

The Green Runner

April 2021



From the Chair:

It's good to see that as lockdown restrictions are easing that we have some club sessions restarting and thank you to all the members that are supporting them. I would just like to apologise to those who have not been able to book because they are filling up quickly but we are having to limit numbers due to the Covid protocols we having to follow. As you will have seen we are now bringing our virtual events to an end in April and May as hopefully we will get back to real races in the not too distant future. The RR10 series is scheduled to start in June assuming that the roadmap out of lockdown is met so that will be something to look forward to as a club as these Wednesday evening events have always been well supported by members of the club. If you are new to the club and want some more information then please feel free to ask any member of the committee or Grace Thompson our RR10 rep or by looking here – www.rr10.org.uk.

Finally everyone should have got the renewal email from Louise our club secretary so we are hopeful that you will rejoin us for the 2021/22 membership year. If you haven't seen the email please contact Louise direct at Secretary@stubbingtongreenrunners.net

Happy Running

Kevin



Captains Corner:

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So as we leave March we see positivity in Boris's roadmap with group runs starting Monday 29th March with 12 runners to a leader or coach, plus Nigel's circuit night. Time Trial will start back up on Thursday 29th April with groups of 6 going off every 5 minutes starting at 18.45. So there's lots to look forward to with the return of real races and RR10s going ahead in the Summer.

We will be scaling back the virtual races and closing these so the last day to run Lee 5k Champs, Bere Forest XC, Stubbie 10k and Blue Jean Challenge will be Sunday 25th April. Alver Valley will close on Sunday 19th May and Manor Farm XC last day is Sunday 30th May. So if you've not had the opportunity to try these yet, as the travel restrictions are beginning to ease, why not give them a try?!

The South Downs Relay teams have been announced, so congratulations to 18 runners who were lucky enough to be selected for the race on Saturday 3rd July, Men's A team – Andy Simpson, Lewis Banner, Rob Greenwood, Pere Capdevila, Chris Sandy and Tim Rolfe. For the Vets Russ Coleman, Dan Foster, Jon Warner, Lee Reynolds, Steve Dilley and Stewart Pepper. For our Ladies team we have Beccy Lord, Kelley Haniver, Nikki Roebuck, Amie Morgan, Helen Nicholls and Daisy McClements. Thank you very much to our 3 drivers and 9 marshals who have volunteered on the day to help out at Harting Down changeover.

We wish you well with your training and any events that start to feature in the diary for the month of April. As we write this the sun has made an appearance for the start of our club sessions and our Facebook page is full of happy members that have been back to running in a group again. We look forward to Easter and more good weather – perfect for running infact! Sunny but not too hot yet!

Have a happy Easter and we look forward to hearing all about your activities over the month. Also a big shout out to the Stubbies that are taking on the Goggins challenge at the very end of the month, Nigel Witcher, Sara McRitchie, Jenna Lloyd, Tracy Langdale, Mike White and Darren Tanner (I hope I've captured everyone!!)..... plus all their supporters over the 48 hours. That's 4 miles, every 4 hours they'll be running! Fantastic cause and I'm sure there are still vacancies for support runners if you get in touch with them.



AGM Meeting 23rd February 2021 – Secretary's Report & Minutes

Meeting started at 8pm via Zoom (due to current pandemic)

There were more than 68 members present.

Quorum is 15% of the membership which is 68 members.

Apologies

Will Feline, Laura Wainwright, Euan McGrath

Chairman's Report - See attached document

Treasurer's Report

Sarah Barron took everyone through the end of year accounts, including the 10k accounts and confirmed that there was a small surplus, despite halving the 2020 club subs. She confirmed that the Committee had voted to donate half of this surplus to our charities for the next 12 months. With regards to 2021 subs, things should hopefully be restarting soon and funds will be needed to support race costs, leaders courses, leagues subs and socials so it was proposed that the subs remain at £16 (£5 for under 21s); this was put to a vote and unanimously agreed. Sarah pointed out that the Harts 4 costs all balance out apart from us agreeing to bear the administrative fee on the entry refunds. Sarah also confirmed that she has now closed the PayPal account so all future payments will be made directly into the Club bank account. The surplus in the 10k accounts covers the costs ahead of next year and the surplus on the main club account means we are in a healthy position for the future.

Secretary's Report

Club continues to be affiliated to England Athletics and there are currently 495 members, down from 538 last year. This is made up as follows;

- 241 male members (only 9 less than last year), 254 female members (a reduction of 34 from last year)
- Totals include 18 honorary members
- 47 new members (joined since 1st April 2020)
- UKA affiliated members = 369 up from 346 last year!
- 182 male UKA which is 75.5% of male membership
- 187 female UKA which is 73.6% of female membership

So our overall membership has dropped slightly from last year but this is to be expected, given the various restrictions that have occurred due to the pandemic and it's really pleasing to see the number of you that have stayed with us during this time. The surprising number is the increased amount of affiliated members which is great to see as England Athletics need our support more than ever at the moment. For your information, back in 2017 our total overall membership was 368 so we have still grown a lot since then!

The UKA fee will be remaining at £15 for the year 2021/22. England Athletics had planned a £1 increase last year but due to the pandemic they removed the increase and are sticking with £15 again this year.

Club Coach Report – See attached document

Ladies' Captain Report – See attached document

Mens' Captain Report – See attached document

Committee Election

Kevin confirmed that all Committee members were up for re-election this year with the exception of Lindsay Pratt (a General Committee Member) who is standing down this year. Tina Mackay has been nominated as a replacement.

Nominations	Nominated by
Chairman – Kevin Ashman	Louise Tanner
Vice Chairman – Sara McRitchie	Sarah Barron
Secretary – Louise Tanner	Kevin Ashman
Treasurer – Sarah Barron	Sara McRitchie
Coach – Mike White	Andy White
Men's Captain – Andy Simpson	Marcus Lee
Ladies Captain – Lisa Donn	Andy Simpson

General Committee

Marcus Lee	Lisa Donn
Andy White	Mike White
Tina Mackay	Louise Tanner

Non Committee

HRRL – Wendy Hawxwell
RR10 – Grace Tyrell
CC6 – Sally McGrath
Hants Cross Country – Andy Simpson

Nominations were put to a vote which was unanimously in favour of supporting the above.

Facebook Advertising

Kevin took Members through the proposal and the arguments for and against:

The Facebook group has been free of any member's business advertising since we set it up. The committee have decided that any change to this needs to be agreed by the membership at the AGM rather than making a decision at a committee meeting. There are differing views in the committee and a number who would benefit from any change so I will lay out the arguments for and against the proposal to allow the membership to vote on this proposal .

PROPOSAL

The proposal is that we allow members to advertise their businesses on our club Facebook page, providing it is running related. Fareham Crusaders have adopted this approach and it works very well.

Each particular business is allowed to advertise only once in a calendar month, regardless of how many services they offer. The post goes to an administrator to approve before it is then shared on the main club page.

We often see members posting and asking for recommendations on a variety of running related goods and services, so we know that there is the requirement for that knowledge and that we would rather obtain that from fellow members rather than just googling it. For those that are then a member and a relevant business owner, we can be entrusted to share reputable advice, goods and services, where the members can have that additional reassurance of it being from someone they know. People are also now more mindful of supporting local businesses.

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL

We have tried to keep the Facebook group non commercial and simply to reflect the exploits of the membership as far as running is concerned and believe this should continue . Word of mouth and other communication means that a lot of members are aware of the offerings of various businesses within the club without the need for advertising on the SGR group. Members are also free to advertise their businesses on their wall , which will allow a substantial number of members to see as they will have Facebook friends within the club. . Any member can ask for recommendations at any time and then all members who have relevant businesses or knowledge are able to, and already do, comment and let members know they can help, so there is no need to add to the workload of a committee member.

If the decision is to support advertising then the committee will work out the mechanics for this and publish these following their March committee meeting. If an advert is approved this does not mean that the club is endorsing the goods or service merely that they have met the criteria for approval.

Members were invited to vote and voted against the proposal to allow advertising.

London Marathon

Louise Tanner provided an updated on the London Marathon places.

Full details of Club places that we will be allocated are due to be provided in March so at present, we do not know how many we will be allocated for the October 2021 marathon. However, there are some decisions that we would like to invite members to make, in preparation for this:

1) Nichola Roebuck received a Club place for the 2020 marathon but due to injury, passed this onto our reserve, Amy Fox. At the time we hadn't appreciated the fact that Nichola could have deferred her club place to 2021 and in view of Covid, the race was postponed anyway. In view of this, the Committee would like to offer Nichola one of our Club places for this year but we need your agreement and so would like to put this to a vote.

2) With regards to any remaining places that the Club may be allocated, we propose that the criteria for October 2021 places be changed for this year only, due to the restrictions that have been in place over the past year. We propose to change the criteria to the following;

1. Must have been a member since 1st April 2020
2. Must be affiliated
3. Must provide proof of a ballot rejection

Members voted in favour of both proposals.

The meeting closed at 21:27