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## **Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

### **21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club**

**Present** Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Melvyn Cole, Simon Walker, Martin Stirna, Colin Wynne, Tony Salthouse, Steven Hargreaves, Sarah Dyde, Lesley Cole, Caroline Cole, Bill Ferguson, Lorna Fewtrell, Maddie Davidson, Pete Marquis- Jones, Katie Latham, Cheryl Rees, Mike Hatton, Roger Foden, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, Steve Whincup, Rebecca Marshall, Richard Baker, Anthony Hadfield, Nick Dunning, Neil Jones, Neil Ridgeway, Nicholas Hackett, Martin Packham, Mick Tobin, Andy Mayers, Ivor Twiss, Chris Walsh, Charles Rowlands, Pat Hudson, Ruth Pryce, Susan Poole, James Simpson, Rob Valentine, Henry Valentine, Lucy Roberts,

**Apologies:** Gill Gibbons,

#### **Minutes of Previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Mike Cutler congratulated the club on the success of the 3 races that the club had put on which everybody had really enjoyed and they were all very successful. He personally congratulated Alasdair Dyde and Charles Rowlands who overcame difficulties to get their races on.

He told the meeting that the club's 20 mile race was back in North Staffs next year, with the 10k being a reserve race.

Mike thanked Charles Rowlands for submitting the weekly reports to the Chronicle and Lorna Fewtrell for compiling and editing the Newsletter.

Roger Foden was thanked for his efforts on the newsletter.

#### **Treasurers's Report**

Simon Walker told the meeting that the finances of the club were stable and equivalent to the previous year's balance.

## Chairman's Report

Alasdair welcomed everyone. He thanked the Committee Members who had given up so much of their time and skills in making this a successful year. He also thanked all of the members who had contributed in so many different ways to supporting the club.

He provide a very quick overview and forward look

### Membership

- Have about just over 200 + (150 in 2010) registered members at this point in time and continue to grow.
- Further increase in new runners. Martin has continued a great job of co-ordinating group leaders. We have increased our group leader capacity and will continue to do so over coming year. It is also hoped that by February next year we will have the club's first UKA qualified Endurance coach, with the hope that more will follow.

### Running :Club Races

- The club again hosted its 3 annual races – all successful in terms of significantly increased attendance and improved sponsorship. Both the 20 miler and Hellraiser again attracted significant praise from participants - quite rightly acknowledging how well these races had been organised and supported. He took the opportunity to thanks race organisers for their fantastic efforts. He also wanted to extend a big thank you to all members and their families who gave so generously of their time and expertise to put these events together.

The 10K race will be back to its Easter Sunday slot in 2012 and has been included as a reserve race for NSRRA so will need plenty of support as this will mean that the entry field is likely to increase significantly.

### Social Events

Highlighted efforts of those involved in organising the following successful events

- Anniversary Run SCW - Charlie
- Anniversary Bash – Lesley, Gill, Sue in particular
- End of Summer Run

### General

- Our challenge now is to maintain our continued development, to ensure we are able to provide our members with and safe and organised running experience. This will however require greater commitment from more experienced club members,

so he encouraged members get involved helping lead groups on training nights – this will be something the new committee will be looking to continue to facilitate

## Conclusion

In conclusion, as always Alasdair said it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the Club as Chairman over the last 4 years and would like to encourage all members to continue to support the running of the club through participation and support of its various events.

## **Election of Management Committee**

Mel Cole took over to conduct the election of the Management committee.

Mel proposed that the previous committee be re-elected en bloc with the exception of Kedren Elliott, who has chosen to stand down. The meeting accepted the proposal and the committee were re-elected.

President Mel Cole  
Chairman Alasdair Dyde  
Treasurer Simon Walker  
Secretary Mike Cutler

Bill Ferguson suggested Lorna Fewtrell as the sixth club member.

There were then 6 additional members proposed and accepted.

These were , Lorna Fewtrell, Lesley Cole, Charles Rowlands,  
Stephen Whincup, Mike Hatton Neil Jones

## **LONDON MARATHON BALLOT**

Mike Cutler told the meeting that there were 11 rejection slips from club members vying for 4 club places.

The names drawn were:

Cheryl Rees  
Jackie Gill  
Janette Jones  
Nick Hackett.

Mike Cutler told the meeting that this did allow these members to enter London as a club member, subject to the payment of the fee.

A reserve member was drawn out of the hat in case of injury to any of the above members. This member was Martin Packham.

Mike Cutler also stressed that if a member is drawn out this year, they will not be eligible for the club drawer next year.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2012**

Mike Hatton told the meeting about the club championships for 2012 and said that there would be 3 divisions each for Males and Females, based on % achieved in races this year.

He said that the first 3 in each division would get awards.

#### **PILATES**

Lesley Cole told the meeting about the Pilates sessions that had now started running on a Wednesday evening at the start times of 7 O'clock and 8 O'clock.

Chris Walsh told the committee about his running beginnings at the club and personally thanked Roger Foden for his encouragement in his efforts. The meeting applauded Roger for this.

Chris Walsh also expressed reservations about the state of the lighting outside the Vagrants and the speed of some cars entering the site.

Neil Ridgeway asked the committee if there was a limit to membership of the club. The committee agreed to take a look at the question.

Neil Jones asked about the state of the bridge by The Horseshoe pub with regards to the lighting and gritting of the bridge during the winter months.

Alasdair Dyde suggested that the club send a letter to the Highways Agency to express our concerns.

Phil Cliff suggested that, as there were more and more runners assembling in the bar area of the club, could they not begin to assemble in the lounge area for better communication and to sort out the groups. Alasdair Dyde made a note of this and agreed to action it.

Steve Hargreaves thanked the committee for their efforts in the previous year.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.20 hours