



**Daventry Road Runners
Committee Meeting
26th March 2021**

Present:

Daniel Clarke (DC), Becky Wheaver (BW) Nadine Gray (NG) Ian Smedley (IS) Denise Hackett (DH) Daniel Day (DD)
Sharon Packer (SP) David Packer (DP) Stuart Clarke (SC) Wayne Byles (WB) John Sach (JS)

Apologies:

Paul Barker (PB)

1. Introduction – Daniel Clarke

Welcome back to previous members of the committee and welcome JS as a new committee member

2. Webinars

- Club Standards – Becky Wheaver

EA are tightening up on clubs having the correct policies and procedure in place. Pleased to report we are in a good place with all relevant policies in place except for Welfare Policy, the template for this is currently under review by UKA and clubs are not expected to have this in place until it is issued by EA, and Health & Safety Policy. This is not critical for us as we do not have our own facilities and use only public spaces, and each session is individually risk assessed, however as best practice we will look to adopt this and BW is working on a first draft to share with committee.

- Disputes – Sharon Packer –

Welfare Officers Shelley Byles and SP, along with DP attended this webinar. A useful session to go over how clubs handle any complaints and disputes that arise. Most common issues relate to social media and disputes involving under 18's. Some scenarios were similar to complaints we have received in the past and it was reassuring to know we handle them correctly. It was also noted that when a complaint is investigated, the panel does not have to be made up entirely of committee members, it can be other members of the club with relevant skills involved. This will give greater flexibility if there are conflicts of interest within available committee members forming a investigation panel.

3. Carrot Run – Sharon Packer

This is a 5k run series where participants run a 5k and enter their time to compete against others. It is judged on a handicap basis so not necessarily the fastest person is the winner. A DRR league has been set up by Mandy Moser. If you wish to take part then download the app. DD and DP to publicise.

4. London Marathon Update – Becky Wheaver

Still no update from London marathon about how the place will be allocated this year.

5. Kukri Kit Range – Daniel Clarke

Kukri offer additional kit such as hoodies, polo shirts, shorts etc. Two ranges available, core and custom. Core range is only black, white or navy colours, if we want purple this must come from custom range. DC is awaiting prices from Kukri before further discussions about all sourcing leisure kit from Kukri or remaining with Warm Waffle. Cheque has been sent for payment of race vests/t-shirts.

6. ClubPal update – Paul Barker/Daniel Clarke

DC had a meeting with Richard, the provider of ClubPal. An account is needed to receive money from ClubPal which will then direct funds into the club bank account. Charges for this are as follows;

Square – 1.9% per transaction and fee free for first 1k of transactions

Stripe – 1.4% + 20p per transaction

ClubPal also takes a 2.5% charge, however both square and stripe are cheaper than EA fees currently, even when taken into account the ClubPal fees. Square will be the account of choice as it works out cheaper overall. DC has set up a square account and needs to run test payments, however the expectation is that 1st April 21 renewals will be done through ClubPal rather than the existing EA platform. Affiliation fees will need to be paid to EA for each member that comes through.

7. AGM Debrief – Ian Smedley

The constitution needed 25% of membership to respond to form a quorum which is 29 members, we received 31 votes of which there were 30 in support of the changes and 1 objection received. No one applied for committee roles other than JS. This is low numbers compared to previous years but DH pointed out that given the current situation it is not surprising. Now the AGM is completed for this year BW will continue with the members survey she was putting together to help us ensure we are providing what members require at sessions.

8. Membership Fees

These will be kept at 2020 prices - £25 for EA affiliated and £15 for social/2nd claim

9. 10K race – Ian Smedley

We are keen to hold a race this year but 2021 is still posing Covid difficulties. NRRL will be holding a smaller league this year and would like us to hold an event in September, however with the number of events that are pushed back to this time of year finding a suitable date could be tricky. The event requires a considerable number of volunteers, many of whom may not be willing to be involved as Covid is still circulating, many members will also be committed elsewhere with rescheduled events, October in particular is busy with a high level of entries at London, Chester, Liverpool and Snowdonia marathons, and several local events also already in the calendar that month.

If restrictions are still in place our course is unsuitable for the EA guidelines due to too many narrow sections and areas where the course crosses. It would also be impossible to offer a staggered start as we would have people running towards the finish, as we are trying to start new runners through it. The course does require to be remeasured this year so it might be worth having a back up course in mind.

We also require sponsors as the event would make a loss without their contribution, with many businesses struggling for the last 12 months, this may be harder to come by than in previous years.

11. Emails for non-FB users – Sharon Packer

We are aware that not all members are on Facebook, but with the EA email system very unreliable there is a worry that communications may be missed by those people. ClubPal has a reliable email function, and when membership is moved onto this platform we will start to use that for communications so hopefully there will be no issues.

12. AOB –

SP going to look into the Mental Health Champions scheme organised by EA and report back.

WB reports that we currently only have three runleaders available to take sessions unsupervised (DC, WB and BW) Paul McColm is recovering from injury and hopes to be back with us soon. DP only needs to complete his filming and submit to EA, this is scheduled for 10th April and PB is also undergoing his initial training. This will take us to 6 runleaders, however as we have increased the number of sessions we are running we would like to get a few more people trained up. If anyone would like to be a runleader then please message WB on wbytes74@gmail.com to find out how to get involved.