

MINUTES OF THE 2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the South Cheshire Harriers AGM held on Thursday, 29th November 2001, in the Oakley Centre, Crewe.

22 members attended the meeting, commencing at 8.20pm, with apologies received from Ray Woolgar, Dave Griffiths, Mark Jennings, Dave Jones, Shelagh Swinnerton, Bob Rowlands, Liz Buckley and Gordon Bickerton.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 16th November 2000, were agreed as a true record by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's Report (Tony Salthouse)

Membership: Total is 70 including 1 Second Claim, 2 Juniors and 13 Ladies

We have got our two club places in **London** again. The trip to London organised by Paulette only had 15 places left last week so anyone going needs to get organised.

Cross-Country: Simon has again volunteered to organise this and is trying to get the details of the Cheshire League. There were quite a few volunteers to run in the Northerns on January 26th at Derby.

Coaching: Besides Dave G as Head Coach we have Simon as a Grade 1 Coach. Tina and Gael are waiting to go on a convenient course and details of one in Crewe in February were passed on. Any other volunteers are welcome.

Club Races: Despite the problems of 2001 Alan and Simon have again agreed to organise the 20 miler and 10K respectively.

Secretary: After 10 years in the job I am resigning. A fresh approach is needed.

Hon. Treasurer's Report (Robert Brown)

At 31st October we held cash at £11.23 (130.93 in 2000), a bank balance of £2400.11 (3425.80 in 2000), kit worth £1080.17 (766.06 in 2000). Overall net worth has therefore dropped by £831.08 to **£3491.71**.

Subscriptions brought in £660, which was nearly £100 up on the previous year. This almost covered the provision of a new vest for each member, but web hosting fees, affiliation fees, the new notice board and all other expenditure caused the overall reduction in net worth.

Of course, the club made no money at all from races because of road works and foot and mouth disease where £249.20 from the 10K race and £268.55 from the 20M race had been made the previous year.

Detailed reports are available for Bill Ferguson to audit the accounts.

I am happy to continue as **Treasurer** of the club for the coming year, but because of work commitments, I have to give notice that this will be my last year and a new Treasurer must be found before the next AGM.

Chairman's Report (Roger Foden)

Membership has held up well, one up on last year despite having 12 people that did not renew in 2001. Having club vests as part of the membership has proved very popular and the vests have been well in evidence on club nights and at races.

The **Club Racing Championship** organised by Dave G continued to be well supported by members. Thanks to Mark for his consistent work in producing and updating the league tables. This year produced a very close result between Dave Jones and Bernard Griffiths.

The **10K** was cancelled because of road works and the **20M** cancelled because of Foot and Mouth epidemic. Simon suffered the bigger frustration because so much of the groundwork had been done for the 10K. He is now looking forward to proper completion in 2002. Simon has also been responsible for producing the reports of the club achievements for the Press.

I would like to thank all the other members of the **committee** for their continued work and support for the club. In particular, and on behalf of all members, I must thank Tony. Tony has been Secretary for, I think, at least as long as I have been a member. He has worked quietly and efficiently. Minutes and agendas have appeared promptly; correspondence has been completed; the membership list is always up to date; the web site has been constructed and kept up to date. He has also found time to go running. As a comparatively recent member and chairman I relied on Tony's help and support. We are sorry to see you retire as Secretary; you have done a great job during your term of office, I think. The good news is Tony is willing to remain as Membership Secretary and to look after the website.

Finally this my opportunity to **thank all club members** for turning up on club nights and supporting the now biannual social runs. I was delighted by the turn-out last July when we ran on the Sandstone Trail and on the previous December when the weather and sub-zero temperature failed to deter. As a result both events were particularly enjoyable, even before we reached the pub. As I said last year, I am a much more social than competitive runner, and that social facet is sustained by the mutual encouragement and friendship amongst members.

Election of Officers

The officers for 2001/2002 were then approved without exception as

President **Melvyn Cole**

Chairman **Roger Foden**

Honorary Treasurer **Rob Brown**

Honorary Secretary **Mike Cutler**

The constitution calls for three other members of the Management Committee, but others can be co-opted. Therefore the meeting agreed the six proposed names with the additional 3 to be regarded as co-opted. Those elected: **Dave Griffiths, Alan Williams, Gael Earp, Tina Smith, Simon Walker,** and **Tony Salthouse** (to be Membership Secretary).

Honorary Auditor: Bill Ferguson.

Kev Jones will replace Chris Walsh as **Club Representative** on the North Staffs Road Runners Association Committee. Thanks to Chris for his good work.

Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep basic subscriptions unchanged, ie £10 with a reduced charge of £7.50 for those making payment before the end of January. New members will pay £10 and will receive a club running vest. Under 18s and those in full time education pay £5 and will receive a vest when they join.

Club Prizes

The **Club Champion**, determined by age related performance in selected races, was again Dave Jones. This year he was very closely followed by Bernard Griffiths.

The **Club Member of the Year** slips will be produced very soon for the membership to vote. The **Committee Award** has also yet to be determined. The Committee decides on the criteria, what the award is, and who gets it.

Any Other Business

The **Annual Dinner** is at the Waverley Hotel on 11th January. Simon is collecting the money. Only those paying beforehand can go.

Roger is organising our **Winter Run** again. Because he is away at Christmas and New Year (and because everyone wanted Roger to do it again) it will be delayed until January. The 20th is looking likely at the moment.

Simon is organising the **10K** club race again and has the college arranged. Gordon and Sheila will again look after the entries. The date is 31st March.

In the **NSRRA** an unofficial result has South Cheshire Harriers in 3rd team place. Dave Jones has won Group B and Kev Jones is runner-up for Group C. These are **very good results!**

The AGM closed at 9.16 PM.

Tony Salthouse, retiring Hon Sec