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Annual General Meeting – Minutes

18th November 2013 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club

Present: Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Simon Walker, Martin Stirna, Colin Wynne, Steven Hargreaves, Katie Latham, Cheryl Rees, Mike Hatton, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, Steve Whincup, Nick Dunning, Neil Jones, Neil Ridgeway, Nicholas Hackett, Mick Tobin, Andy Mayers, Ivor Twiss, Chris Walsh, Susan Poole, James Simpson, Rob Valentine, Andrea Davies, Pete Marquis-Jones, Gill Gibbons, Mike Hatton, Steve Hargreaves, Diane Smith, Matt Smith, Graeme Spencer, Pete Mallison, Anne Ward, Martin Packham, Amy Durrant, Jon Tate,

Apologies – Charles Rowlands, Mel Cole, Leslie Cole.

Alasdair welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Minutes of Previous AGM

These were agreed with minor amendment.

Club Secretary's Report

Mike Cutler said that the club had had a good year and continued to feature well, both in the local area and further afield.

Treasurer's Report

Simon Walker told the meeting that the finances were in a better state than the previous year, having made a profit on all of the club's races in 2013.

He said that there wouldn't be any need to raise the subscriptions in the foreseeable future as UK Athletics had indicated that they had no plans to increase Affiliation fees for next 5 years.

Chairman's Report

Alasdair thanked the Committee Members who gave up so much of their time and skills in making this another successful year. Also to all the members who had contributed in so many different ways supporting the club.

In summary:

- Continue to maintain membership of just over 250 registered members at this point in time.
- Again pleased to report a continued increase in new runners.
- Thanked Martin, Steve, Colin, Anne, Leanne and Andrea for continuing to actively support these new runners
- Congratulations our men who did the double this year winning both Cheshire GP and NSRRA team prizes – a first for the Harriers
- Our ladies are also to be congratulated in becoming an ever stronger force in the events they compete in – well done again
- A special thanks to James and Sue who played a major role in getting people to races in face of very packed racing calendar
- Included some notable individual successes in these fixtures which we'll celebrate at awards dinner on 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.
- The club again hosted its 4 annual races – all had their most successful years in terms of attendance and sponsorship.
- The decision to move our 20 miler to September proved to be the correct one with record number running
- Thanks to the race organisers for their fantastic efforts.
- 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 North Staff for 2014 so we will need plenty of support as this will mean that the entry field will increase significantly.
- Particular thanks to Sue, Gill and Diane for all their hard work on organising social activities during the year and look forward to seeing you all at our Xmas bash next Friday.
- Tickets are available from tonight for our Awards Dinner in January 2014.
- As you will know each year we nominate a charity to support – would welcome any nominations for next year by end of November for the new committee to make a decision to launch in January.

In conclusion he 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

Alasdair thanked outgoing President Mel Cole on behalf of the club for all his hard work as over the last few years as President.

The meeting then nominated and confirmed the following Officers of the club:

President – Mike Cutler
Chairman - Alasdair Dyde
Hon. Treasurer - Simon Walker
Hon. Secretary – Steve Whincup

The 6 additional members proposed and accepted were as follows:
Andrea Davies, Phil Cliff, Charles Rowlands, Mike Hatton, Neil Jones, Gill Gibbons.

Subscriptions 2014

The committee recommended no increase in subscriptions for the forthcoming year.
The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

LONDON MARATHON BALLOT

Members picked out the following members for the 4 club places as follows:

Dave McGrath
Maddie Davidson
Graham Spencer
Cathy Atherton

The reserve picked out was Jan Evans.

Any Other Business

Steve Hargreaves thanked the committee for their hard work in the past year.

Nick Hackett asked if the Halloween Hellraiser would be the same distance next year.

Rob Valentine asked if there was a possibility of hosting a half Marathon from the Poole Area.

Chris Walsh thanked the Committee but asked if the Forum button could be bigger and that the club assemble in the big room instead of the bar area.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hours