

Denmead Striders Running Club

Committee Meeting

Date: 25th August 2020

Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

Present	Apologies
Clare Welch	Julia Revill
Lisa Peckover	Gary Armstrong
Stuart Hoare	Mel Hunt
Kirsty Aked	
Paul Welch	
Graham Clarke	
Gary McCawley	
Simon Toms	
Nick Giffiths	

1. Committee Meeting.

1.1 Club Chairman

Clare Welch reported;

So with the Summer Training schedule nearing to an end it is hard to believe we have not actually had one! 2020 the year that training never happened.

All the preparation and notes in the world would never have prepared me to take over as Chairman and basically take on a virtual role –it has been interesting to say the least.

At our last committee meeting I was hopeful that this would only last a few months at worst but now I am wondering when we will come back to some normality.

I am hopeful that we can get back to some form of training and again would like to thank Gary McCawley for all his updates on social media keeping members motivated to go out and train. We have seen a lot of little groups doing this which is great to see. Gary has been instrumental in looking into the EA Guidance too which is very much appreciated and something we will discuss later.

Unfortunately I am not sure we can plan too far ahead at the moment as everything seems to evolve and change and with Autumn/Winter soon upon us who knows what will happen.

I think the key over the next few months is for the committee to keep up to speed with their side of things and communicate back and take things from there. It really is going to be an evolving situation which we will have to adapt and overcome as we go along.

If anyone does have any thoughts on anything then I would welcome any input.

1.2 Vice Chairman

Julia Revill had nothing to report.

1.3 Club Secretary

Lisa Peckover reported;

Martin Shaws DBS application was verified. I was approached by a non-member to verify their DBS application and asked the committee if they had any objections to me doing this in the future. There were no objections.

There are coaches on the EA secretary portal that have not uploaded their qualifications. I will ask all the coaches to keep their EA profiles up to date. There are also ex members that are still showing as coaches on our portal. It was agreed I will remove these.

ACTION LP

Matters Arising from 12th May meeting:

EA Mental Health Ambassador – We've yet to hear back from Catherine Arnold, Clare Welch will try to make contact again.

ACTION CW

Welfare Officer – Lisa Peckover contacted EA, they confirmed that all clubs should have at least one Welfare Officer. The role and responsibilities overview were received, it was also confirmed that the person taking on the role would need to complete an online safeguarding course. Lisa to email round the details. Nick showed an interest in taking on the role.

ACTION LP

Coaching – Gary McCawley has spoken with Martin Parfitt who confirmed the qualifications he holds and his interest in other LRF courses. We have enough coaches at this time.

Coaches Kit – Gary McCawley to email ideas to all coaches.

ACTION GM

Reminder to all committee members to write up their roles and send to Clare.

1.4 Club Treasurer

Stuart Hoare reported;

No movement on money over the past period. Funds currently £3,500.

1.5 Membership Secretary

Julia Revill had nothing to report.

1.6 Club Captains:

Ladies: Kirsty Aked reported;

The first few races of the HRRL have been cancelled. It's not certain what will happen with the league next season.

Men: Gary Armstrong had nothing to report

1.7 X-Country Representative.

First off, there is some sad news:

Bob Ayer

We received news last week that Bob Ayer, for many years the organiser and Chairman of the SCCL, passed away recently.

Bob spent countless hours leading the league, helping organise events, posting news and results, and even holding club rep meetings at his house.

The league will look to organise a fitting tribute to Bob in due course.

Rory Horseman

Rory has been co-chairman of the league with me for the past two seasons. Following a ramp-up in the level of time that Rory needs to spend on his new business, he has decided to step down from his role with the SCCL with immediate effect.

Avi Govind will continue to be chairman

New season

Obviously there have been very few races taking place recently, although we have seen some running events returning in the past few weeks.

These have typically been trail races with individual or very small group starts.

Given the numbers taking part in some of our SCCL events, which can be above 500, it is felt that staggered starts in small groups would be impractical as they put further logistical strain and time demands on the organising clubs - this also doesn't allow the nature of racing against people from other clubs in the way the league intends.

The league, therefore, will not look to hold any fixtures **until at least the end of this year.**

Note that we are not cancelling the league, and as restrictions on athletics events hopefully continue to ease, we hope that we can at least have one or two races taking place at the start of next year.

1.8 Striders League.

Graham Clarke had nothing to report.

1.9 Social.

Clare Welch will look to arrange a virtual quiz night in the coming weeks.

ACTION CW

Christmas Party – It was decided we will leave the arrangements as they are for now and address again at the next committee meeting.

2.0 Coaching.

Gary McCawley has put together a proposed plan to restart training sessions. This was discussed in detail with the committee. The following suggestions have been put forward as a starting point with a trial period of six weeks:

- Training to start on Wednesday 16th September.
- Training will be on a Wednesday night only
- The sessions will be split into three different venues, the venue to be attended will depend on an individual's level. The levels will be confirmed before sessions commence based on members race times. Members are not to switch levels/venues.
- Member names will need to be taken before the start of all sessions

Coaches will have the right to cancel a session if members do not adhere to the new guidelines surrounding training.

Gary McCawley has kindly put himself forward to be our Covid Officer which is now required. He will send out an email to all coaches with the new training plan and ask them to put together a kit list of things they will need, hand sanitisers, clipboards, etc. Clare Welch offered to buy the supplies.

ACTION GM & CW

3.0 Members Representatives.

Simon Toms has been asked about the possibility of a discount of the club element of our membership fee. It was decided we may look at this later this year.

Mel Hunt had nothing to report.

4.0 Denmead 10k Committee.

Nick Griffiths reported that the Denmead 10k has been cancelled in October. The cheque for £50 for the use of the Scout Hut has been returned to us.

5.0 A.O.B.

5.1 Awards – As a result of no races being held at present it would be difficult put on the awards. Ultimately it was decided next years awards will not go ahead.

5.2 Club Championship - It was agreed to be discussed in further detail when races are going ahead again.

Next Meeting

To be arranged