

City of Hull Minutes for February 2020.

Apologies PL, DR, ER, EM
Present LK, KS, PD, DT, LF, SL, PC, SH

Winter League

All OK. SH has nothing to report.

EYXC

Wetwang next race. 10am start. A decent ladies team is required. Nothing to report All seems to be going well.

Ferriby 10. A debrief.

LK reported that a complaint had been received from a representative of ERYC. She reported that a large number of runners had been urinating in the entrance road to the Skidby Mill Cafe.

It was explained that this was due to a lack of portaloos at the start and at the HQ, which was an oversight on our behalf. She was advised that the runners are briefed at the start of the race about such behaviour.

An apology was given on behalf of the club and agreed that it was unacceptable. She was told that Portaloos would be available for next years race, both at the start and the HQ.

A discussion took place about the cost and how many would be required.

A couple of complaints were received about the lack of toilets, which has been addressed.

Tee shirts. These were well received. The only issue being that a whole box of XS tee shirts was not located and those who had ordered an XS took another size, which caused problems. This was an oversight. It was a positive improvement having people put their size on the entry form. This resulted in not many spare tee shirts left over. LK is trying to arrange a replacement for those who received the wrong size.

Road closures. These were discussed. there were a couple of issues around this matter but nothing major. Eppleworth continues to be a difficult place to marshal, with no natural pavement for the marshal to stand. Otherwise all went well and KS did an excellent job of coordinating.

A cut off point was discussed. It was clear that due to handful of very slow runners, and one runner in particular who walked from the 5 mile point, it was causing unnecessary difficulties for marshals and the road closure system. Road closures are authorised for a certain length of time, and once the road is re opened we cannot guarantee the safety of runners left behind. A decision was made to discuss the option of a cut off point for next years race. It will be discussed how long to allow for the completion of the race.

A discussion took place about raising the entry fee for next years race in order to cover the costs of portaloos and tee shirts. This would still be in line with other race entries of that distance and it would help us to increase the prize money, which has stayed the same for a few years.

It was discussed that if the prize money for the first three men and women was raised significantly, it would attract a good standard of athletes to the race and heighten the profile of the race. This is to be discussed further.

Yorkshire Wolds relays

PC explained that there is enough interest for three teams. This equates to 2 mens teams and 1 ladies team.

The cost for a team entry is fifty pounds, which the club have agreed to subsidise. The event takes place on Sunday 21st May 2020. LK will captain the ladies and PC will captain the mens. They will recce the course and work out change overs etc. Information will be provided and a group chat will be produced.

Yorkshire vets

Not too much uptake. Its a very good day out. The athlete can drop down an age to make up a team but cannot go up. PC will re advertise it to gain more interest.

AGM

This will take place on Monday 20th April. DT looking at Star in Willerby as a venue and Hessle Rugby club . Prices for catering will be compared before a decision is made. Notice will be given in good time.

Membership Update

Lois E will be helping with Helen D to then gradually take over as membership secretary. Lois will be invited to the committee meetings in the future. No update on this occasion.

Captains update

Northern Road relays 22nd March. Looking at getting 2 ladies team of 6. One mens team of 12. Event is in Liverpool and transport will be arranged.The standard is good but varied so all runners will be made very welcome and will definitely contribute to making up the team.

AOB

Champagne League.

Entries being taken very soon. Clubs have been sent their entry forms. COH runners will be limited this year to 100 runners for COH. SH will put something on FB to say that entries are now available.

Teams will need to be placed in after the 2nd race.

A new race will take place in Welton this year. Details will be put on the website

Humber Bridge 10k.

This will take place on 31st May this year.

LK has agreed to make contact with the bridge board in order to book the Bridge.

KS has agreed to be the marshal coordinator.

Hessle rugby club is booked and entries need to be opened fairly soon. This will be looked in to soon. Sportstiming has been booked for race entries, etc.

PL needs to apply for the race licence and directorship. LK will remind him

DT - Ferriby 10 dinner.

Feedback required. It was agreed that it was better than last year. The food was nicer, although there were some issues about the length of time it took to serve the food, there were no major complaints.

70 people attended, which was only slightly down from last year.

Some parking tickets were issued to a small amount of people attending the dinner. It was a new feature this year but the hotel have agreed to waive the tickets on this occasion.

The trophy still in the possession of Whitney L will be recovered. LK to speak to Whitney's mum.

London marathon places.

Limited availability left. There are 4 places now.

DT will readvertise through the website to try and fill the places.

DT discussed the need to perhaps raise the membership fees for the coming April. It was agreed that a decision needs to be made before the AGM. The Northern Athletics affiliation fees have gone up Fees were last put up two years ago. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

PD has had two people interested in helping with website. They will be encouraged to attend the AGM to be accepted formally.

Meeting ends at 08.15

Next meeting is Monday 2nd March 2020

7pm at Warners.