Agenda

For the mid-year meeting of the West Sussex Fun Run League

To be held in the Steyning clubhouse on Sunday 3rd September

after the Tilgate Forest run approx. 1:00pm

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|  |  | By whom | Duration |
| 1 | Introduction of all reps and welcome to any new rep | All | 5 mins |
| 2 | Confirmation of contact details – (by email in advance to Jill please) | Jill/All | 5 mins |
| 3 | Confirmation of dates for remaining races. | All | 10 mins |
| 4 | Updates from League Statistician | Phil | 10 mins |
| 5 | Entry fees for the 2024 seasonThis item is discussed and voted on at this meeting as by November some clubs will have already issued their entry forms | All | 5 mins |
| 6 | 2024 Event calendar. Please liaise with other clubs who hold their events near to yours to avoid lengthy discussion at the AGM | All | 10 mins |
| 7 | Replacement for Smart Rrs update | Henry | 15 mins |
| 8 | 2 clubs have successfully used numbers with barcodes for their races this year. Any questions? | Jill/Phil | 5mins |
| 9 | Timely production and distribution of race results including updates. | All | 5 mins |
| 10 | Reminder that the League needs to find a new Secretary. | All | 5 mins |
| 11 | AOB | All | 10 mins |
| 12 | Agree date and time of AGM in November at SteyningSunday 26th November? | All/SAC | 5 mins |

 90 mins

Minutes

From the mid-year meeting of the West Sussex Fun Run League

Held in the Steyning clubhouse on Sunday 3rd September

after the Tilgate Forest run start 1:30pm

The meeting stared a little after 1:30 as I had miscalculated the time needed to get to Steyning after the race at Crawley.

1. Representatives from 14 of the 17 member clubs with apologies from, Goring RR and Worthing Harriers. No rep from Lewes AC
2. Contact details have been updated. A copy is now on the website and will be circulated with these minutes.
3. The remaining 4 races for this year are to go ahead as scheduled. Bryan Darney (GRR) notified me by email that the Hangover 5 is set to go ahead on the 1st January 2024 as the first race of next season. Fittleworth Flyers were please to let us know that they plan to host a brand new event on Sunday 17th March at a new venue, more details to be announced at the AGM.
4. Phil McErlain (statistician) tells us that senior numbers are slightly up on last year although still lower than pre-pandemic levels. Over the events that have held junior races there is also an increase since last year.
5. Club reps were reminded that the constitution states that race fees should be kept as low as possible to encourage participation.

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|  | Senior WSFRL | Senior non-league | Junior WSFRL | Junior non-league |
| In advance | £7 | £10 | £2 | £2 |
| On the day | £10 | £12 | £2 | £2 |

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. Most clubs still charge just £5 entry fee. A unanimous vote was carried that the costs in this table this should not be exceeded.

1. Clubs whose races are close together in the calendar as asked to liaise to give a gap between races. Hove Hornets thought that their race being just a few days after the Round Hill Romp may have had a negative impact on their attendance figures.
2. Henry Harris (Crawley Run Crew) gave a presentation for an update of Smart RRs. He has come up with a replacement that will be ‘cloud’ based and removes the need for any computer software other than an internet browser. Everybody was given a printed hand-out and Henry emailed a copy to all the next day. The new system was very positively received and will be trialled, alongside the old program, at the Horsham run in November. Many thanks to Henry for his work on this.
3. Using barcodes on numbers has been used at a few races this year with great success. It is faster and more accurate and, even better, totally compatible with Henry’s new results system. The scanners are relatively cheap - £25 to £30 and easy to use. Adding barcodes to the numbers cost about 30p extra per 100. Kerry Moran (Hove Hornets) circulated details following their race.
4. Club reps are reminded to produce results promptly after hosting a race and to update it as soon as possible as any changes are sent in.
5. Kerry Moran (Hove Hornets) is happy to take on the role of League secretary.
6. Race organisers are reminded that they must get proper permission from local authorities and landowners etc. and have an official first aid provider otherwise their insurance may be invalid.

The question of Sunday morning start times was raised – although runners would prefer an earlier start, logistically, race organisers would find this difficult to manage.

The constitution has now become out of date. We will re-word the relevant parts and bring any amendments to the AGM in November.

1. Date and time of the AGM. November 26th is unsuitable for a number of reps so an alternative date of Saturday 18th has been agreed upon. We mentioned that traditionally reps used to go for a pre-meeting run and suggested that, those who wish, attend Lancing Green parkrun before heading up to the Steyning clubhouse (Steve Jones to check availability) for the AGM suggested start time 10:30am.