

Bollington Harriers Committee Meeting 12/11/2019

Accounts

£4707.21 in the bank plus pub quiz money and £50 from A Dixon. There have been 91 membership payments and 18 have paid for Andrew Vincent's talk at Briscola.

Gogs Davies is no longer applying to be a signatory on the bank account, which the committee agrees. Cheryl Evans is to become the new bank signatory.

ACTION: Rebecca and Cheryl to sort out the bank signatories.

Membership

There are currently 132 members, of which 83 are renewals, 13 new. 61 previous members have not renewed.

The question was raised as to how to increase the membership numbers and what barriers to entry may exist. In response, suggestions were made such as hosting more "introduction to running" events. It was also recognised that many people fear the word "Harriers" as their expectations are of extreme running excellence and that they might not be good enough. Since the Bollington Harriers are a social running club with an emphasis on inclusiveness, we need to find ways to break down these perceived barriers.

Run Leaders

ACTION: Laurence Tendler to organise a run leaders meeting.

Welfare

Members dogs have been raised as a cause for concern due to several incidents where dogs have harassed other dogs and livestock.

ACTION: Helen Clark to make a Facebook post to remind members of their responsibilities to control their dogs.

The walk and chat session went well and that this event should be repeated.

Newsletter

The latest newsletter, produced by Colin Wright has been universally well received. The committee recognised Colin's efforts in the newsletter production.

Training and Events

ACTION: Tristan Pemberton to send the details of the Snowdonia accommodation for a potential Harriers away activity holiday.

ACTION: Laurence Tendler to organise a questionnaire to members to ask them what they would like to see in terms of training.

Christmas run - 7th December 2019

It was agreed that a barrel of beer could be purchased for this event.

ACTION: Laurence, Tom and Tris to organise the secret run route, determine marshal requirements and signage

ACTION: Andy Langdon to message the membership about the event.

Peter Parker - 25th November 2019
Navigation course from the Poachers at 7.30pm

Teggs Nose - 2/12/2019

16/11/2019 - Winter Ball

30/11/2019 - Andrews on Andrews Knob on St Andrews Day run

18/12//2019 - Night street orienteering from the Poachers

ACTION: Andy Langdon to message the membership to list the events.

The committee is considering the idea of using Slack instead of Whatsapp for internal communications.

ACTION: Rebecca to set up a trial of Slack

Committee

Gogs Davies is stepping down as Chair. The committee recognises the outstanding contribution he has made to the Bollington Harriers.

Cheryl Evans has been voted in by the committee as the new Chair.
Andrew Vincent has been voted in by the committee as the new Vice Chair.

ACTION: All - Organise a meeting to discuss revisions to the constitution.

AOB

A question was asked: Can we hold a young persons Couch to 5K programme?
The committee agreed that this is a great idea but recognition was made regarding the welfare requirements. Also, the constitution does not allow membership of the Bollington Harriers until the age of 18 and so a young person who graduates from the course would not be able to run with the Bollington Harriers. A suggestion was made that they could join the Macclesfield Harriers.

Further investigation of this idea should be held during the upcoming run leaders meeting.