

SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Minutes of AGM 17TH NOVEMBER 2008

Present. Alasdair Dyde, Bill Ferguson, Mike Cutler, Simon Walker, Neil Jones, Pete Cooper, Anthony Hadfield, Sarah Dyde, Martin Stirna, Mel Cole, Kedren Elliot, Robert Rowlands, Liz Painter, Ivor Twiss, Carol Godfrey, Andy Godfrey, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, John Booth, Stephen Whincup, Mick Tobin, Tony Salthouse, Pat Hudson, Charles Rowlands, Karen Amson-Orth, Shelagh Swinnerton, James Simpson

Apologies Ray Woolgar, Steven Hargreaves, Jude Whincup, Mike Hatton , Jeanette Hatton, Roger Foden, Dave McGrath, Dave Hindley, Dave Beresford

Secretaries' Report

Mike Cutler spoke about the achievements of the club in the previous 12 months at the Harriers.

He said that the whole of UK Athletics had had considerable change from grass roots level right up to the top.

He thanked Steve Whincup, Andy Painter and Roger Foden for their efforts in dealing with the change and encouraging the competition throughout the club.

Mike said that it had been a very successful year competitively through races and he especially thanked Mel Cole and Mike Hatton for all their hard work in promoting races in which the club ran.

Mike said that the club were now in the echelons of clubs in the area and had been particularly noticed.

On a more personal note, he asked if runners on training runs would ensure wearing of fluorescent attire.

Treasurers Report

Bill Ferguson said that the club had about £6000 in the bank.

He said that the 10k race made about £1000 profit and the 20 mile race about £400.

There was a profit on the Halloween Hellraiser of roughly £300.

Bill said that the annual dinner in January broke even this year and the forthcoming Annual dinner was expected to do the same.

There is always a slight loss on the kit due to the discount offered at the start of the year for one piece of kit.

Bill said that the payments to the Vagrants would be increasing by around £300 per annum up to the year 2011 with a maximum of £1200, but this would be offset by the club not having to pay £250 to the Rugby club.

Bill said he would be proposing that, while the Cheshire cross country champs would be paid individually by members, the Northerns and the Nationals would be paid for by the club.

Chairmans' Report

Alasdair Dyde said that the club was going from strength to strength since the move from the Oakley to the Vagrants.

The move was, he said, not without issues but these would be discussed later in the Subscriptions section.

Alasdair said that all 3 of the clubs' races were very successful and he thanked all of the members who organised and supported these races.

The club Championships were now going to the wire and there would be a new Off Road Championship.

The newsletter was going from strength to strength and the acquisition of a new Club tent and Sale Banners was getting the club noticed.

Alasdair thanked all of the runners organising off road races on Tuesday summer nights.

Alasdair mentioned some of the outstanding achievements (too numerous to repeat). He told the meeting about the men becoming Team Champs in the North Staffs Road Running League, and also about to win the cross country second division as well.

In his roundup he said that he wanted to thank all of his fellow committee members but also everyone who attended at the club.

Election of Management Committee

Alasdair Dyde, at this point, handed over to Tony Salthouse for the following item. Officials elected as follows:

President	Mel Cole
Chairman	Alasdair Dyde
Treasurer	Bill Ferguson
Secretary	Mike Cutler

There were then 6 additional members proposed and accepted.

These were Kedren Elliot, Simon Walker, Carol Godfrey, Charles Rowlands, Stephen Whincup, Mike Hatton.

Constitution 2008/2009

There were one or two minor adjustments made to the existing constitution which would bring the constitution up to date.

The constitution has already been ratified by England Athletics.

The new Constitution was overwhelmingly accepted by the meeting.

Subscriptions

Due to the move from the Oakley centre, the club now had additional expenses.

It was proposed that the “early bird” scheme should remain at £12 but the annual subscription should be increased to £16.

The members voted and agreed on this.

London Marathon Draw

The people in the Ballot were

John Booth

Simon Walker

Karen Amson-Orth

Ruth Hadfield

Andy Painter

Sarah Dyde

Stephen Whincup

Those drawn out were:-

Andy Painter

Ruth Hadfield

John Booth

AOB

Martin Stirna asked if, now we were paying more money, would the club be allowed a place on the committee of the Vagrants?

Mike Cutler said, basically the answer was no.

Mel Cole explained that as the Vagrants club were “a limited company” our club didn’t really belong to this company.

Pat Hudson asked about the club Championships and whether the old system would be used for the remainder of the year as there was a lot of debate about the system. After general discussion it was agreed to use the old system for the remainder of the year but change to a different system next year in terms of the way in which % were worked out.

Martin asked about holding a New Years run and the meeting agreed that one would be run if suggestions were made.

The meeting closed at 20:45 hours