

WREKIN ROAD RUNNERS

20TH MAY 2008, MEETING No 1, Cresda Bar, Ice Rink. 8.30pm

Apologies were received from Kathy Ling, who wished to thank Jan Pugh, John Ling and Claire Aston for all their hard work handing out entry forms for all our races.

1. Tony (chair) opened the meeting and thanked members for turning up. He also would like to thank members/friends for helping at the Schneider 5, Barrel Race, & Ennstone 7. There is usually an excellent turnout on Tuesday nights, with Thursday nights a bit patchy.
2. Ian (Vice chair) gave thanks to Jon Aston who has been doing an excellent job with the web site, revamping and adding race details, photos etc. This time of year is busy for Wrekin as we need support from members at Dawley Fun Day (sat 5th July), Crown Classic 10k 11th July, not forgetting runners to contact Paul Ward for the annual Shugborough relay race on 18th June. (Free entry for Wrekin RR but teams of 4 required. If you intend to run contact Wardy as there are NO ENTRIES on the night. Last year we put 13 teams in but please let us know asap if you are running).
3. Rob (sec) stated the £50 affiliation to England Athletics has been paid, and next week he will register all paid up members on their web site (27th May onwards), and Wrekin will pay £5 per 1st claim member. Rob also advised youngsters 11 and over are also eligible for this fee (1st claim only). As we charge only £3 per junior it was decided after a brief discussion to leave it at £3 for this year but increase to perhaps £6 next year. Tony gave Rob a blank cheque who will advise of the exact fee paid next week.
4. Denzil (membership) went through the list of unpaid members. 62 paid up as at last weekend with more membership paid tonight. Denzil to email Rob with updated details by the weekend. He also emailed everyone who had not paid to try to encourage prompt payment/membership – thanks.
5. Kim B (publicity) said reports were in local papers and all results to be emailed to her asap with any details, also copy to Jon Aston who will put relevant info on the web site.
6. Jon (web site) has been very busy updating the web and thanks were expressed to him. Rob asked if the Crown Classic could be added on the events diary and a link to the entry form. If anyone has any info please email Jon. Sarah H suggested updating the profiles and people were encouraged to write their own and email to Jon. Loads of pictures & video were on the web. The email list via the web needs updating – Tony has contacted Lyndon but still awaiting action. (Rob to supply Acrobat to Jon via post asap to convert any documents to pdf).
7. Pat (kit) stated £633 worth of club kit in stock. (Vests, shorts, safety, long sleeved shirts). Also T shirts were shown and quickly snapped up by members at £5 each. Pat spoke to her supplier Mike Dingle regarding club kit and Lycra was available at £14 a vest, a lighter vest at £11. The printing on the rear of vests could be done but a set up charge of £25 was required. Samples to follow. Kim Denning provided details from Wasp sports – minimum of 18 items, £30 screen charge, Vests= £13.50 adult, £11.25 child, short sleeved top priced at £16.50 adult, £14.25 child, Long sleeved at £17.50 adult, £15.25 child, shorts £14 adult, £11.75 child. VAT was included. Kim had a one-off printing of the wording Wrekin Road Runners done locally onto a top and was charged £5, but was advised it would be cheaper for bigger quantities. See Kim D for further details. Tony suggested that as ladies have been experiencing difficulties with the kit, purchasing the minimum 18 ladies vests (various sizes) via wasp sports, & 18 shorts. This way people could have the choice. It was agreed. Kim also mentioned WRR car stickers and Tony/Kim to source prices.
8. Sarah Hodson (Child safety) has the paperwork and requested it was placed on the web site via Jon, and members were also needed to sign. It was recommended that every Tues & Thurs on training nights, to get members together and sign & return to Sarah. She also expressed concern over an incident with a junior being on their own one training night for a short period. It was agreed that youngsters must stay in sight of each other, but Sarah must be the focal point of any new junior member joining the club and Sarah to talk to them/parents regarding the club policy. Adult members (new) to go through Tony. It was generally felt that new members should be prepared to join the club after a few weeks trial period.
9. Race reports. Tony thanked members for their help at Schneider 5 miler – 100 entries approx (88 finishers) - Ice rink to bill club for £88 for changing/showers. Tony to negotiate for all future races with perhaps a one-off fee for the year. £130 raised for Whiz kids charity, with expected £200 from 1 runner to come. John Leonard said the Crown Classic 10K will be on Fri. 11th July. Rob to get accuracy certificate. Meeting at Crown Inn on Thurs 3rd July at 8.30 to 8.45pm. The cadets were now OK to assist in marshalling duties but assistance required by as many WRR members as possible. Due to the excellent entries at the Ennstone 7, John mentioned we have over £2000 in the savings account. John suggested we purchase a small portable PA system and it was agreed.
10. Any other business. Pat has been unable to attend training nights due to ill health and asked if that was a problem (club kit sales etc), but the club has no problems with this and members were pleased to see her. Tony advised of a phone call from Channel 5 regarding wacky races (barrel race) and the run may need to be recreated for a TV program and this may be a good opportunity for WRR to become involved in promoting the club. Ian told us that Wardy was about to email everyone regarding the Shugborough relays, asking for interested members wishing to run a 2 mile leg to contact him asap. Tony spoke of the Bailey mile at Wellington (Wed 21st May) 1pm to 3pm. Marshalls required. At the last minute Tony requested the club consider the minimum quantity of 18 short sleeved shirts from wasp sports as we get 10% discount with our 1st order. Members seemed happy with this.
11. Next meeting on Tues 22nd July 8.30 Telford Ice Rink.