

## **The Isle of Wight Hash House Harriers**

### ***Our Biennial General Meeting 2018 is Approaching***

*These notes explain what we are, how we work, and what the 'BGM' is*

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The 'Hash House Harriers' is an international thing. There are groups of runners in most parts of the world, sharing much the same ideas. The first group was formed in the 1930s, in the Far East, by some ex-pats who liked to socialise, but felt that it would be a good idea to have a run first to get some exercise. They chose the traditional 'hare and hounds' style, where a trail-layer would precede a 'pack' who had to find the trail by following markings.

We have had a Hash 'chapter' on the Island since 1983, but to keep this going requires planning, which is done by an elected Committee: We need people to persuade Hashers to lay our trails, to coordinate venues with other groups, organise the 'après' and fill that 'shandy bucket' of drinks that we enjoy after the trail. Our style is to have a 'Religious Adviser' (RA) to introduce the run, summarise the day at the après, and coordinate 'namings'. We need communications of what's going on. We need a 'shop' of sportswear with our logos. We appreciate special events, dinners, and dances arranged by any Hasher. We elect a 'Grand Master/Mistress' (GM), with 'OnSec', to make sure it all happens! Our income comes from your run fee, any small profit from 'haberdash' sales, and also anything left over from special events. Outgoings include the penalty 'downdowns' at our après, printing, subsidies for special events, and recognition of Hashers' run milestones. Spare cash is managed by a 'HashCash' who collects your run fee, manages our funds, and advises us on spending our meagre surplus funds, to better your entertainment.

It is customary that we elect a new Committee at a '*Biennial General Meeting*' (every two years), around November.

Finally, the Committee's job is to provide opportunities for you all to have a good time. They can co-opt others to help with special tasks, and our Hare Raiser or Entertainment Coordinator will welcome the input of any Hasher who offers to run any special or themed event that will make the Isle of Wight Hash House Harriers that Little Bit Different!

For November 2018, your current Committee will invite nominations, as in the Rules below, for the following nine posts: Grand Master, Religious Adviser, Hash Cash, Hare Raiser, OnSec, Haberdash, Entertainment Coordinator, Scribe, Beer Meister. (But the precise allocations of these roles and tasks will be determined by our next Committee).



**The 2018 Isle of Wight Hash House Harriers Biennial General Meeting**  
*Invitation for Nominations and Rules to Elect a Hash Committee*  
*Sunday 25th November at Harry's Bar, Shanklin.*

**All Offices** are up for competition. Others can be co-opted later as the need arises. The Committee may later appoint sub-committee(s) to oversee specific events.

**Nominations**, including the name of nominee, proposer and seconder, **are invited** and must be made before 11th November (two weeks in advance) to the Religious Adviser (RA). Nominations may be made for: Grand Master/Mistress (GM); OnSec; HareRaiser; HashCash; Scribe; Haberdash; Entertainments Coordinator; Beer Meister; RA. Please ensure that anyone you nominate is willing to serve in that Post.

**Election** will be by Ballot Paper. The **Ballot Paper** will list nominations, or uncontested posts (ie only one, or no nominations). Any Hasher with three or more Isle of Wight H3 runs will be entitled to vote.

**Ballot Papers** will be available soon after 11th November for those wishing to have a **Postal** (or email) **Vote**. If you wish to vote by email or post, the availability of Ballot Papers will be announced at Runs, on [www.iwhhh.org.uk](http://www.iwhhh.org.uk) and by the Hash email list. Please send completed Ballot Papers to reach the RA by 23.59 on Friday 23rd November at [john.mcgee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.mcgee@hotmail.co.uk) or 8 Meaders Rd, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 1HR

On **Election Day, prior to the Run**, Ballot Papers will be distributed to those eligible, who have not already voted, **from 10:30am**, to be completed and **handed in by 11:00am**. The RA and HashCash will collate all completed Ballot Papers and count votes, after 11:00am.

At approximately 1:30pm on **Election Day**, the RA may summarise the last two years, will thank and dismiss the Outgoing Committee, and then become Returning Officer to declare the results of the Ballot. If any ballot results in a tie, the relevant candidates should leave the room and the decision will be made by one or more shows of hands, as necessary. Any unfilled post may then be proposed and seconded, and then contested or confirmed, by show of hands.