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## **Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

### **27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club**

**Present:** Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Simon Walker, Martin Stirna, Steven Hargreaves, Katie Latham, Mike Hatton, Phil Cliff, Steve Whincup, Nick Dunning, Neil Jones, Nicholas Hackett, Chris Walsh, Susan Poole, Rob Valentine, Andrea Davies, Gill Gibbons, Mike Hatton, Steve Hargreaves, Diane Smith, Matt Smith, Graeme Spencer, Pete Mallison, Anne Ward, Martin Packham, Amy Durrant, Ruth Pryce, Henry Valentine, Russell Gibbons, Roger Badman, Cathy Atherton, Matthew Taylor, Bill Ferguson, Mike O'Brian, Janette Jones, Martin Packham, Islay McEwan, Philippa Tyson, Mike Wrench, Rob Brown

**Apologies** – Charles Rowlands, Mel Cole, Leslie Cole, Andy Painter

Alasdair welcomed everyone to the AGM.

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

These were agreed

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

Currently have 278 members with a number waiting to join after this meeting. This means again we have 4 club places in the London Marathon. England Athletics have announced their individual registration fee is to increase by £2 from £10 to £12. This now means that more than 50% of your membership fee goes to EA. After doing a breakdown of costs, the fact we have a healthy number of members and the success of our races it has been agreed the club will absorb the increase and therefore the membership fee for next year will stay the same. This will be reviewed each year.

In the Cheshire GP the men were second to Wilmslow who had to work hard to take the trophy off us. The ladies were 4<sup>th</sup> and not many points behind **second**. Matt Smith was our highest placed male at 4<sup>th</sup> and Amy Durrant highest placed female at 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Club Champs** - With only 2 races to go on the road it looks like only 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div 1 men and the Top 3 of Div 2 in the ladies seem sorted the rest places are up for grabs either by completing the number of races required or been able to drop a race.

There are only 2 races left in the offroad champs with 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> up for grabs in the ladies league.

Another good year in NSRRA with both the Ladies and Men's teams coming second and losing out by only 18 points with a number of good individual performances.

The club has had a request for help at the North Staffs XC race at Leek on 13<sup>th</sup> December and also help at the Cheshire XC champs on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. If you can help please let me know.

Thanks very much and hopefully we'll have another successful year in 2015.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Simon Walker told the meeting that the finances were again in a healthy state. He passed out copy of Cash Flow Report for member's information.

### **Chairman's Report**

- Alasdair thanked as always to the Committee Members who gave up so much of their time and skills in making this a successful year.
- Also he thanked all of the members who have contributed in so many different ways supporting the club. We, the committee thank you all very much.

**Membership** - Again pleased to report a continued increase in new runners.

- Thanked all the run leaders for their continued support throughout the year. It is important for us to recognise the significant commitment these individuals make in supporting our members across a range of abilities.
- Made members aware that he'd initiated meetings with Run Leaders to canvas views on how we can now organise ourselves better. Work is ongoing on this but an immediate consequence is a review of our Health and Safety guidance leading to the decision to make it compulsory for runners to wear Hi Viz when out on training runs during winter/autumn from 1<sup>st</sup> December. We are following other clubs in taking this stance.
- To support the implementation of this we have purchased a number of Hi Viz vest which we can loan or members can purchase at a cost of £3
- A special thanks again to James and Sue who play a major role in getting people to races in face of ever challenging racing calendar
- The committee has decided that we'll introduce the new roles of Men's/Ladies Team Captains and Vice Captains.
- 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 4 annual races – all had their most successful years in terms of attendance and sponsorship.

- Took opportunity to thank the race organisers for their fantastic efforts.
- Plea on behalf of race organisers that for next year as we need as much support as possible for all members in terms of marshalling etc. This is vital to make sure our races are run smoothly and safely

**Social Events** - Particular thanks to Sue, Gill and Diane for all their hard work on organising social activities during the year

- Reminder that Club will celebrate our successes at awards dinner in January, together with those who have competed in our own club and off road championships.
- Quick reminder of the New Year run from Sandstone Pub on 28<sup>th</sup> December – more details to follow on website

**General** - As you will know each year we nominate a charity to support – would welcome any nominations for next year by end of December for the new committee to make a decision to launch in January

### **Election of Management Committee**

The meeting 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 2015**

The committee recommended no increase in subscriptions for the forthcoming year even though UKA had increased the individual affiliation fee by £2. The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

### **LONDON MARATHON BALLOT**

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

Terry Baker  
Martin Packham  
Roger Badman

Janette Jones

**Any Other Business**

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

Chris Walsh asked if the committee had looked at joining ARC rather than UKA.  
Alasdair said the new committee would look into it.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hours