

TRENT PARK RUNNING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE “VIRTUAL” COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

Persons present: Brian Bowie (BB), Andrew Dench (AD), Christine Hawker (CH), James Joy (JJ), Phillip Ley (PL), Jason Maloney (JM), Anthony Plewes (AP), Robert Pick (RP), Kath Sinnott (KS), Chas Taylor (CT), Paul Ward (PW).

Apologies: Adam Bowman (AB)

CT started the meeting by announcing that after 6 years as chairman he had decided not to put his name forward for reelection. The committee acknowledged that Chas had done a fantastic job as chairman over many years.

Southgate Hockey Centre (CT)

- The committee meeting had been brought forward as there were urgent matters to discuss.
- CT had been in discussion with Liz at the Southgate Hockey Centre (SHC) regarding their proposed charging TPRC. In August Liz Moss initially proposed £1.50 per person per visit. CT calculated this would amount to £45 per week based on use by the juniors and offered £200 for the month. This was rejected by Liz.
- On 1 September 2020 Liz Moss sent a revised proposal on which the main points were:
 1. August fee £500
 2. From 1 September 2020 £50 per senior member and £30 per junior member
 3. New membership cards from 15 September 2020.
- After much discussion regarding the car park, alternative venues and SHC offering regarding changing rooms, showers, times of access and bar facilities the following was agreed:
 1. The club should try and reach an agreement to stay at SHC. CT to arrange a meeting with Liz and other SHC committee members. Attendees from TPRC would be CT, PW and RP. Apart from agreeing a fair fee we wanted to better understand SHC's current position and their future plans.
 2. Offer to pay SHC £500 for each of the months of August and September
 3. Negotiate a per member rate for the period from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Membership renewal (CT)

- After much discussion it was agreed that membership would recommence from 1 October 2020 with the following fees for the 6 month period to 31 March 2021:

Senior - £50 (2019/20 - £110 per annum)

Students and Juniors - £25 (2019/20 - £50 per annum)

Social - £ to be decided (2019/20 - £25 per annum)

Swimming - £ to be decided (2019/20 - £50 per annum)

- Although there is already much to attract members to rejoin it was agreed that the club would recommence the monthly handicap and PW would prepare a new training plan.

Covid 19 update (AD & PW)

- The current arrangements will continue for the foreseeable although the new restrictions to come into force on Monday 14 September 2020 may have an impact. A review of the current risk assessment will need to be carried out.
- Restricting group numbers to 6 using the Clubtrac booking system has worked well, particularly for the transformers group. However, there remain a small minority of members who are not following the guidelines.
- Track sessions under the new system have generally worked well.
- The sub 20 group and juniors will be using the Clubtrac booking system in the future.

Clubtrac (JJ)

- Prior to the meeting JJ had sent an email to the committee members highlighting problems with the Clubtrac system. JJ was of the view that the club should switch to another system.
- It was agreed that the transformers would trial the use of Coacha and if successful would be adopted by the club.

AGM (CT)

- It was not possible under the current Covid restrictions for the Club to hold a physical meeting. The AGM would therefore be held on the evening of Monday 26 October 2020 via a webinar.
- Committee members were asked to prepare their short reports in advance of the AGM so that these could be distributed to members in advance of the AGM.
- RP was requested to prepare the documentation required for the AGM.

Minutes & matters arising from 29 July 2020 committee meeting

- At the last meeting it was agreed that the club would purchase 40 PPE packs. JJ reported that he had purchased 20 which he would start distributing to leaders at the SHC on Saturday morning.

Races & running (JJ)

- The junior handicap was starting again this Saturday, JJ planned to reintroduce the senior handicap from the end of September. JJ would contact David and Linda Grindall regarding the volunteers and marshals.
- The Chingford League were organizing a trial cross country event this Saturday in Epping Forest. TPRC were sending 4 runners to take part in the event.

Juniors (PL)

- Alex Baird was now helping with the training although there was still a shortage of coaches.
- The juniors would start using the track from 15 September 2020.
- The Met and North West London cross country leagues had been cancelled for the rest of 2020.

- There had been some interclub races organized.
- Congratulations to 14 year old Niamh Keohane who broke the club's junior and senior 800m record.

Coaching (PW)

- CT was continuing to work on the club's leaders and coaches qualifications.
- The LIRF courses that were due to take place in September had been cancelled. It was not clear whether members had rebooked these courses for October.

Triathlon (AP)

- The following update was received from AP after the meeting:
 1. Swimming has restarted at Furzefield, with a risk assessment put together by Pete Hughes, which has been accepted by the pool. We have a good turnout of swimmers with some new signups. There are 17 in total, max of 5 per lane over 3 lanes – but not everyone comes every week. Pete takes a register every week for track and trace.
 2. Pete has agreed to act as the COVID rep for our swimming activities.
 3. Open water swimming at the Blue Lagoon continues until probably the end of October. There are ongoing discussions about the cost that we will have to pay for next year.

Communications (JJ)

- JJ considered that the club's communications should be undertaken by more than one person. The work comprised 3 main areas being social media, TP News and website.

Finance (JM)

- JM was working on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.
- JM estimated that the club had made a surplus of approximately £4,000 in the year ended 31 March 2020.
- JM estimated that the club had made a deficit of approximately £3,000 for the period from 1 April 2020 to date.
- The club currently had a bank balance of approximately £55,000.

AOB

- Due to the new guidelines to be introduced on 14 September 2020 restricting gatherings to a maximum of 6 persons it was agreed that the annual dinner and dance due to be held on 14 November 2020 would be cancelled.
- The club had decided not to take on new members because of the covid restrictions. CT had a list of 35 prospective members and agreed to write to these individuals informing them that they could apply for membership from 1 October 2020.
- CT had been approached by Kam Ezel who would like to become a partner of the Club similar to the relationship that already exists with Bodylogics. Kam's

company is Kam's Cogs and he would be able to provide members with training as well as offering a discount on his services. This was approved.

Date and venue for next meeting

- The next meeting would be the AGM on Monday 26 October at 7.30pm.