

Minutes for Annual General Meeting of HTR 18th April 2018

Location: 7.30pm The Old Fire Station, Hockley

Attended: Adrian Mather, Gail Alexander, David Banks, Martin Robbins, Ian Jordon, Mike Jordon, Linda Werrett, Paul West, Carly Rodgers, Gabby Atling, Claire Twidell, Jade Britton, Tracy Turner, Barbara Kyd, Denise Hazlewood.

Apologies: Diane Wagstaff, Diane Beaver, Alvin Jarvis, Terry Turner.

Core Team: Daniel Benwell (DB), Simon Werrett (SW), Gordon Greenhalgh (GG), Stuart Atling (SA), Melanie Tomlinson (MT)

Item

1. Welcome/Introduction (SW)

SW thanked everyone for coming along to the first AGM of HTR and asked the HTR Core Team to introduce themselves.

2. Apologies (SW)

SW gave the names of those that were not able to attend the meeting

3. Receipt of a report of activities of club over the past 12 months (DA)

DB went through the Club Secretary Report:

April 2017 – Training groups for the spring marathons completed with many doing Brighton or London. The club gained England Athletics affiliation

May 2017 – Beginners 5km trail course was started with 29 initial attendees and several teams took part in the Roach Valley Way relay race.

June 2017 – Many HTR runners took part in the HARP24 endurance event, raising money for the local homeless charity.

July 2017 – Beginners finished their course and the final 5km run of the course was well supported by the club, with a social after. 27 out of 29 people completed the course. We were able to assist with the local Kirste 5 race and HTR will be assisting again this year (2018).

August 2017 – We held our first BBQ for not only HTR runners but also family and friends. Well received and money raised for the club through the raffle.

September 2017 – The training groups for Stort and Stebbing were started

October 2017 – The group run leaders completed their first aid training and First Aid Kits were provided to all leaders to carry on runs. The Stort 30 training finished and we saw many complete their first ultramarathon. We also had our Halloween run which was well attended, with many coming from different local running clubs.

November 2017 – The Stebbing10 training group finished their race in style and was encouraged to continue on for another 5k to half marathon distance – which many did. We also had 2 additional run leaders trained up.

December 2017 – We had the Christmas party which was well attended. We will be looking at a bigger venue for 2018.

January 2018 – We introduced some basic workshops, to provide runners with information to help them progress in their day to day running. These were “Building your aerobic basis” and “Structuring your runs”. They were well attended and well received so more are planned with additional workshops to be added.

February 2018 – 2 additional run leaders were trained and we had lots of snow!

March 2018 – We had lots more snow; the half marathon group completed their training but because of the snow, Brentwood Half marathon was cancelled. The group did the distance never the less and were able to get their medals. Many of the half marathon training group have signed up for Frinton instead and a top up training plan was put in place to support them.

The membership options for 2018/2019 were put in place, to include free, standard and affiliated membership.

The HTR website was set up to provide basic information on what the club does, kit etc. www.hockleytrailrunners.co.uk.

April 2018 – Many finished their London or Brighton Marathon training.

Leaders & Coaches

We have trained up an additional 4 leaders in the year April 2017 – March 2018.

Total Coaches now is 3 and Run Leaders is 9

Additional items

We joined the Essex Athletics Network and we are investigating what cross country leagues are available to us for the coming year.

4. Receipt of a report of the clubs finances over the past 12 months (GG/SA)

Highlights

The HTR bank account has remained in credit all though the clubs accounting year.

Income has come from a range of different sources; the biggest contributors include memberships and the beginners course with HTR events (first anniversary party, Christmas meal and BBQ) all either making a profit or breaking even. The first anniversary t shirts also provided a reasonable income.

Income from all sources has enabled the club to train new run leaders.

Future outlook

The first month of the new period has seen an influx of membership which has boosted club funds.

The beginners course for 2018 is starting in May which should again provide a sizable income given the initial interest with the anniversary party and other social events providing further funds.

The club will look to invest in new leaders and provide cost for coaching qualifications where possible.

DB added that the beginners course starting in May 2018 has 40 places available and 35 people of already signed up so a positive start. There is also a selection of HTR club kit available to purchase now, which will provide revenue for the club.

5. Membership arrangements from April 2018 (DB/SA)

We had 32 members affiliate with a further 12 transferring affiliation from other clubs to HTR (44 in total), with 13 joining our standard 2nd claim membership.

There are still affiliations being processed so we believe the affiliation figure will be close to 50 with our standard membership being close to 15.

6. Election and retirement of officers (SW)

Retirement: Simon Werret as Chair

Election nomination:

Chair – Daniel Benwell
Club Secretary – Kerry Burles
Treasurer – Stuart Atling
Membership Secretary – Stuart Atling
Welfare officer – Melanie Tomlinson
Coach Co-ordinator – Simon Werret
DBS Verifier – Daniel Benwell

Nominations were passed.

Special thanks were given to Daniel for all his efforts for the club and Mike for his help and advice.

7. Social Events (MT/KB)

Anniversary party on 11th May - tickets are selling slowly but well and we will hold a raffle on the night to raise money for the club (we are asking for donations) and we will be holding a family BBQ (date to be confirmed).

8. Membership Q & A Session

Carly Rodgers asked if there will be any Roach Valley Way groups set up – Stuart Atling confirmed that it was in hand and he would post an update on the facebook page shortly.

Jade Britton asked if a months notice of the group runs locations could be posted – Daniel Benwell said he would update the website.

Dan mentioned that he was looking to offer a top up to the 5k beginners course to a 10k.

We will be offering training groups for Stort and Stebbing again this year.

Dan said that HTR would look into holding a trail race in 2019 – keep an eye on facebook for more details.

Parkrun takeover this Saturday (28th April)

Tracy Turner asked if the additional runs on Tuesday and Thursday (quality sessions) would continue; both Mike and Dan said that they would for the time being.

Carly Rodgers asked if the workshops would run again in the summer; Dan confirmed that they would.

HARP24 was mentioned – would we be organising teams this year. It was suggested that if you are interested in taking part in HARP24, that you post on HTR facebook page asking if anyone would like to join a team or you can run it as an individual. HTR would look into organising a space for HTR runners to meet (a space will need to be booked).

AOB

Mike Jordon:

Essex Way was enjoyed by everyone last year and this year HTR will look to enter 2 teams, ladies and a mixed team. Information to follow on facebook page.

Roach Valley Way – we need to get a ladies team together for this. We are hosting Stage 8 of Roach Valley Way this year.

Finish

Simon thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.