



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting -26th February 2008

Minutes

Present:

Alasdair Dyde (AD), Mike Cutler (MCu), Bill Ferguson (BF), Steve Whincup (SWH), Jeanette Hatton (JH), Mike Hatton (MH), Charles Rowlands (CH), Mel Cole (MCo), Carol Godfrey (CG), Simon Walker (SW).

Apologies: Tony Salthouse, Roger Foden.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Approved from the previous meeting.

MATTERS ARISING.

Regarding the constitution, there has been no response as of yet from UKA. Katie Jones was named as the contact.

Feedback from John Bourne (guest speaker at the club awards night) was that he and his wife really enjoyed the evening.

MCo commented that the National cross country championships were faultless, providing a good spectator course; adding that it was wonderful to see runners who hadn't run before. The new tent proved to be excellent.

STANDING ITEMS.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.

SW relayed that South Cheshire Harriers has 72 paid members and 1 new one.

SW will contact non-paying members in the next couple of weeks.

MCo to possibly publish names of non-paying members via the forum (committee access only) or email committee members so that they may contact and encourage continued membership.

CR acknowledged that the wearing of club vests at races should be done so diplomatically.

The 10k race has had 50 entries so far. 10 on line and 10 fun runners.

FINANCIAL UPDATE.

With regard to auditing of the accounts a volunteer will be needed by August. CG is to approach an acquaintance.

CLUB SECRETARY UPDATE.

6th April-Northern athletic 6 and 12 stage in Yorkshire. MCo and SW to publicise on club website.

26th April-Nike 6 stage and senior women.

England Athletics-information had been sent to MC re. developments in the Northwest region notably the recruitment and training of volunteers.

Amateur Athletics AGM report passed to AD.

Cheshire County Athletics Association AGM to be held at Frodsham on 28-2-08, MH to attend.

Race promotions, highlighted were the Ron Hill 70th Birthday race on the 25th September 08 which is due to be televised. Forum to notify members.

RACE MANAGER UPDATE.

The 4th race of the South Cheshire Harriers Championships is taking place in Farndon on the 2nd March.

So far 39 members have raced. 13 ladies have done 1 race and 26 men have done 2 or 3 races.

With respect of the Cheshire grand Prix MH clarified that as an individual you only need to do 4 races. As a team you need to do 5 out of 7 races (6 out of 8 if the 10 miler goes ahead). Some of the races clash with the North Staffs Championships e.g. Uttoxeter and Whiteby. BF noted that some members are not in the North Staffs so may want to run; the forum will highlight this.

SUPPORTING NEW RUNNERS.

CR spoke of aims of the document he has produced around new members, general support of runners and the publicising of the club. CR asked for feedback re the proposals.

AD spoke of it being a good foundation and framework in taking the club forward.

Re. Publicity AD has contacted CNBC and will action Roger re. Publicity flyers for printing and making available via website as a resource.

All agreed that an open evening was a good idea; CR, MCo and JH to liaise re. organisation. Ideas to be circulated before next meeting.

CG suggested approaching Bourne Sports input on the open evening.

SOCIAL SECRETARY UPDATE

It was suggested that members could be openly invited to meet after races for a bite to eat or a drink. To be publicised on the notice board as well as the website, recognising that not all members have access to the internet.

Possible monthly social nights suggested: darts competition, quiz nights.

16th April- Brewery trip, CG has produced flyers and posters. Request made for it to be put on the website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A first aid kit is needed which can be accessed on club nights to be checked whether one is held failing that to purchase one.

MH suggested that club members meet to start their runs on club nights at the back of the vagrants.

Coaching-MC, SW, AD interested. MCu to contact sports development.

Committee wished to thank Martin Stirna for organising a successful social event at Lakeside Bowling.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 18th March, 20.30 at The Vagrants.