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## **Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

### **26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club**

**Present:** Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Simon Walker, Martin Stirna, Steven Hargreaves, Katie Latham, Mike Hatton, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, 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, Clive Heathcock

**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 258 members with a number waiting to join after this meeting. This means again we have 3 club places in the London Marathon. This has been reduced from 4 by England Athletics due to the number of good for age entries. England Athletics have announced their individual registration fee is to increase by £1 from £12 to £13. 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 again and therefore the membership fee for next year will stay the same. This will be reviewed each year.

We have introduced Welfare Officers to the club who are Di Smith and Nick Dunning along with a code of conduct.

As well as supporting our yearly charity the club made donations for a flower bed in Williston, to the local scouts, Brownies and play group.

We've had another successful year racing with the men regaining the Cheshire GP trophy. There has been keen competition in the leagues and all will be revealed at the presentation evening in January.

Thanks very much and hopefully we'll have another successful year in 2016.

### **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.

### **Particular thanks and recognition**

- A special thanks again to James, Terry, Sue and Cathy significant role in getting people to races in face of ever challenging racing calendar. The fact that we brought back Cheshire GP shield and best ever performance by the ladies (2<sup>nd</sup>) is in part due to their hard work
- Andrea and Mike in respect of committee activities

### **Club Races**

- The club again hosted its 4 annual races – all had their most successful years in terms of attendance and sponsorship.
- 10K and 20 miler full before race day
- 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 as always 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

### **Social Events**

- As many of you will know as a club we like to fit in some social activity to our busy calendar which provides additional support to our chosen charities.
- I'd like to pay particular thanks to Sue, Gill and Diane for all their hard work on organising social activities during the year
- We'll celebrate our successes at awards dinner on 22<sup>nd</sup> January together with those who have competed in our own club and off-road championships. Just a note on

tickets – no reservations this year Gill and her helpers will be down when they can on Training nights.

- Quick reminder of the New Year's 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

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the Club as Chairman over the last 6 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.

At this point I would like to wish the incoming committee the best of luck and good wishes for an even more successful 2016. Thank You

## **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:

Di Smith, Phil Cliff, Charles Rowlands, Nick Dunning, Neil Jones, Gill Gibbons.

## **Subscriptions 2016**

The committee recommended no increase in subscriptions for the forthcoming year even though UKA had increased the individual affiliation fee by £1. The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

## **LONDON MARATHON BALLOT**

Members picked out the following members for the 3 club places as follows:

Rob Brown

Rebecca Cootes

Rob Huntbach

## **Any Other Business**

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hours