



OVERSEAL RUNNING CLUB

Emergency Committee Meeting: 25th September 2019

The Robin Hood Pub: 19:30

1. Part 1 of Meeting – Committee only
 - a. Attendees
 - b. Apologies
 - c. Brief update on situation
 - d. Action to agreed and voted on:
 - i. Suspension of all club activity until the matter is resolved.
2. Part 2 of Meeting – with invited club members
 - a. Context to reasons why the meeting has been called:
 - i. Recent report in Runners World regarding the safety of female runners which is something we have been considering offering advice on as a club in the coming year and new intake of C25K
 - ii. Importance to communicate in a sensitive manner with all members of the club, especially the female members whilst appropriate action is taken
 - iii. Section 10 of ORC constitution states:
 1. that All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

- 2. The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged and has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership. The person complained about must be given an opportunity to present their views.**

iv. Details of concern raised

- 1. New member poses a threat that needs to be investigated and dealt with. New member of the club has not disclosed their criminal record. We believe their criminal record puts many of our members at risk.**
 - a. Consideration of the Rehabilitation of offenders act**
 - b. Validity of information (Jane Fylan - Welfare Officer UK Athletics and Lead Welfare Officer England Athletics)**
 - c. Sufficient grounds where the information should have been disclosed. (Go an find an all-male club - David Brown CBE Welfare and Lead Safeguarding Officer UK Athletics)**

v. Whilst members are not asked to disclose any detail of criminal offences (spent or not spent) are not required (to be amended) it is Simon's and my opinion that these particular offences should have been disclosed due to the high amount of females within the club.

- 1. A spent conviction is a conviction which, under the terms of Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, can be effectively ignored after a specified amount of time. The amount of time for rehabilitation depends on the sentence imposed, not on the offence. The**

more serious the conviction, the longer the period of rehabilitation.

vi. We are a non-discriminatory club and give everyone the opportunity.

3. Advice to all members until club activities are resumed

i. Avoid running alone

4. Questions

5. A.O.B

Female attacked and sexually assaulted by man when out running

She was knocked to the ground by the assailants' dog.



By JANE MCGUIRE 24/09/2019

Police are appealing for witnesses after a female runner was attacked and then sexually assaulted when running along a canal path in Derbyshire on Sunday. It was around 4pm when the runner noticed a man with a dog walking behind her on the canal path, near to the Gallows Inn playing field, off Nottingham Road, Ilkeston.

The man let his dog off the lead and it ran towards the runner, jumping up and pushing her over from behind. The owner of the dog sexually assaulted the runner and ran off when the dog started to bark. Derbyshire Police believe the man headed towards the Larklands area.

The victim described the man as white, around 5 ft 6 and bald, wearing a grey hoodie with the hood pulled up, light blue jeans and white trainers, with a diamond stud in his ear. The dog was an english bull terrier type-dog and was on a red extendable lead with a red harness.

Anyone with any information should contact Derbyshire Police about the attack. Police will be patrolling the area over the next couple of days.

Twitter thread about female running safety goes viral, as women admit to carrying protection as they run

Female safety when running is, sadly, often a topic of conversation in the news and on social media. From the [#JogOn campaign](#) launched by Avon and Somerset police earlier this year, advising women to run together to avoid harassment, to [our own research, in which 46% of UK women runners said they had been harassed at least sometimes](#), the stats are alarming.