

Hardley Runners

Minutes of AGM

7.30 pm Monday 8 February 2016

Waterside Club, Long Lane, Holbury, Southampton

Attendees

J Anglim
M Anglim
C Aplin
J Barber
M Barber
P Blundell
A Bruce-Low
M Callus
T Earney
M Farmer
C Harris
I Hawker
S Henry
H Hinks
S Hood
S Ibbotson
A Kellaway
M Lee
A Mudle
L Noke
R Noke
M Renyard
B Shearsmith
P Shearsmith
S Stone
R Van Hal

Apologies

T Anglim
B Clark
M Clark
D McElhenny
P Butler
H McLuckie
L Stovell
D Lushington
M Sidhu
I Banks
J Simmonds
K Shiels
G Lawrenson
S Renyard

2. 2014 AGM Minutes

The 2014 Minutes and Finances were available on the HR website, were circulated before the meeting, and were proposed and seconded as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: M Anglim

Seconded: J Barber

3. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman welcomed all present at the AGM and recorded the apologies. He thanked members who continue to support the club. I would as always like to thank our long serving Club Secretary, Ray Noke, Mick Anglim our President, Jan Anglim our Treasurer, without their longstanding support the club would not be what it is today, and of course the other committee members old and new. As a club Hardley Runners continues to attract significant numbers of runners, whether this is just for keep fit, weight loss, training for the RR10, HCCL, HRRL or other running events, the club continues to support all aspects of running and welcomes runners of any standard, and hopefully we present ourselves as a friendly and sociable club, and on the social front not forgetting the several social events where we manage to combine running, drinking, dancing, and eating, not necessarily all at the same time, all of this cannot be achieved without the valued contributions from not only the Committee but all of our members.

As my first year as chairman, it's been an interesting year, with a few responsibilities and tasks appearing that were not in the job description, one of the notable changes as many members are now aware is the club signed up to enable online membership this year, which has presented few challenges, however it is our hope that the majority of members will now use this method to pay their yearly subs.

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On the competitive scene, our thanks as always go to our Race Captains for rallying teams in the four local leagues the Hampshire Road Race League, Cross Country League, RR10 and CC6/7 with thanks to all the captains including the outgoing Lisa Lewis for the RR10, Ian Banks for the HCCL, Ian Ordish for the CC6/7, and of course myself for the HRRL, all have worked hard this year to field teams in these events.

As always thanks go to our fantastic coaches Chris, Steve, Andy, Kim, and Ian Ordish who has returned to running after injury and time out. They all continue to provide excellent support and encouragement to a growing number of members of all abilities. Also I'd like to add an extra special mention to Chris, Paul, and Kim for supporting the new runners group last year, and starting again this year.

Thanks to Kim Cotton our new Membership Secretary taking over from Helen McLuckie, and managing the new online membership tools, Kim Shiels and Steve Henry for our Social Committee, organising the Awards and Christmas events with great success last year.

The RR10 Summer Series requires a special mention, as this league has been so popular it has actually outgrown itself and has now required reorganisation of the events, Hardley will still be supporting this under our new team Captain, Steve Bennett, with members still running all the allowed events, and Hardley managing our own RR10 at Blackfield under Steve's guidance.

The Winter CC6/7 League also continues to thrive with Ian Ordish doing a great job encouraging Hardley Runners participation and organising another excellent race this year, though not quite sure why it felt like I had run around the course 3 times prior to the event, however a great course and a great event, with thanks yet again to all those who helped, and to the ladies and gents who supplied the cakes. It is with regret that Ian has announced he is standing down from this role, and we will need to find a replacement.

The HCCL has always been a challenge and special thanks, go to Ian Banks for running these teams, and sticking with the club in getting members to participate, just can't think why anyone would rather not be running around muddy field on a Saturday afternoon, and it would be great to see a few new faces. Not forgetting Hardley will be hosting the last event of the season at Dibden on 13th February so anyone who can help please let Mick know.

The Solent Half Marathon was again a great success due to the hard work of our Race Directors, Chris Harris and Mick Anglim and their sub-committee. Allowing a substantial contribution to local charities, it is my hope that under the same leadership this year we can increase the number of runners, and fill the race to its limit.

Exbury 5, run as for the last few years by Sue Stone with help from Martin Loveless (now in a warmer climate) this year we have a new team of helpers and hopefully by the time of this AGM this will be well underway, but not forgetting that once again we rely on our members to help support this event with again proceeds to local Charities, this year I believe Alzheimer's.

Thanks to Jeremy Barber, our excellent Webmaster and Geoff Mills Trophy Recorder. It still amazes most of us how quickly the site updates occur so much so, its often easier to find your race results on our website, than the race organisers.

John Simmonds our Communications Co-ordinator, who has now stepped down from this role, and newer technology is helping to make this task easier for the club now.

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Sue Renyard our Publicity Officer and Sue Sleath our Race Diary Compiler, who between them ensure that members and the wider world are kept informed about events and results. Communications through these various channels are essential to keep this club thriving. Please keep the news flowing to help Sue publicise the club.

Leonora Stovell who with Jan, ensures that members have club and safety kit available for the training nights and club races, with regret we have to announce Leonora is also stepping down this year.

Applemore Recreation Centre continues to provide a convenient training venue, although our coaches have also organised popular sessions at Gang Warily and Southampton Sports Centre, with most appreciating the summer months when we can run in the forest.

I finally like to thank anyone else who I have forgotten to mention in supporting the club by marshalling, printing flyers, attending committee meetings, buddying new members on training nights etc. Please join me in showing our appreciation to everyone who has spent time and effort putting ideas into practice for the enjoyment of us all.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Accounts Report for 2015 was distributed for information to those present at the meeting and explained in detail by the Club Treasurer (available upon application to the Treasurer). These accounts were audited by A Suswain (former Club Treasurer).

Membership subscriptions to raise for the next membership year from £10, to £15, it was noted that membership fees had not changed since 2008, and even at £15 represents excellent value for money compared to other clubs, those using the training runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays this represents around 7p a session, club membership fees cover much more through affiliation to athletics bodies such as EA, ARC, HRRL, also fees for CC7, RR10, events to name a few, all of these providing liability insurance covering runners at these events.

It should be noted that the club has actually run at a significant loss over the last year, and the working capital of the club needs to be restored, as we will also need to fund this year new storage facilities, currently we share these with the Guides at around £200 a year, this may raise to around £600 a year if we cannot find alternative storage, currently this has not been included in the increase in fees, however it is hoped that by the next AGM we will know the full cost for this.

Included in the new membership fees are the credit card charges that have to be paid for processing card payments between 2.95%, and 3.96% of the fees subsequently the following charges will apply.

Hardley Membership Fee £15

EA Membership £13.50

Social and out of county membership £5

15-18 Year olds still £0

The recommended payment method for club fee's is via the Pysubsonline website, however a link to a printable form will be provided on the Hardley website, for those wishing to pay by cheque or cash, fees as above.

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Note: Hardley membership fee's still represent one of the lowest club fee's around, with the choice for the optional EA if you need it, I discovered recently that one of our local Southampton clubs the fees are £70 though this is extreme and covers additional extraordinary club expenses

Proposed: I Hawker

Seconded: I Ordish

5. Re-Election of Officers

A re-election of officers was proposed (*changes in italics.*)

President	Mick Anglim
Chairman	Adrian Mudle
Secretary	Ray Noke
Treasurer	Jan Anglim
Membership Secretary	<i>Kim Cotton</i>
Webmaster	Jeremy Barber
Hants Road Race Captain	Adrian Mudle (men & ladies)
Cross Country Captain	Ian Banks
RR10 Captain	<i>Steve Bennett</i>
CC6 Captain	<i>Simon Ibbotson</i>
Tri Captain	[Vacant] – Mick Anglim deputising
Club Coach	Chris Harris, Steve Henry, Andy Simpson
Events Listing	Sue Sleath
Events Listing (Applemore)	Chris Harris
Club Kit	<i>Marilyn Farmer</i>
Publicity Officer	Sue Renyard
Social Committee	Steve Henry
Exbury 10K	Sue Stone, <i>Andy Simpson</i>
Solent Half Marathon	Ray Noke, Mick Anglim, Race New Forest, Gang Warily Centre, Jan Anglim, Judy Bannister (Marshalling), Tiffany Hanley, Adrian Mudle

Proposed: R Noke

Seconded: M Callus

6. Membership Secretary's Report

For those not already aware Kim Cotton kindly took over as membership secretary when Helen McLuckie left to start her new family, please bear with her for the new membership year as I'm sure there may be a few challenges for those renewing there memberships online for the first time.

The club has 197 total members, with 74 currently registered with EA. According to last years AGM minutes, membership is up by 13. The online system is proving popular, and 45 people have joined that way since the system went live in April 2015.

I have recently had release forms to sign from John McKenzie and Sue Sleath requesting a change of first claim club from Hardley.

Membership renewals due 1st April 2016.

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7. Club Kit

Now under the management of Marilyn Farmer, it has been proposed that the kit will be in future stored at "The Carpet and Bed Company" at 9 The Marsh, Hythe, this will allow members to pick up kit during normal shop hours, with payment (in cash please) providing we hope a convenient location, with easy access to club kit. Also in the past the club has subsidise the kit, in future this subsidy will be removed.

Kit stock & price list displayed on the Hardley website.

8. Cross Country

We are currently 4 races into the Hampshire cross country league season with only the home venue race at Dibden on Saturday 13th Feb remaining. I am looking for a good turn out and it would be good to see a few new faces, and possibly some of the more youthful members running.

Hardley have finished a men's team in each of the races so far this year and are currently positioned 7th in Senior men's Division 2 and also 7th in the Vets Division 1. Provided that we finish a team in the final race this year we should avoid relegation this year. Maintaining our place in the seniors has been a real achievement for the club as the average age of our club members is well into the veteran categories!

A particular mention should go to the Ladies (Chris Harris, Mel King, Debbie Copsy-Blake and Liz Young) who completed a Ladies team at Popham.

Hardley Runners also had a day out at Biggleswade for the Masters XC, the bus was expertly driven by Mick (thank you). We had 9 runners (6 men and 3 ladies). The star turn was Sir Malc who romped away to another victory in the V70 race, well done, again.

The Hampshire Championships took place in January at a new venue (Fairthorne Manor) and as usual was extremely well contested at the front, with a strong contingency of 6 Hardley runners chasing hard a bit further down the field. The venue made good use of the facilities with most of the exceptionally wet and muddy areas being fully utilised, almost as muddy as a Parliament Hills course. A special mention for Mark Causebrook who is running extremely well and finished 29th against some very fast youngsters.

9. Hants Road Race League

After the Ryde 10M we are half way through the races. Hardley's team positions are men 7th Division 2, ladies 6th Division 2. Eastleigh 10K has been chosen as the Club Championships. Salisbury 10 is the next event. Please make all efforts to enter and make up the teams.

10. CC6 League

The following report was received from CC6 Captain Ian Ordish.

- Following race 5 of the series, which took place on the 11th Jan at Badgers farm, I can report the latest team placements are:
- The men hold 6th place,
- Ladies are 8th and we are 6th in the combined Team Trophy.
- Attendance to the CC6 events this year has been significantly down on last year.
- If we compare the number of Hardley runners attending the events to the same stage last year we would see 39 men compared to the 25 this year.
- In the case of the ladies we had 16 ladies last year compared to only 9 this year.

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- Please, if you can, try and support the club in the remaining fixtures, the next of which is Totton's at Dennywood on Feb 15th.
- Many thanks, to all who have attended events, especially to the 4 men and 1 lady who have managed to make all the available race so far.

I have run the CC6/7 races for the last three years and am stepping down at the end of the season. Simon Ibbotson has agreed and been voted in to take my place, please give him your support, when he takes over in earnest at the start of the next season.

11. RR10

Apologies for not attending due to family commitment. Here follows the RR10 Report.

2015 Season Review

Lisa Lewis - The end of the 2015 season saw Lisa Lewis stand down as captain of the Hardley RR10 season. Lisa did a fantastic job of leading, welcoming and supporting all runners as well as undertaking the organisation of our own race and representing the club at the RR10 meetings. Lisa stands down with our thanks.

Title Winners

Mike Clarke won the 2015 Men's V70 category.

Best Finishers

Ben Andrew finished 13th= overall and was the highest classified Hardley man.

Vicki Clarke finished 37th overall and was the highest classified Hardley lady.

Team Positions

Hardley's Men's team finished in 9th position (Up from 13th in 2014) and we fielded teams down to an E team at one event.

Hardley's Ladies team finished in 15th position, maintaining their 2014 position and we fielding teams down to a C team at one event.

Entrants

41 Hardley men competed in at least one event. 22 Hardley men competed in at least 6.

20 Hardley ladies competed in at least one event. 3 Hardley ladies competed in at least 6.

2016 Series Restructure

The future structure of the competition was called into question, with the RR10 competition becoming a victim of its own success. The issues were:

1. Increased problems with car parking at sites. This is a particular problem at the New Forest locations, where maintaining public access to sites and parking restrictions (avoiding verges) are part of the conditions of permit with the landowners.
2. Increased congestion on course, spoiling the runner experience and increasing the risk of injury/fall.
3. Requests by other local clubs to join the league particularly from Itchen Spitfires.

An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) was convened on 23rd September 2015, with a decision on the 2016 season taken at the AGM on 27th January 2016. Hardley were represented at the EGM by Mick Anglim and Ray Noke. Hardley were represented at the AGM by Mick Anglim, Steve Bennett and Ray Noke.

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Restructure Outcome

1. Itchen Spitfires to be invited to join the RR10 league without restriction
2. The 2016 Season to consist of 11 races, increased from 10, where:
 - a) Each club has one race that they do not attend, designated in the schedule. The aim of this is to keep the numbers at the same level as previous seasons, despite admitting Itchen Spitfires.
 - b) Out of the 9 races, a runner can enter, the best 6 will still count as in previous seasons.

Hardley Concerns

Hardley supported the proposed restructure, as it keeps the league together in, broadly, its current form. There was a great deal of opposition from member clubs regarding alternatives such as splitting the league east/west. Our concern is that this may be a stopgap situation, at best not increasing the numbers of participants massively, but continued growth of member clubs, may cause us to revisit this for future seasons.

2016 Schedule (at present provisional) available on the Hardley website.

Hopes for 2016

We hope that the RR10 series continues to be the most popular series for the Hardley members. We hope to attract more female runners to compete in at least 6 races, as we have the makings of a strong ladies team, capable of making an impact in the top 10 teams positions. RR10 remains great run for runners of all abilities

12. Solent Half Marathon

Chris Harris presented her report on our 2015 race. The feedback and reviews from participants and spectators and marshals was excellent. Much praise received re our friendly marshals ! 2015 saw an increase in donations to our selected charity, setting aside profit for new mile markers and publicity for 2016. Tesco and Waitrose donated the fruit at the finish line, and Honda provided the lead car and driver. As ever, help provided by Angie Simmonds and her Guide Group. Baggage area and storage worked well and many thanks to Andrew for the massage table. Children's fun run saw an excellent entry of over 70 runners and will take place for our 2016 event.

This year's event Sunday 25 September. Aim to provide better publicity (in hand and ready in a few weeks).

13. Exbury 5M

Sunday 3 April 2016. With the path along Exbury Beach still not runnable, the course will again be a 5M and the same route as in 2015. Sue Stone reports all progressing smoothly with the organisation and entries are being received. Marshals required. Email to be issued to confirm numbers etc.

14. Social Committee Report

Hardley Awards Lunch & Run planned for Sunday 24 April 2016 at the Beaulieu Road Hotel. Menu choices to be made available with e-mail to membership very soon to promote. Hangover Hobble and Handicap run took place over Xmax period. Other social events being explored by committee, including Youth Hostel weekend.

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15. Hardley Website

The Committee thanks Jeremy Barber our "webmaster" for his continued commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year keeping it up-to-date. A request that club members provide Jeremy with articles for publication.

16. Training/Coaching

Chris Harris reported that the training sessions were going exceeding well with both Tuesday and Thursday sessions well supported, with around 33 runners during the last few weeks. New courses/sessions have been introduced this year, some being more successful than others. Training sessions will go "off road" earlier this year. Beginners course starts April 4th, led by Paul Blundell and supported by several Hardley Runners. The social runs will continue again this summer with the first one on Thursday April 21st and the remaining provisionally booked for the 4th Thursday of the month. A provisional list will be available on the Hardley website (Chris to organise). Many thanks to the Hardley Coaches, Andy, Steven, Ian, Paul and Kim, for their invaluable work throughout the year.

17. Awards Lunch & Run

Beaulieu Hotel Sunday 24 April 2016. £20 for 3 course lunch. Steve Henry to issue menus as soon as available.

18. Any Other Business

- Dinner Dance: To start sourcing venues asap for Friday/Saturday night in December.
- Miles of Miles track event to take place during June.
- Social runs to start Thursday 21 April, Shatterford car park, The Drift for post run drinks.
- Many thanks to Jan Anglim for shopping and providing the buffet.

Diary Note:

1st Committee Meeting for 2016 to be held on Monday 14 March at Adrian Mudle's.

Ray Noke

Meeting closed 20.50

Minuted by Ray Noke

for Hardley Runners