1. ***Apologies for absence.***

Apologies were received from Will Kerr, Rachel Parker and Barney Lerner. All other committee members were present. Ewan Gibb & Helen Brant were also in attendance for the whole meeting.

1. ***Minutes of the last meeting held on 16/03/2017.***

The minutes were approved.

1. ***2016 club races:***
   * John Carrs (Helen Pennington attending for this) – Arrangements were going to plan. Entries were going very well possibly due to the cash prizes. Road signs will go up at both entrances a week before the race. Letters need to be distributed to houses & businesses on the route this week.
   * BMWR – Again arrangements were going to plan. There was a discussion about the prize structure but this is still to be confirmed.
2. ***Financial matters:***
   * The Treasurer had distributed his report to all committee members.
   * We currently have £968 in the current account, £3,164 in a deposit accounts and £3,687 in a Paypal account.
   * However we can no longer access the funds in the Paypal account due to issues with the bank’s procedures.
   * Accounts to 31/03/2017 need to be prepared over the next couple of months.
   * There was a possibility that we might be able to obtain some funding for the LIRF courses in the next few weeks and we need to look into this.
3. ***Membership:***
   * We currently have 217 members. This excludes all ex-members who have resigned and 24 who have not yet renewed for 2017/2018.
   * It was agreed that chasers would not be sent to these 24 people until the end of May and that we would delete any that still don’t renew as members on 30/06 in line with EA regulations.
   * Louise proposed some changes to some of the membership forms and it was agreed she could change them as she suggested.
   * Email Groups were discussed and it was agreed that we would like to have sub-groups for different kinds of members e.g. vets, male/female etc. Barney was to be asked to do this.
   * It was agreed Stuart Dunbar should have access to the database system to help him organise the club championship.
   * No progress had been made with sorting out a helper for the membership secretary. John Colwell and Jonathan Nixon had been mentioned at the last meeting.
   * The committee thanked Louise for all the work she had done on membership issues over the last four weeks.
4. ***Coaching & club training.***
   * A successful LIRF meeting had been held earlier in April.
   * We agreed that Tuesday runs would continue to be from Caroline Street in summer 2017 with the last Tuesday of each month being the “Esholt away run”.
   * Thursday night away runs were to be held on the first Thursday of each summer month. These had been agreed at the LRF meeting.
   * The long slow run on Thursdays provoked some discussion as the speed of this run varied significantly depending on who was on it. In recent weeks it had varied from 7.5 minute miles to 11 minute miles. It was agreed that a “slower” leader should only lead this run once a month at most as, if this run is slowed down there is a massive gap between the long fast run and all other club runs on offer.
   * We are still hoping that some of the club members helping on the 5k to 10k course will want to become LIRFs as more leaders are needed.
5. ***Strider of the Month:***
   * Gary Pennington & Richard had been looking at alternative software we could use but their investigations were not yet concluded.
6. ***Social events:***

* The Burnsall trip will be on Friday 21/07. Dairine is organising this.
* Ewan Gibb will organise all other social events from now on.

1. ***Follow up of matters arising from the meeting on 16/03/2017 not already discussed.***

* All matters had already been discussed.

1. ***AOB.***

* We had received six suggestions for Charities to donate some of the John Carr/BMW relay proceeds to this year. It was agreed that we should donate to all six. The amounts will be decided once we know how much profit the races make. Jeremy will email Helen Pennington to ask her to arrange to publicise these charities at each of the John Carr races.
* A long discussion took place about club London marathon places for 2018. Everyone agreed that the restriction introduced last year where members that had had a club place in any of the last three years were ineligible to enter the ballot should be retained. It was also agreed that to be eligible you had to be a member on 01/05/2017. Various other suggestions were made e.g. male/female places, fast runner/slow runner places, having to have run a marathon previously, guaranteed places for members who had been in the club ballot for three consecutive years and restricting the ballot to club members who had marshalled club races and/or lead runs. It was eventually decided (on a casting vote) that there were far too many possibilities to consider and monitor and that the fairest thing for 2018 places was to have one open ballot for all three places. However, the committee still plan to introduce criteria from 2019 onwards which will give preference to members who have contributed to the club, the detail of which we will need to iron out before April 2018.
* It was pointed out that two club championship events, Abbey Dash 10k and Guy Fawkes 10m, were on the same day. As both were popular it was decided to leave them both in the club championship.

1. ***Date of next meeting.***

* The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13/06.
* At the next meeting we will need to agree meeting dates for the rest of 2017.

**Action Points arising from the meeting:**

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|  | ***Action Point*** | ***Person responsible*** |
| 1 | To contact Donald Carr to see if he can attend John Carr race 3. | Mike Moss |
| 2 | To distribute leaflets to houses & businesses near the John Car route. | Helen Brant |
| 3 | Get access to the money in the paypal account. | Richard Stone |
| 4 | Prepare club accounts to 31/03/2017. | Jeremy Wright |
| 5 | Contact Tony Kingham to see if we can get funding for LIRF courses. | Mike Moss |
| 6 | Send reminders out at the end of May to 24 members who had not renewed or resigned. | Louise Nash |
| 7 | Make various changes to the new members’ forms. | Louise Nash |
| 8 | Set up various email sub-groups on webcollect. | Barney Lerner |
| 9 | Give Stuart Dunbar access to the membership database. | Louise Nash |
| 10 | Look at alternatives to Survey Monkey for SOTM. | Richard Stone & Gary Pennington |
| 11 | Publicise the 6 charities we are donating to at the John Carr races. | Helen Pennington |