

Evesham Vale Running Club Committee

A meeting of the Evesham Vale Running Club committee was held at the Trumpet, Evesham on 17th June 2019.

Attendees

Present

Aly Grout, David Mitchell, Fliss Read, Jill Moore, Sam Townsend, Shawn Townsend, Tom Doggett

Apologies

Elaine Clarke, Lynn Frost

Items of discussion

Approval of previous minutes

Approved; 'Am' changed to 'Sam'! Otherwise no corrections.

Review of minor actions

David to discuss BBQ / run options with Marcus & Kirsty

It's likely that organising any sort of proper run will be too difficult, so we will advise people to run before they arrive if they want to.

Shawn to delete unnecessary admins from Facebook group

Done.

Tom to take control of Google accounts, website

Done. There is also a Facebook 'page' (rather than 'group') which we could make members-only. This could be used to announce social events, runs etc. which would only be seen by EVRC members, but the admins would control what was posted. This would keep the 'open' group active, which is beneficial for attracting members.

Action: Tom to get access from Clive.

Tom to confirm current constitution

Done.

Club run nights, efforts, parkrun tourism

Shawn confirmed you do need to be a member to run with the club, although we have no formal process for managing this – we just need to keep an eye on who is turning up.

Evesham parkrun takeover 22nd June; junior parkrun

The 22nd June parkrun takeover is organised and going ahead as planned. Tom raised the possibility of doing a junior parkrun takeover too, as they have been struggling for volunteers and it would help to raise awareness. We could also do an occasional 'social run' starting immediately after junior parkrun to encourage people to get involved.

Shawn suggested ideas like 'run to a pub', and Sam is planning other events such as afternoon teas.

10k letter delivery 24th June

Tom to ask Colin to send the letter template to Lynn / Sam so it can be updated for Shawn to print.

BBQ 1st July at Upper Haselor Farm

Marcus & Kirsty are providing coals and salad. We're not sure about napkins etc. – Tom to check. Members will need to bring any meat / bread / other food / drink they want.

2019 Christmas Party

We believe Lyndsey has booked the football club, but Jill will check and confirm.

Options were discussed to make the event cheaper or different, e.g. no food, nibbles only, or something more interesting than a 'normal' buffet/finger food. No decisions were made but we can discuss further. It was agreed to present the members with a decision, rather than to ask for ideas.

Future club events / promotions

"It's a Knockout"

Nothing planned for now.

Milton Keynes March 2020

We tried to hire a coach in the past, but people wanted to travel on their own due to different finishing times, convenience etc. Agreed it might be better to focus on smaller events like parkrun tourism, which is working well.

Endure

David would like to put a team together, but it's expensive for one person to pay for a whole team. He suggested asking people to pay up-front, and then they will be allocated teams as enough numbers become available. David to organise.

Social afternoon / evenings

Nothing specific apart from the BBQ on 1st July, but we can just keep putting suggestions out to members.

Local races / time trials

Hard to organise 'small' races in town, and we're not sure of other suitable routes at the moment – perhaps around Charity Crescent. It's less important to have time trials etc. now we have parkrun every Saturday.

Emails to members

Tom reported that Mailchimp would work fine to send emails to members and agreed to set it up.

Clothing order plans / ideas

Our supplier Zoe is already offering us absolute rock-bottom prices, and we can't get anything lower for a bulk order.

Free membership for committee members

Everyone agreed that a free year's membership would be given to any committee member who attended 10 out of the 12 meetings.

David asked if there was any process for replacing committee members who left partway through the year, hopefully the constitution will give details when Tom shares it.

Current membership level

146 paid members: 150 are needed for an extra marathon place.

Finance

Aly reported that the Treasurers account has a balance of £1,288.02, and the Holdings account has a balance of £4,963.36.

Club Flags

Shawn is currently pricing new club flags. David suggested Simon at Signs R Us is worth contacting, and that there should be a formal 'sign-out / sign-in' process for using the flags, with the person who accepts responsibility covering the cost if they lose them.

The Trumpet

The landlady has asked Sam if we could be more considerate as people are complaining they're not able to drive by past when members are congregating before the run – also club members are using the toilets but not spending any money.

There are other options – Market Place or the Leisure Centre, although there have been a few issues with the Leisure Centre too.

Fliss suggested speaking to Orto Lounge in Market Place to see if they would be willing to let us use the toilets.

The landlord of the Trumpet heard us discussing it and said he had no problem with people using the toilets, and we agreed to not change anything for now but to monitor the situation.

Next meeting – 15th July

Items for next meeting

- Review actions, below
- Social run ideas
- Junior parkrun takeover
- Christmas party
- Subway claiming affiliation / support

Actions

Action	Responsible	Due date?
Get control of Facebook page	Tom	
Share constitution	Tom	
Ask Colin to share letter to Lynn/Sam	Tom	
Update letters	Lynn / Sam	
Print letters	Shawn	
Confirm streets / addresses for delivery	Shawn	
Check napkins / condiments for BBQ with Marcus	Tom	
Confirm football club booking for Christmas party	Jill	
Start Endure 2020 organisation	David	
Setup members email system	Tom	
Confirm flag prices	Shawn	
Speak to Orto Lounge re. using toilets etc.	Fliss	