

## Garden City Runners Main Committee Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, from 8.30pm  
held at The Attimore, Ridgeway, WGC, AL7 2AD



**Members: Brad Smith (Chair), Louise Smith (Vice Chair), Helen Paine (Secretary), Andy Newbury (Treasurer), Sean Bowen, Richard Somerset, Tony Harden, Jane Molloy, Nigel Cavill, Karen Atkinson, Sue Fletcher**

1	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>None</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Minutes agreed as correct</p> <p>Festive 5 a success. Further donation to be made to IH from race profits. Find out how successful the venture was for IH. Possible PR opportunity.</p> <p>VLM draw – going forward, a member is not eligible for the EA draw if they have won a place in the club ballot in the previous 3 year period.</p> <p>Brighton Marathon – EA places (x10) offered to the club have been offered to those unsuccessful in the ballot and will now be extended to wider EA membership.</p> <p>Potential race directors have come forward – Colin Euan and Tim Cooke. Any females?</p> <p>HSP awards – Dave Edwards awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for male coach of the year.</p> <p>Beginners course – new course led by Sandra starting in January.</p> <p>What is the length of our agreement with Races Online?</p> <p>Matters still arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andy to contact Racesonline re: Kit Aid donation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> Helen to contact Megan to ask for feedback and mention possibility of PR opportunity.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Brad and Andy to determine size of additional donation to IH.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Andy to contact Races Online to ask whether they should now be contributing a percentage, not just GCR, towards the Kit Aid donation as they are receiving payment for the series. Andy to also check length of our agreement with Races Online.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Helen to email EA membership to offer Brighton marathon places.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Lou to put up beginners leaflet flyers at UH and to</p>

		leaflet drop around Watchmead.
3.	<p><b>Club kit</b></p> <p>Ladies vest stock is needed. Possible order – S x 15, M x 15, L x 10, XL x 5</p> <p>Members have tried on sample tops although would benefit from a wider range of people trying them for size. General consensus is that they are ok, perhaps a little long, however Fastrax vests considered to be a little short.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Rich to ask on FB about sizing to gain a better understanding of quantities to order.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Once above info received, Andy to place an order with Scimitar.</p>
5	<p><b>For discussion:</b></p> <p>Captaincy/race committee – John Davies to step down as VC with Sean in June 2019. Helen has agreed to take on responsibility for MWL and Brad cross country. Who could help out in Race Committee?</p> <p>Where do we want to be in 18 months time? – more ladies participating in cross country, ICE bands to be available to and worn by runners, run leaders to have a job description.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Sean to ask Peter to take on responsibility for awards and Sarah responsibility for race subsidy budget.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Helen to post on FB to encourage more women to attend forthcoming Stevenage cross country race.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Tony to investigate costs involved for ICE bands</p>
6	<p><b>Awards Night</b></p> <p>Proposed dates – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> March Need for greater marketing, especially to explain what the event involves. Colin Euan has offered to help. Club to subsidise - £10 plus free drink</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Andy to contact The Fairway to book a date.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Brad to speak to John Davies re: catering.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Lou to take on responsibility for marketing. Aim to get the date out by 1<sup>st</sup> Jan!</p>
7	<p><b>For info:</b></p> <p>Community asset sport club register – Karen looking at tax implications</p>	

	Networking – Brad has proposed a club chair network to share best practice etc. Herts AAA are considering his suggestion.	
8	<p><b>Run Leader Update</b></p> <p>Jane has set up a rota and has identified people keen to go on the Leadership in Running Fitness course. Anyone going on the course must be able to commit to leading one session per month from our existing run schedule.</p> <p>Job description – to include encourage and motivation, helping people to achieve their goals.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Jane to contact those who are taking on run leading duties to find out who wants to attend the LiRF course and can commit to one session per month in return.</p>
9	<p><b>MemberMojo Update</b></p> <p>Karen, Sue and Brad met separately to discuss. Further free trial requested. Fields set up ready.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Brad to drop existing member date into Membermojo.</p>
10	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>Finance</b> – Festive 5 made a profit of £1145 (was £1125 in 2016). Balance remains healthy. Need for signatories to be in place when Andy is away travelling in Summer 2019.</p> <p><b>Membership</b> – 85 members removed in Oct/Nov as they had not renewed despite numerous reminders. Current membership 315.</p> <p><b>Race Committee</b> – nothing to report. Peter to start considering award nominations.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Karen to organise date for next Membermojo meeting in November.</p>
11	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Open FB group not to publicise intervals as these are a benefit of membership.</p> <p>EA membership</p> <p>Tony has disabled the comments feature on the website as it was creating inappropriate responses.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Brad to ask Emma not to publish interval sessions on open FB page.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Nigel to investigate and propose the benefits of EA membership</p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 22 January 2019 at The Cowper Arms, Digswell – awards night and award nominations</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Brad to invite race committee</p>