

WESTON CREEK REDBACKS

DRAFT MINUTES

For meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 78 Davidson St. Higgins

- Present: Philo Saunders, Jayne Torley, Nicola Torley, Peter Caley, Reuben Caley, Robbie Costmeyer
- Apologies: Matthew Griggs, Paul Torley, Rohan Lowry, Flear Flanery, Sharon and Peter Baker, Elizabeth Humphries and Martin Fryer
- Minutes of previous meeting held on 24 Feb 2016 were ratified. Moved Robbie, seconded Rohan (in absentia) - Carried
- Business arising from previous minutes
 - Club Website – need for pictures of our athletes competing and race reports on a regular basis. These should in the first instance be sent to our webmaster Brett Anderson at hosting@theandersons.id.au . It was suggested that Jordan Gusman's races overseas would be a good candidate. **Action:** Reuben to arrange that but all of us need to be vigilant for other opportunities.
 - WCAC Half marathon & introduction of a 10km event, date was tentatively set on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in March 2017 – need to advertise it widely and fit the event in various running calendars – **Action:** Robbie
 - Facebook and Twitter access. Nicola needs the passwords to access and manage these means of social media. **Action:** Philo to ask Hugh Williams for them.
- Correspondence: Rohan to clear the mail box and advise of any urgent business by email between meetings please.
- President's report: Philo reported on the joint AACT and LAACT Pathways forum which both he and Peter had attended on 25 June. From 1 October all athletes must chose a Club to register with the ACTAA. To provide a pathway for Little As athletes senior Athletic Clubs should partner with a Little As Club. There are a number of Little A Clubs, including Weston Creek, Woden Thunder, Belwest, Gungahlin. In order to attract such an affiliation senior Clubs would need to offer coaching services, mentoring, facilities and general encouragement to our younger and aspiring athletes.
- Discussion then turned to what we need to do to distinguish ourselves from other Clubs and continue to thrive:
 - Fundraising – apart from our signature Half Marathon/10 km races annually we should try to raise funds by other means too, eg Bunnings BBQ. **Action:** Robbie to lodge an application with Bunnings Belconnen and Tuggeranong. Any other fundraising suggestions should be sent to Philo.
 - Change of name to be more inclusive, eg Canberra Redbacks, Stromlo/Weston Athletics Club. **Action:** Robbie to check the Constitution on how the Club

might change names, plus Philo is to consult more widely before any change is implemented.

- Promote the re-institution of inter-Club point score events based on the ex-Canberra Cross Country Club model
- Claim Stromlo Park as our Club base and arrange training times at either the AIS or Woden Track.
- Introduce a \$10 pa Club joining fee which could be offset by giving a member a new Club singlet after three years with the Club.
- Add the meeting Minutes to our website one week after each meeting is held (to allow any major errors to be corrected before publishing more widely).
- Add a 5km road running championships/night running events at one of the parkruns.
- Treasurer's report: Rohan sent a financial report by email.
- Registrar's report: Philo has recently circulated the current membership list with 48 financial members.
- Social Committee report: Life members Dinner at Ramas on Sat 6th August. Members have been invited by email and via web site. Some 20 people are expected to attend. Peter and Reuben Caley, Jayne and Nicola Torley and Matthew Griggs and his wife have accepted the invitation.
- A presentation night in April 2017 was agreed. **Action:** Robbie to circulate again draft criteria for Club Person of the Year.
- Any other business
 - New design for the Club singlet. Philo reported that Neil Boden had "approved" the new design and he would arrange to have stock made. He would hope to carry minimal stock with short orders placed from time to time to meet demand.
 - Philo will be on Olympic and Paralympic duties from 30 July to 22 September
 - Life members dinner arrangements
 - Jayne will purchase wine and beer and be reimbursed. Life members will be free, members to receive discount of \$10.
 - Presentation to Denis Wilson was agreed
 - Free membership of one CSCC gym voucher to be given to interested members at the Dinner (if more than one is interested then draw name out of hat).
 - Robbie to check availability of Woden Club track sessions.

- Club record to be updated by Philo.
- Possible paid accreditation for club coaches to be discussed.
- Introducing a club presentation night in April to be discussed further.

Next meeting: On Wed 28 Sep, commencing at 7:30pm, chez Peter Caley's, 43 Mackellar Crescent, Cook.

Nicola Torley

Secretary