

MINUTES OF THE 1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the South Cheshire Harriers AGM held on Thursday, 25th November 1999, in the Oakley Centre, Crewe.

The meeting, commencing at 8.20pm, was attended by 21 members, with apologies received from John Booth, Malcolm Swift, Melvyn Cole, Gordon and Sheila Bickerton, and Owen Evans.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM, held on 26th November, 1998, were agreed as a true record by the meeting. There were no further matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's Report (Tony Salthouse)

We have received 2 club London entries again. These will go to club members that have received rejections. A draw of those wishing to try for the places will be held. There will be a trip to the race as in previous years; £73 for 2000. We need numbers of those going! Dave Jones sorted it out for London 1999 and will do it again if he gets in.

The North of England Athletic Association will be charging £3 per head for all members wishing to compete. The secretary sends off the details and individual membership numbers are received back. This will take effect from the beginning of May 2000.

We have had many injuries among our relatively older members so that there has been a change of regular faces on training nights. However, there has also been a resurgence of racing which is very good news. Cross Country is still not very popular. We decided not to join the North Staffordshire series this season as it starts very early in the season and the races are on Saturdays. We will still be entering Cheshire though (see Simon for details).

George Arrowsmith has had a good share of injuries not relating directly to running culminating in a dash to hospital. Thankfully he did not have to stay very long.

We have held two smashing races this year; the 10K from the South Cheshire College and the 20 miler from Shavington Sports Centre, both thanks to tremendous hard work from Dave Griffiths. To spread the load next year Alan Williams will head up the 20 miler and Dave Jones the 10K, while Dave will provide his experience.

Our club run this year will be on Thursday 30th December. It will be around Sandbach with a maximum distance of 19.5 miles. Shorter runs will be available. Everyone will finish at the pub for lunch! Roger Foden is organising it (the run and the pub).

Hon. Treasurer's Report (Robert Brown)

Rob presented a five page report showing an increase of £1100 to a new overall total of worth of £3718.77. Most of the increase was from running the two races. Again congratulations to Dave Griffiths.

Rob will investigate using a deposit account for the money.

Bill Ferguson will officially audit the accounts.

Chairman's Report (Ian Ankers)

The club is a healthy club in terms of the attitudes and actions of its members. Despite losing a couple of top performers we still have competitive people. Special mention was made of Lindsey who was this year the 5th member to complete the Bob Graham round, and in the best club time. John Booth is to have a go next year. For those not in the know, the run is over 40 peaks and 72 miles in the Lake District, and must be completed within 24 hours.

Boot paid special thanks to Dave Griffiths for organising the two races and for running the Sunday training that has given us five new members. Dave also organises the club championship as well as being the only club coach. At this stage it was revealed that Simon was willing to take up coaching and the meeting agreed to meet the necessary expenses.

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.

Election of Officers

The officers for 1999/2000 were then approved without exception as

President **Dave Rowlands**

Chairman **Roger Foden**

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.

Those elected because of their race duties: **Dave Griffiths, Alan Williams, Dave Jones.**

Honorary Auditor: Bill Ferguson, while Melvyn 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. The club will cover the year 2000 individual subscriptions to the North of England Athletic Association.

Club Prizes

There were 28 votes for the **Club Runner of the Year** award. The President presented the engraved shield to the clear winner: **Dave Jones**.

The Club Racing Championship has one more race to decide the winner. It was agreed that Tony will purchase a suitable perpetual trophy for the winner.

Any Other Business

It was agreed Dave Griffiths will purchase a couple of heart rate monitors for the club.

Chris Walsh represents the club at the North Staffs Road Runners Association. We are having a good year in the leagues and have 4 in the top 10 of Group C. The NSRRA were impressed with our 20 miler and it is again proposed that it will be one of their races next year.

It was proposed that we should have a nominated charity for our Easter races, which would also increase entries. A local charity was thought best.

Dave Rowlands will continue editing the Newsletter. However he does need to be provided with copy without significant chasing.

If we can get more interest in the club in cross-country then we should put on a race ourselves.

The AGM closed at 9.15 PM.

Tony Salthouse, Hon Sec