year.

7 Competitions

Deferred to the next meeting.

8 Welfare

No issues had been brought to the Committee's attention.

Agreed to include a note in the weekly update about bringing welfare issues to the Committee's attention.

9 Christmas

Zoom panto and Christmas quiz being considered. Date agreed as 19th December, beginning with the panto at 6 or 7 pm. Agreed in the next weekly update to invite members to submit suggested quiz questions.

ZB noted that some members would be spending Christmas alone and asked if there was anything the Club could do to help. Agreed to look into the possibility of a HPH Christmas card to be hand-delivered where possible and posted to those members no longer local.

JS to consider a possible Christmas running challenge.

10 Any Other Business

ZB had contacted Teejay Jones and Kay Jefferies about a possible event in memory of Sue Smith; both had expressed interest. ZB agreed to speak to Teejay again and report back.

11 Date of next meetings

Date in January to be agreed.