Annual General Meeting of the West Sussex Fun Run League

Held at Steyning Athletics Club, Sunday 14th January 2018, 10:00am.

Minutes.

Three club reps enjoyed a pre-meeting run. Thanks to Steve Jones for opening the clubhouse before we ran and making sure we had hot water ready for showering afterwards.

Present: Representatives from all 17 member clubs. Also present; Mark Clawson, Crawley Run Crew; Ray Chick, Treasurer; Victoria Saunders, Chair; Phil McErlain, Statistician.

1. Introduction of all reps and welcome to any new reps

A formal introduction of all reps attending with a warm welcome to new reps, Anne Miners and Fiona Jamie taking over from Brigitte Groves at Arena 80AC; Ryan Gregory taking over from Dave Harris at Goring Road Runners and Kerry Moran taking over from Gemma Shadbolt at Hove Hornets. Thank you to the retiring reps for all the work you’ve done over the years.

We rearranged the agenda slightly to hear a short presentation by Mark Clawson of Crawley Run Crew who were applying to become members of the League. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that they should be allowed to join the League. They have formed a race committee and are looking at hosting an event which, in the long term, would be held in the spring before the Easter Monday race at Lewes.

2. Matters arising from the previous AGM and half-year meeting

The Facebook page has been up and running for some time now and seems to be an excellent way of communicating between member clubs. Jill suggested that it could be opened up to non-reps who are involved in League events

Reminder from Ray. For insurance purposes, risk analyses are to be retained for 3 years.

Matt Lambert had enquired about a possible social event for the League. It was decided that a social event would not be viable but there should be formal presentation of awards and recognition of completers before the start of the Lewes 10km.

3. Review of 2017

Phil had produced and circulated a comprehensive series of spread sheets comparing figures from 2017 to previous years. He proposed that participation points should be increased from 25 to 30 however it was voted that we should remain at 25.

It was agreed that Phil would look into the figures for possibly introducing an award for the club which showed the biggest percentage increase in participation.

For 2017 there were 27 completers from 11 different clubs including 2 from the Crawley Run Crew. Jill will be in touch shortly to ask for T-shirt requirements. The colour will be ‘sun yellow’.

4. League Administration

All 17 existing clubs confirmed membership for 2018. Also, as previously mentioned, Crawley Run Crew will also be members of the League.

Jill circulated a list of contact details which now has a couple more alterations. This will be re-circulated. Please inform Jill immediately of any changes so the list can be kept up to date throughout the year.

Race fees for 2018 are to remain at £3 for 2018 but we will vote at the half yearly meeting to decide if they should change for 2019 as there was a view by some reps that they are set too low. Entries on the day are problematic for some clubs so to encourage runners to enter in advance we agreed that the host club should be able to charge a higher fee for late entries.

It was agreed that junior entries should remain at £1 for all categories.

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| Current fees | Senior WSFRL | Senior non-league | Junior WSFRL | Junior non-league |
| In advance | £3 | £7 | £1 | £1 |
| On the day | £10 | £12 | £1 | £1 |

Please note ‘senior’ refers to the senior race and ‘junior’ refers to the junior race regardless of age.

This is the maximum permitted, not the minimum.

The scoring system is to remain the same in 2018 as it was in 2017

Ray had prepared income and expenditure figures and his Treasurers Report (circulated to all reps) and was able to show the latest bank statement showing the monies held by the League. At his recommendation we voted to keep subscriptions at £80 for all clubs for 2018. Please remember to send these to him by the end of January.

6. Election of officers and thanks for work done this year

As there were no offers to take over the roles of Chairperson, Treasurers, Statistician, Secretary or Web-manager the existing officers were thanked and re-elected.

7. Looking forward to 2018

Event program. A draft calendar had previously been circulated with dates based on the 2017 calendar. This will be re-circulated when it has been finalised. Please note Arena 80AC will definitely host a scoring junior event but may also hold other non-scoring junior runs too. Tilgate Forest will be held on the 23rd September and The Hickstead Gallop will be on 14th October. Worthing Harriers are looking to hold their event in September and Crawley Run Crew will advise as soon as they have something in place. It is hoped that in 2019 CRC will be able to host their event in early spring, in 2018 they may have a trial run in autumn.

It was decided that Hangover 5 should be the first race of 2019 again so will not count towards the 2018 completers.

8. AOB

Reps are reminded to use the Smart Rrs program for club entries. You need to enable macros and use the entry page NOT type directly onto the spread sheet.

Please remember to give any name changes to the race organiser on the day of the race preferably before the start of the day. It’s very frustrating to publish the results only for somebody to send their name changes particularly if gender changes are involved.

Accident at Highdown Hike. The lady who slipped on the chalk was not following marshals instructions. Please can all runners make sure they follow instructions given for the safety of all.

9. The half yearly meeting is to be held on Sunday 29th July after the Henfield Joggers Seven Stiles Race. Steve Jones (Steyning AC) offered to check availability of the clubhouse at Steyning.

Thank you to Steve Jones and Steyning AC for making their facilities available at their clubhouse.

Awards Presentations these were not given out because Jill forgot to ask last year’s winners to bring them back. They will be awarded at Lewes on Easter Monday before the start of the 10km.