City of Hull AC Club minutes

August 3rd, held at Warners.

Apologies, DT, SH, LK, EM

Present: PL, DR, SL, LE, PC, AF, ER, KS

Winter League.

Phil L – Current guidance from the Government and England Athletics means it is unlikely to go ahead in traditional format this year. Given the success of the Virtual Champagne League, we may look at Virtual Winter League format for 2020/21. The idea being to give people something to aim for during winter months given lack of other competition.

No decisions to be taken yet, will wait to see how situation develops over the next month. First race would take place in October.

Club runs.

Lois E – Has received several enquiries from new and prospective members about club runs and when they will restart. A long discussion followed about EA guidance which remains that unless athletes are in a “Covid-free environment” (which we as a club cannot guarantee), the maximum number of participants in a session should be six.

It was agreed that until guidance from the Government and EA changes, we cannot as a club offer group runs and at this stage they will not resume until further notice. The Club does not appear to be out of step with other clubs in the area in taking this approach.

It is understood and encouraged that club runners are still meeting for informal group runs in small numbers in line with current Covid guidelines. However, it should be reiterated It that the club will not be insured to cover any runner not training within the guidelines.

Again, the regular information provided by EA is closely monitored and if there are any changes to the guidelines, these will be posted to members immediately.

Derek R has been able to offer small coaching groups through track/hill sessions but this is extremely limited due to current guidance. Until restrictions ease, it is accepted that he is unable to offer wider support over and above those runners currently receiving coaching sessions. Track nights at Costello are limited by the cap on numbers at the track (14?) and hill sessions are limited to six participants.

Memberships.

Lois E – we currently 197 fully paid up members and a further 75 which will be sent a reminder email to renew (if they wish to do so). There are a further 43 members on historic records but it was acknowledged that these are likely to be members who have not renewed for some time and will not be sent a reminder email.

Club Kit.

Karen S – Since the last meeting, we have settled on a new design (following committee input) through prospective supplier Scimitar. We have not received sample vests with the new design yet but we received mens’ and womens’ generic vests and it was agreed that they are of superior quality to the current offering. Scimitar also supply Bridlington Road Runners and East Hull 20 among others.

The next step is to confirm the numbers required for each size before we place an order. Sophie L recommended using a service such as SurveyMonkey which will allow us to collate responses in one place rather than taking ad-hoc messages over email, Facebook etc.

Alex F said that he will put an announcement about new kit on the club website but the survey link will be sent to members on Lois E’s list of member emails. Putting the survey link in a public place (e.g. Facebook or club website) risks duplication or other bad data. Members will be given until 28th August to submit their responses which allows Karen S time to place the order on 1st September.

Given costs involved, it makes sense to order a larger number of vests than we have runners for (300 tiers down to a lower cost per vest). Phil L suggested that excess vests should be ordered on a pro-rata basis based on responses obtained from the initial survey.

Alex F confirmed that the website has been updated to remove all links to the previous kit supplier.

Scimitar will also produce other variations of club kit (including rain jackets, hoodies etc.) and the club website will be updated to show these later in the year.

Meeting concluded at 19.47 hours.