

NEWCASTLE FRONTRUNNERS COMMITTEE

7pm Monday 20th March 2018  
Northumbria University Library



**MINUTES**

Present: CB, PW, HW, PO, TG

Apologies: PHop, SG

**1. Minutes of from last meetings**

- a) Minutes 15-2-18 were agreed as correct, with redactions for the public also agreed.
- b) The task list was reviewed, and actions updated.
- c) Matters arising:
  - i) Redactions of previous minutes discussed: TG and CB have reviewed, CB will post when ready to go live. Agreed to remove appeal panel member names except PW. In future agreed to include non-committee first names unless related to a sensitive topic.
  - ii) Audit of the accounts - PHop is working on this.
  - iii) Barclays - HW and TG now have online access, TG been informed by Barclays that online payments possible and requires a second authoriser.

**2. Chair's update**

**a) Growth of the club**

CB has been thinking about the objectives of the club and how this relates to our size - are we expanding without considering the resource available? Currently we have around 10 members per LiRF, but the data is more granular eg limited LiRFs are able to lead the faster paced groups. Sometimes we struggle to have two LiRFs per group on Wednesday.

There was agreement that we should focus on being a supportive and inclusive club - rather than growth for the sake of it. Members feel that the speed of growth recently has been an issue, in the future safety might be an issue if unable to recruit new LiRFs.

We should not discriminate against specific characteristics but we do need to be able to deliver to our core audience. For example we may want to slow our speed of growth overall but still target specific groups eg those identifying as lesbian women, who are underrepresented currently within the club.

Action: CB and HW to undertake some work to analyse how our resource fits with our membership, and how we might target future recruitment for the May meeting.

### **3. Secretary's update**

#### **a) Membership**

New membership form - a draft form for online use was circulated prior to the meeting. Gender has been included for UKA purpose (binary choice only so we need to increase the explanation about why). Other amendments include to request a photo, to ask to comply specifically with the Code of Conduct, and also to ask about LGBT identification but only if willing to disclose.

Warm-ups - need to restart welcoming newbies, and doing name games.

Online membership site - TG proposed that we create a members only section either on our own website or via a third party. Will involve small amount of money for either, though DIY cheaper overall. Would also us to do registration online, members to update details/data preferences themselves, map of events attended, photo directory of members, repository for individual handicap/running development results etc.

Action: TG to start to progress a members zone for the website.

#### **b) CIO and EGM**

TG had circulated a proposed timescale for moving forward with the CIO formation and EGM. It was agreed to continue with this, 4 week notice period for calling the EGM is needed so will need to agree paperwork ahead of this. Also to request questions on the motions ahead of the meeting so can try to address them beforehand.

#### **c) Constitution and Code of Conduct**

Agreed: TG to bring final versions for approval to the April meeting.

#### **d) General Data Protection Regulations (GPDR)**

Noted the new data protection policy, guide to the GDPR, and new volunteer agreement TG had circulated. Photography at club events - the coordinator of events should be asking about photography in the huddle at the start of events.

Agreed: to review and confirm final version at the April meeting.

### **4. LGBT5k**

RS and RDD provided an update: the sub-group have proposed morning of Saturday 21st July on the Town Moor, with a children's race (2k), 3 mile relay (3x1 mile), 5k (as usual). Considering numbers of: 100 for children's race, 50 teams for relay, and 850 for the 5k.

The morning of the 21st was proposed by the sub-group in order to allow runners to then attend the Pride Parade and Pride afternoon events. A new issue since the sub-group meeting was that parkrun had been approached and they had expressed concerns that we have proposed using the Town Moor at a similar time to them.

A long discussion was held regarding options - all had pros/cons: continue with morning of the 21st but there was a majority who did not wish to disrupt parkrun, move to Saturday afternoon however this would clash with Pride, or evening of Friday 20th though we would be time limited. RS was concerned that changing the plans now could be unfair to the sub-group, but CB asked RS and RDD if they could make clear to the sub-group that the committee were acting on the new information from parkrun. It was recognised that the sub-group had put a lot of time and effort into getting a date and location, and had given due consideration to multiple factors in agreeing on the morning of the 21st July.

Given the news from parkrun there was significant concern that NFR should not disrupt another running event. A majority felt the evening of Friday 20th was the best alternative in light of the parkrun news.

Agreed: RS and RDD to check if Town Moor and StuWeb timing company available on the Friday night. If so to then approach the sub-group regarding switching to Friday evening to avoid a clash with parkrun.

RS and RDD circulated a proposed budget using costings from last year, they forecast a small profit. In addition the goody bag is progressing well, and the Quilted Camel on the Quayside has been booked for the Saturday night party.

## **5. Training**

HW advised we are becoming short for orange and red leaders.

PW had an issue with two incorrect dates on the online calendar this week, meaning multiple correction texts needed to be sent.

Action: PW to text again regarding no Sunday run this week, also to remind members to renew membership.

Agreed: HW to bring the rota for the month ahead to each committee meeting so all can check for accuracy which will ensure the weekly texts have the correct information.

### **a) Yoga for runners**

It was already agreed that the taster should be free but the view for beyond this is that we will need to ask those who are attending to pay towards costs given that not all members are able to attend and significantly more expensive than our other sessions.

Agreed: Add to agenda for April meeting to agree the ongoing cost, and how the sessions will be distributed fairly amongst members.

### **b) Sports Central contact**

CB updated that this has been signed. On bank holidays Sports Central is closed.

**c) C25K** To discuss at the next meeting.

## **6. Socials**

### **a) Walk**

PO had circulated options with Sunday 29th April agreed as the date.

### **b) Ideas for future socials**

The group came up with: adventure golf, salsa lessons, wine tasting, (retro) games night, baking lessons, climbing wall, driving range, cycle ride, group picnic.

### **c) GFR OutRun**

Action: SG to post about the event - for people to express interest in transport and accommodation.

## **7. International trip 2018**

PO circulated some information on the registration, proposals for socials, and travel options.

Action: PO to update members now to allow them to book travel as the flights are limited. Members to book their own accommodation and travel, but they might want to collaborate on AirBnB etc.

**8. Social media/website** For the next meeting.

## **9. Storage options**

For the next meeting.

## **10. Pride opportunities**

Agreed: not to take out an advert. To discuss stalls at a future meeting.

## **11. AOB**

None.

**Next meeting:** TG will circulate.