

MINUTES OF HUCCLECOTE HARRIERS AGM 2018

Held on Saturday 23 June 2018 at 1100 at Hucclecote Community Association, Hucclecote Rd, Gloucester.

Chair: Kate Beevers.

No	Item	Actions
1	Apologies for absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received from Steve Blackmore, Pauline Warrender, David Carter, Fran Cole, Rachel Woodland, Sonia Leyshon and Kerri Green. 	
2	Matters arising from previous minutes: none. All actions from last year's AGM had been discharged, or were no longer relevant.	
3	Chair's report (Kate Beevers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This had been the first year that the Harriers had operated under a formal committee structure. The club now had a constitution and guiding principles. • The inclusivity, wide range of abilities and activities and high level of mutual support were seen as the strengths of the club, and had been noticed and positively commented on by other groups. • The club has become part of the local community. Notably, Claire Bryant had successfully run the London Marathon in record high temperatures in excess of 24C, and had raised over £2000 for the HCA as well as developing severe blisters. • As well as core running activities, there is a thriving social calendar, and the Christmas event in particular had been a success. • The Harriers on Wheels/in Water group had been established for those who also enjoy swimming, cycling and multisport events, and the Hungry Harriers group catered for those with an interest in nutrition. • There were many individuals stepping up informally to provide activities and assistance, and this would continue to be encouraged. 	
4	Financial report (Adam Coates/Sarah Minchew): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last committee meeting, there had been some income from the Gloucester Lottery. • The Christmas party had generated a small surplus. At the time it had been agreed to distribute this among HH members running the London Marathon for charity, but this had proved to be impractical. It was agreed that this money would be absorbed into club funds. • Outgoings in the previous 3 months had been limited to hire of the meeting room for the AGM and the pitch at the Hucclecote Show. • The club's bank balance currently stood at £273. 	

No	Item	Actions
5	<p>Run Leader's report (Dave Jones):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general the programme of runs had proved popular, with a healthy turnout at all club runs and new runners appearing regularly. Although Dave Jones was stepping down as Run Leader, the current programme would continue until 18 September. • There had been a slight issue with people being reluctant to lead/tail runs on Tuesday evenings. • The success of Adam's Couch to 5k programme was noted. The current group was large, but manageable. • There was a lengthy discussion around the Tuesday night programme and the choice of activities. It was noted that members who wished to suggest/lead alternative runs were more than welcome to put suggestions to the club via email for consideration. • One individual had expressed concern that the name of the 5-10k improvers' group was intimidating, as 10k was a big step up from 5k. 	<p>Committee to promote email suggestions for alternative activities.</p>
6	<p>Election of committee: Thanks were offered on behalf of the club to members of the committee who had decided to step down from formal roles, or to leave the committee. The new committee would be as follows:</p> <p>Co-chairs: Paul Ravening and Sharon Davies (+ FB moderation) Secretary: Neil Cumming Treasurers: Adam Coates and Sarah Minchew Run coordinator: Jason Mather Social secretary: Claire Bryant</p> <p>Sophie Hope (Kingsway parkrun liaison, FB moderation) Steve Blackmore (Gloucester North parkrun liaison) Kate Beevers Sarah Farr Daniel Williams Jacqui Hicklin Fran Cole Dave Jones (FB moderation) Pauline Warrender Gill Cameron Dez Thompson (volunteer coordinator) John Williams (volunteer and Facebook events coordinator)</p>	
7	<p>Other roles and responsibilities: as minuted in item 6.</p> <p>Kerri Green had offered to support the website as Dan Port was moving on from this role. The role of Gloucester Sports liaison was felt to be no longer needed; committee members could liaise with the shop informally.</p> <p>There had been one or two unpleasant incidents where Facebook moderators had been subjected to criticism and abuse from people they had asked to edit/remove posts. Members would be reminded that the FB group is the public face of the club, and inappropriate content could harm the club's reputation.</p>	

No	Item	Actions
8	<p>Use of club funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been no requests for kit. Members were invited to submit ideas to Adam Coates. • There was discussion around club merchandise. Although there were ideas for various items, in reality the limited demand did not justify the financial outlay of purchasing merchandise. The exception was felt to be Buffs, which the club would look to commission. • The club would consider underwriting entry fees to team running events on a case-by-case basis, to avoid individuals taking personal financial risk. 	
9	<p>Social report (Claire Bryant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning was underway for the Christmas party in 2018, and would follow the very successful format of 2017 with similar catering and entertainment. • Bude Tour 2018: had been very successful and enjoyed by all. A similar weekend away was already booked for September 2019, in Swansea. • The Swansea event was aimed at adults. Sharon was looking to organise a family camping weekend in 2019, but details had not yet been finalised. • A joint HH/HCA fundraising quiz night was planned for Saturday 29th December. 	
10	<p>Parkrun reports (Sophie Hope and Steve Blackmore):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrier attendance at Kingsway and Gloucester North was lower since the opening of Gloucester City parkrun, which had attracted many of the club. This was felt to be inevitable, and both KW and GN remained healthy. • Cat Lane would be approached to become HH parkrun liaison rep to Gloucester City. If she was unable to take up the role, another rep would be sought. 	Liaison officer for Gloucester City pr to be identified.
11	<p>Parkrun 'takeovers' and tourism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH would look to do takeover events at all three Gloucester park runs over the next year. KW would be first, possibly 18 Aug or 1 Sep. GN would follow in October/November, and GC sometimes during 2019. • Organised club parkrun tourism events had been popular, and the next was planned for Cirencester on 21 July. • Kirsty Armstrong's parkrun challenge had encouraged parkrun attendance, volunteering and tourism. 	Parkrun reps/committee to arrange takeover events.
12	<p>Running through horses/livestock and near dogs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenna Warrender had expressed concern that members may not be aware of best practice when running near animals. It was agreed that animal welfare was paramount, and that Jenna would be approached to produce and share some guidelines. 	Committee to approach Jenna to produce guidance for members.
13	<p>Tuesday evening meeting point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club had outgrown its current Tuesday meeting point near the War Memorial, and the number of runners gathering there was hazardous and antisocial. • A number of alternative locations were considered, and eventually it was agreed to trial the grass area further up Green Lane (Hucclecote Green). Members would be asked to continue to park considerately, and flyers would be produced to ask local residents with concerns to contact the club. 	Committee to produce letter for residents living near Hucclecote Green.

No	Item	Actions
14	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guidance for professionals would be updated to include a request for no direct advertising for services and paid events. Kate would contact regular contributors reminding them of our guidelines. • It was agreed at the suggestion of Adam Coates to join HCA as an affiliated club, at a cost of £20 pa. • The club Handicap races, previously organised by Andy Gardiner: Nigel Evans made a request for these to return, and agreed to organise the first subject to offers of support. 	Kate to produce updated guidance and contact regular contributors.
15	<p>DONM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the Committee would be held at HCA on 13 October from 1600-1800. 	