



Garden City Runners Main Committee Meeting

27 January 2021, 8:00pm on Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Jane Molloy (Chair), Louise Smith (Vice Chair), Karen Atkinson (Secretary), Sue Fletcher (Membership Secretary), Tony Harden, Tom Wackett (Men's Captain), James Huish (Men's Captain), Helen Paine (Ladies' Captain), Sean Bowen, Markus Allen (Welfare Officer – Guest)

Apologies: Nigel Cavill (Treasurer)

1	Apologies & Check-in	
2	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining MWL medals. • Nigel has looked at the pros and cons of different banks. Barclays service has been poor. Nat West and Lloyds look better options. Jane would like the transfer to be as easy as possible and to include adding the third signatory (Sue) as part of the transfer process. • Nigel has started to draft a set of policies and guidelines including claiming of expenses • Louise organised Dick Meredith's great account of the club history to go on the website. • There are a small number of website related items to be followed up: • January XC did not happen but feedback still relevant for future races. Feedback is listed in minutes of 16.12.20 meeting. 	<p>Action: Jane to distribute by 28 Feb</p> <p>Action: Nigel to take this forward and make the choice of preferred bank</p> <p>Action: Nigel to double-check that we will not incur any bank charges</p> <p>Action: Nigel to circulate drafts to MC and flag up specific points he would like feedback/comments on</p> <p>Action: Tony to contact Rebecca Barden to discuss how to involve the newsletter team</p> <p>Action: Tony to hide the Gallery page for now</p> <p>Action: Tony to look at what hits we get per page to see if there are any which are redundant. Liaise with Brad if necessary.</p> <p>Action: Jane/Sue to pass feedback to Rich Somerset if required.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCR quiz raised £325 for Isabel Hospice. • Developing and recognising run leaders. • Discounted club vests reference now on website. • Tony now has arrangements with Rich Sidlin to get access to club email accounts. 	<p>Action: Helen to forward Linda Cudmore's email address to Jane</p> <p>Action: Karen to include new run leader coordinator</p>
3	<p>Feedback from Hertfordshire Chairs' Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane chaired a zoom meeting on 26.01.21. Notes will be circulated to the committee but highlights included: How other clubs were keeping their members engaged and enthusiastic during Covid; different views on admitting new members and varying membership subs during Covid. Jane felt it painted a very positive picture of clubs doing great things for their members during the crisis. 	<p>Action: Jane to circulate notes and recommend any actions to the committee</p>
4	<p>Race Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC met on 25.01.21. • <i>Avery</i>: the 3 month rolling programme will continue comprising 5 races. With Covid restrictions there is an emphasis on races which avoid members congregating at the same place and having to travel. The next 4 races are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4-7 February 5k – members choose own route - 25-28 February – XC - March – XC - End of March – Lee Valley Half marathon (virtual?) The next meeting will be after the next government lockdown announcement. • <i>MWL</i>: Committee has met and are keen to make MWL plans. The possibility has been raised that the mob match could be actual rather than virtual. All clubs are to be asked if they want to host it. Currently there is a lot of uncertainty which will impact on ability to make firm decisions. Next meeting is 1 March. 	
5	<p>Welwyn 10K – options and date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise has spoken to Catherine Farrell (Welwyn Festival). They are keen to do some form of event and to have GCR involvement. Last Sunday of Festival is 27 June. • Three options: a) no W10K b) plan a virtual event c) plan for a real event but at the time we'd need to start incurring costs (approx. Easter) make the final decision with option to revert to virtual. • The committee voted and option b) virtual event was carried unanimously 	<p>Action: Louise/Sue to meet to discuss arranging the event</p>

6	<p>GCR Annual Awards for 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trophies/medals for XC</i>: Proposal is for participation medals for 4 out of the 6 XC plus trophies for first three places – men and women. • <i>Awards</i>: Discussions are recorded in a separate document [CURRENTLY WITH JANE – NOT WITH THESE MINUTES] • <i>How/when</i>: all agreed that if we stick with the usual timetable of a March event this will have to be virtual. The aim is to make it a fun event. • Lou noted that the subsidised awards night cost approx. £750 last year. • Proposed date is Friday 5 March. 	<p>Action: Jane to contact Nigel to agree a budget and then tell Peter Harvey</p> <p>Action: All to feedback to Jane if anyone else needs to be added to the list</p> <p>Action: Jane to find out from Brad/Bruce who current Vice Presidents are</p> <p>Action: Louise/Jane to have a kick off meeting</p> <p>Action: Jane to contact Adam Wadley</p>
7.	<p>Year End / Membership Renewals / AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM date was proposed as Wednesday 21 April 2021 on Zoom. • Minor updates to the constitution will be proposed including clarity that we are a 18s and over club. • There are a number of matters that would be good to be communicated to members in advance of both subs renewal and AGM. 	<p>Action: Jane/Karen/Sue to draft year end comms to go out to members during February</p>
8	<p>Committee Structure / Roles / Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen is stepping down from Main Committee and from run leader coordinator role • Jane asked that anyone else who may be stepping down contacts her • Jane was pleased to announce that Markus Allen is willing to stand for Main Committee as well as retain his welfare officer role and Helen Harrison has agreed to take on the run leaders' coordinator role and is also happy to stand for MC. 	
9	<p>Membership Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue reported that we have 367 members and 136 EA members. 	
10	<p>Finance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered. 	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue attended a recent Herts AAA zoom meeting – no race activity has taken place 	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 10 March 2021 – 8.00pm on Zoom</p>	

	The meeting ended at 10.15pm	
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