

## Darwen Dashers Committee Meeting Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> September\*



*\*These minutes will be an amalgamation of the Committee Meetings from the month of August and September.*

### 12<sup>th</sup> August

Attendees: Andy Howarth (Chairman), Heather Turner (Secretary), Rick Marsden (Road Captain), Sarah Marsden (President), Gareth Davies (Fell Captain).

Absent: Diane Dudgeon (Welfare Officer), Ian Thomson (Treasurer).

### 9<sup>th</sup> September

Attendees: Andy Howarth (Chairman), Heather Turner (Secretary), Diane Dudgeon (Welfare Officer), Ian Thomson (Treasurer), Rick Marsden (Road Captain), Sarah Marsden (President),

Absent: Gareth Davies (Fell Captain).

#### 1. Fell Races

Members have voiced that they would like more fell races, and for more local and inclusive races.

- AH proposes Chris Cash's mini-series, a series that will run alongside the fell championship. GD (fell captain) will discuss this with Chris Cash on how best to include it with the Fell Championship.
- GD to investigate other races that can be included for next year's championship and the options for more local, accessible races, whilst also being aware that some fell runners want the challenge of the longer, more tougher races that are often further away.

**Action:** Next year club championships, both road and fell, will have 20 races each. 20 Fell Races, 20 Road Races. – RM and GD

**Action:** Next year, 10 fell races will be local and accessible and will form a mini fell series. Whilst 10 other races will be more challenging. All 20 will be part of the Club Fell Champs. Further information to be sent to club once details are confirmed. – GD

#### 2. Fell Relays

The club has a spot for British Fell Relays, costing club £200

- Costing club £200 – approved, IT to send money to GD for this payment.

**Action:** Treasurer to send money to GD for this payment - IT

**Action:** Fell Captain to put a team together – GD

#### 3. Pendle 5k

The club has 2 free places to allocate for Pendle 5k race. This is to be aware by lottery.

**Action:** As above - RM

#### 4. Christmas

Discussion on Club Presentation and a separate club social event.

- Club Presentation will be held Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, at Sunnyhurst Pub.

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- Christmas Party / Social – Possible idea to go for food and then out in town for a night out after. To be confirmed at next committee meeting.
- Dasher Awards – nominations required before end of October, comms to be sent to members after next committee meeting.

**Action:** Send comms to club and update Agenda for next meeting – AH and HT

### 5. Merch

Discussion of what Merch is available to buy at Gibsons.

- Committee to gain an understanding of how vests are purchased – AH
- A list of Merch that's available, photos and sizes to be collated – HT

### 6. Storage

The Club is needing a solution to the current storage situation, as stock seems to be in different places and one storage place is no longer useable.

- AH has investigated options and £100 per annum will be proposed for a storage space that can hold all the stock, so it is no longer separated and stored in club members homes.
- We need an understanding of what stock is where, if any club members have any Darwen Dashers stock being stored in their home please let committee members know.

**Action:** AH to secure this storage solution, update for next committee meeting.

### 7. DHM

Darwen Half Marathon Committee discussed some stuff, secretary zoned out slightly as she had horrible flashbacks of that final hill climb during the half marathon.

- Currently 15 places have been sold, and early bird discount has been extended until end of October.
- This needs to be pushed out and advertised – *Subcommittee to action.*

**Action:** Advertise on Socials – Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp – HT.

### 8. Secretary Updates / Actions

Emails to be sent out by secretary.

- Advertise Red Rose Cross Country to members.
- Ensure EA update any memberships that need to be changed as currently this cannot be done on the portal.
- Send information regarding Presentation evening.

**Action:** As above – HT

### 9. Welfare Update

Welfare officer (DD) reports there are no concerns in the club, but would like to propose another Jnr Park Run takeover.

**Action:** DD to propose a date for the next committee meeting.

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**10. Treasurer Update**

- Community (current) account £2870.91
- Commercial (savings) account £3885.66
- Total DD Club funds £6756.57
- Total of £260 paid out to cover Red Rose XC fees
- Lloyds Bank have now (finally) changed over addresses from Allan Harle and he has been
- removed from the signatory list
- Still trying to get Stripe to amend emails
- Nothing else to report, Club funds are solid but, as I always say, more is of course welcome, particularly if we are to subsidise Christmas events and potentially make purchases for next summer events.

**11. AOB**

(open floor for additional topics.)

- Club Flags discussed ahead of Cross Country season, as they will be used at Red Rose events.
- Nomination for Dashers, voting form to be sent out closer to the time of the presentation night.

**Action:** Flag design to be confirm and IT to order – RM and IT

***Next committee meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October***

***Chair closed the meeting 9.30pm***