



## **SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS**

### **Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 - 7.30pm in Bar Lounge at the Vagrants, Willaston**

**Present:** - Martin Stirna, Mike Cutler, Jeanette Hatton, Mike Hatton, Alasdair Dyde and Tony Salthouse

#### **1. 1. Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Roger Foden and Bill Ferguson.

#### **2. 2. Approve Minutes of the last Meeting**

Copies of the Minutes of the last Meeting were unavailable.

#### **3. 3. Report on the Run, Beer and Chips Night held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

A good mix of ladies and men from the club had stayed behind after the training run to socialise over a drinks and chip butties. The feedback from those members that had attended was very good and several have said that they would like to see it repeated on a regular basis – say, on the last Thursday of every month - and that they would be prepared to pay a £1 each so that the club would not be out-of-pocket.

#### **4. 4. Preparations for AGM**

The Vagrants lounge is booked for 7.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. It has been advertised in the last Newsletter, but Tony will also send out an e-mail 4 weeks beforehand to remind everyone. The Minutes of the last AGM are on the Website and Tony will make them more prominent. The meeting would be timed to take just over an hour and the chips would be ordered to be ready for 8.40pm.

It is proposed that Club subscriptions would remain the same for next year - £15 for the year (or £12 for any renewals paid before the end of January). For any new members joining in the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> October, the subscription would be just £10 for that year and the £6 discount available on a single purchase of club kit bearing the club's name would still apply. Any new members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> November would pay £15, but this would also count as their subscription for the following year.

It was noted that the role of Social Secretary was now vacant and it is hoped that one of the members of the new committee elected and co-opted at the AGM would offer to fill this role. The new Committee would also need to decide at its first meeting who would be the club's representative at NSRRA meetings for the next year. The club constitution currently states that the management committee will be the 4 elected officers (President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) plus 3 elected

members and that the committee can co-opt further members to attend. This might need to be changed to 6 elected members.

It was also hoped that someone on the new Committee would volunteer to type and distribute the minutes of the committee meetings.

#### **5. 5. Club Noticeboard**

It was noted that we had raised the issue of putting up the Club Noticeboard in the corridor off from the bar with Dawn Littler, the manager of The Vagrants, but we had been informed that this will need to be decided by the Club's management committee. It is hoped that the club will be invited to provide its own representative to serve on the management committee in due course.

#### **6. 6. Membership Update**

Tony reported that the club now has 109 members on its books. These include 3 members who have not yet paid their subs, but promised to do so. There were 37 female members and 72 males. There is only one junior member.

#### **7. 7. NSRRA Cross-Country League**

The club had 7 men competing in the 1<sup>st</sup> fixture, but 12 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The club has currently been using Mike Hatton's tent as a meeting point and changing area at these races, but it was agreed that the club should look into the possibility of purchasing its own. Anything up to £100 was felt to be a reasonable amount to spend on it.

#### **8. 8. Preparations of End of Summer Run at Marbury Country Park on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Mike Cutler reported that he had notified the Cheshire County Council that we would be using the park that day and notified the Antrobus Arms that there would be a group of us going there for a meal afterwards.

#### **9. 9. Club Championship**

It was noted that although the number of races included within the Championship this year had been reduced from 30 last year to 16 this year with the aim of making it more competitive, less members had completed the requisite 8 races this year that can count towards their ranking. It was suggested that the number should be increased again next year, say to 20 races. Mike Hatton also suggested that members should be able to include ANY ONE marathon towards their championship score, but that they would have to inform the Championship organiser of their intention to include it together with verification of their time within one month of completing the race. Simon Walker would be consulted on these suggestions before implementing them to make sure that they were workable.