

MINUTES OF THE 1997 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the South Cheshire Harriers AGM held on Thursday, 20th November 1997, in Room 2, Oakley Centre, Crewe.

The meeting, commencing at 8.20pm, was attended by 21 members, with apologies received from Graham Morgan, Gordon and Sheila Bickerton, and Owen Evans.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM, held on 21st November, 1996, were agreed as a true record by the meeting after the correction of the Club Worth to £1654.03 (was listed as £1489). There were no further matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's Report (Tony Salthouse)

For the London Marathon in 1997 we had 4 club entries. However, they have reduced the number down to 2 again for 1998. We had 12 runners this year with 2 more having deferred their entries to next year. The same trip arrangements apply with the price for 1998 being £69.50.

Richard O'Keeffe resigned at the end of 1996 and Louise Moss and Roy Ramsey have now also sent in their resignations.

During the year Mike Griffiths died. The club sent a contribution to the relevant charity.

Hon. Treasurer's Report (Robert Brown)

The club had an increase in worth of £376.

We had 63 paid subscriptions.

We made £507 on the race and a small amount on the sale of kit. The barbeque and the Christmas run both cost the club money.

The accounts run until the end of October, and it was agreed to do this in future rather than to immediately before the AGM.

The members should be encouraged to use club kit. There was a general feeling that the name of the club should appear on the back of the vests as well as the front.

Chairman's Report (Dave Rowlands)

Dave has been acting as Graham Morgan's replacement because of his sickness. We wish Graham well and hope he gets back soon.

Congratulations for a successful 10K race to Dave Griffiths this year, and to Colin Gaynor for setting up the race in the first place.

Thanks to all the officers of the club, and to Simon for Cross Country.

We had a change of venue this year: this has pluses and minuses. Good in the winter; might not be the best for the summer. The Vagrants seemed keen at the start to have us at their ground, but their politics seemed to get in the way. We never got a final response to our request. The Brittles development in Wistaston needs watching in case we ever wanted to move there.

The running boom has gone and we do not expect a large increase in membership, if any. We would have to invest lots of time and money if we ever wanted to develop the club.

A general discussion of whether the club should go forward or stay static concluded that the feeling is to look forward a bit.

Election of Officers

The officers for 1995 were then approved without exception as

President Dave Rowlands

Chairman Ian Ankers

Honorary Treasurer Rob Brown

Honorary Secretary Tony Salthouse

The constitution calls for three other members of the Management Committee, but others can be co-opted.

Two were elected: Melvyn Cole and Dave Griffiths.

Honorary Auditor: Bill Ferguson, while Rob continues in charge of the kit.

Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep subscriptions unchanged, ie £10 with a reduced charge of £7.50 for those making payment before the end of January. Under 18's free.

Club Prizes

The voting for Club Runner of the Year was to be completed for Christmas.

[For the record, the presentation was made at the Christmas run to **Shelagh Swinnerton**.]

Any Other Business

The new chairman said that we need to raise the profile of club activities such as Simon's Cross Country. The fell running side is strong. For communications half of an existing notice board has been negotiated. Boot will organise further. We need to get a Newsletter underway again.

Christmas Run: the 2 Daves will organise this!

The AGM was closed at 9.33 PM.

Tony Salthouse, Hon Sec