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Annual General Meeting – Minutes

26th November 2012 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club

Present Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Melvyn Cole, Simon Walker, Martin Stirna, Colin Wynne, Steven Hargreaves, Sarah Dyde, Lesley Cole, Bill Ferguson, Lorna Fewtrell, Katie Latham, Cheryl Rees, Mike Hatton, Roger Foden, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, Steve Whincup, Rebecca Marshall, Anthony Hadfield, Nick Dunning, Neil Jones, Neil Ridgeway, Nicholas Hackett, Mick Tobin, Andy Mayers, Ivor Twiss, Chris Walsh, Charles Rowlands, Pat Hudson, Susan Poole, James Simpson, Rob Valentine, Andrea Davies, Paul Davies, Pete Marquis-Jones.

Alasdair welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Apologies – None received

Minutes of Previous AGM

These were agreed with minor amendment. Updates provided on questions raised at last meeting. Alasdair thanked Nick and Mike for their proactive action regarding provision of 'salt bin' for bridge adjacent to The Horseshoes pub. He acknowledged that wherever possible we were using the large room at the Vagrants to marshal members in advance of training night runs.

Club Secretary's Report

Mike Cutler said that the club had had a good year and membership had and was still increasing. The club were doing well in races throughout the area in all distances.

Treasurer's Report

Simon Walker reported that the club finances were slightly down on the previous year but two of the races had made small losses (first year of running for the Queens Park Quacker and the 20 miler clashed with a number of other races on the same day). However the club's finances were still in a very healthy position.

Chairman's Report

Committee

- Alasdair thanked the Committee Members who gave up so much of their time and skills in making this a successful year and supporting him.
- On behalf of the committee he also thanked all the members who have contributed in so many different ways supporting the club.

Membership

- He reported that club continues to grow having just over 250 registered members at this point in time with continued increase in new runners.
- He acknowledged the contributions of Martin, Colin and now Andrea as they continue to actively support these new runners
- Have increased the number of qualified Run Leaders to support the increase in membership and now need to focus on working on co-ordinating the group better – a task for the next year.
- You'll be aware I have qualified as a UKA Coach and am now into second quarter of specific coaching sessions on Tuesday night.

Running

- As always we participate in strength within North Staffs, Cheshire races and much farther a field.
- Unfortunately we placed second in the NSRRA men's team competition – we have to give others the chance occasionally I suppose
- Please to say however that the men finally won the Cheshire GP with our ladies picking up a well deserved 3rd place
- This included some notable individual successes in these fixtures which we'll celebrate at awards dinner in January, together with those who have competed in our own club and off road championships.
- A growing number of our runners have excelled in running and in multi disciplined events. Well done to all of them.

Club Races

- The club again hosted its 3 annual races – all successful in terms of attendance and sponsorship.
- I'd like to take this opportunity to the race organisers for their fantastic efforts. I also want 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.
- Like to just make a plea on behalf of race organisers that for next year we need as much support as possible for all members in term of marshalling etc., This is vital to make sure our races are run smoothly and safely

- The 10K race has been included in the Cheshire Champs for 2013 so we will need plenty of support as this will mean that the entry field will increase significantly.
- Please note that we have agreed to move the date of the 20 miler to 15th September to link in with Autumn marathons e.g. Chester

Social Events

- I'd like to add to Mike's thanks to Lesley, Sue, Gill for all their hard work on organising social activities during the year.

General

- As you will know each year we nominate a charity to support – would welcome any nominations for next year in time for the new committee to make a decision in January
- You will have seen from reverse of Agenda that as a result of increases in UKA subscriptions - more on this later in the agenda

Conclusion

In conclusion, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the Club as Chairman over the last year 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 Lorna Fewtrell, who has chosen to stand down. Andrea Davies was proposed by Mike Cutler and agreed by the meeting

The meeting accepted the proposal

Officers of the club: President - Mel Cole

Chairman - Alasdair Dyde

Hon. Treasurer - Simon Walker

Hon. Secretary - Mike Cutler

The 6 additional members proposed and accepted were as follows:

Andrea Davies, Lesley Cole, Charles Rowlands, Stephen Whincup, Mike Hatton, Neil Jones.

Subscriptions 2013

As UK Athletics are increasing their subscriptions from £5 to £10, it was proposed by the committee at a meeting, to pass this increase onto the members directly.

The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

The meeting agreed to look into the possibility of paying subs directly into the bank via direct debit or standing order.

LONDON MARATHON BALLOT

The members picked out were:

Nick Dunning

Charles Rowlands

Neil Ridgway

Andy Durrant.

The reserve picked out was Mel Cole.

Any Other Business

Lorna Fewtrell asked the meeting if they thought the Newsletter was worthwhile and the meeting agreed unanimously that it was. She then asked for people to submit articles for her.

Steve Hargreaves said that there should be a way of encouraging newer members to get involved more in supporting the club through marshalling or other ways.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.40 hours