



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting of 28th April 2008

Minutes

Present:

Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Steve Whincup, Charles Rowlands, Mel Cole, Carol Godfrey, Simon Walker, Roger Foden, Tony Salthouse, Andy Painter, Mike Hatton, Jeanette Hatton

Apologies

Bill Ferguson

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Charles Rowlands said that as far as the open evening was concerned, expectations had been about as expected. He said that Pete Morse at the Crewe Chronicle was starting to publish more on the Harriers. Charles said that the things that were done were done well.

Mike Hatton said that it was a good evening as far as club members were concerned, although the amount of new people turning up was low (4 persons).

Mel Cole questioned whether it was of value have another open evening – but rather encourage runners as and when to come down and enjoy the evening and not to have a huge influx at one time.

Charles said that there wasn't a rush to have another open evening, but we could use the next six months to build up the advertising campaign.

Alasdair, in summary, said that he, Carol Godfrey and Charles should get together to progress various ideas to increase club exposure in the area.

Mike Hatton told the meeting of the library having folders for advertising in the local area.

Alasdair said he was still awaiting a reply from UK Athletics regarding the constitution.

Meeting at the Vagrants

Alasdair summarised the discussions between Dave Warr and Graeme Hurst of the Vagrants and Mel Cole, Mike Cutler, Alasdair Dyde and Bill Ferguson. The club was originally under the assumption that they would only have to pay £250 pa to the rugby club. However following meeting with Vagrants committee the position has been clarified and it has become clear that The Vagrants are the primary owners of the site and its facilities. The Rugby Club pay a separate membership fee to Vagrants Committee for use of facilities but own their annex i.e. changing rooms and showers.

Following earlier meeting in the year the Vagrants Committee had considered our concerns about additional costs. At the latest meeting they proposed that annual fees should rise to £1200 for 2010/2011 (starting August 2010 which is when their FY begins) This would be in addition to the £250 paid to the rugby club for use of their facilities.

The enhanced fees would allow us to use certain facilities at the vagrants by prior arrangement (e.g. functions, room hire etc). Club members would also be able to have a key fob, allowing access to the buildings at all times (gradually being installed) and also allow 10p off drinks at the bar. Mike Cutler said that paying the full fees would allow the club to be on an equal par with other sports clubs at the vagrants.

Alasdair pointed out that the £250 paid to the rugby club was for the locked changing rooms only and everything else was being provided by the Vagrants.

Charles asked as to whether the cost in the period 2010/2011 would be prohibitive.

Alasdair indicated that current subscription fees for other running club, ranging from £15 up to £35 and some include joining fee. The Committee agreed that agreements should be committed to paper to formalise arrangements.

Charles said that as far as he was concerned, subscription fees should be kept as low as possible. Alasdair said he had prepared a full record of meeting together with potential costs and options available. He would circulate this to Committee for consideration and for further discussion and decision at next meeting. Vagrants do not require response until July in time for their ne FY starting in August.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.

Steve Whincup said that 107 members had paid their subscriptions. There were 129 members on the database so he would have to start deleting non-payers in due course.

FINANCIAL UPDATE.

Alasdair said that after expenses for the 10k had been deducted, figures indicate that the race would make in the region of £800 profit.

CLUB SECRETARY UPDATE.

Mike Cutler said that he had been approached by Stone Master Marathoners with a view to holding a joint 10k race from the Secret Bunker at Hack Green. Mike handed over some details of UK Athletics data to Steve Whincup with regards to memberships.

SOCIAL SECRETARY UPDATE

Carol Godfrey said that the social trip to the brewery in Stockport was reasonably successful with 12 members attending and Charles and Mike Cutler agreed it was a very enjoyable evening.

Carol suggested the next trip could be to Chester Races on a Friday evening in June and for £28 there was a meal, a bet and entry into Tattershalls paddock.

Carol had spoken to Ray Woolgar regarding a BBQ and would try and ascertain a suitable date.

Alasdair asked Carol about the Ladies Run who indicated that she was canvassing as to what day of the week was best.

Carol also said she had made tentative enquiries for White Water Rafting at Bala on a Saturday morning.

Simon was to put up notices on the club board regarding the above

RACE MANAGERS REPORT

Mike Hatton said that the club was having increased participation in races. He said that the club should consider competing in the Shugborough Relay races at Stafford - a 2 miles relay race for teams of 4 on Wednesday 18th June. We would have to pre-enter for this race.

The Tattenhall Tough Team Race is on the 20th June and the Harriers should consider entering this as well.

As far as the club champs were concerned, there had been 20 ladies racing so far this year as opposed to 17 total last year which all agreed was encouraging.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony said that there were a few gentlemen short for Tuesday runs at the club and these were needed for escorting the ladies. Mike Cutler told the committee about Gemma's idea for a Halloween run and asked the meeting to consider whether it was feasible. He described a course in and around Willaston consisting of roughly 5 miles.

Andy Painter told the meeting about the ongoing update of the Website. The committee agreed that Andy is doing an excellent job as the new webmaster. The committee agreed to a deadline date of a fortnight for adding comments/changes in advance of launch of new website.

Steve Whincup asked about sponsorship for the club and suggested it as an item at the next meeting.

Steve Whincup also asked whether there was a possibility that a club off road championship could be made. Simon Walker agreed to look into the possibility.

Mel Cole said that he was sending Pete Morse of the Crewe Chronicle a bank of photographs of club members and asked for photos from members.

He also asked whether he should ask members for permission to use such photos in newspapers.

Charles Rowlands suggested that Bryan Dale could be approached to supply photos.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19TH May at 7.30 at the Vagrants