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## **Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

### **24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club**

**Present:** Mike Cutler, Simon Walker, Martin Stirna, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, Steve Whincup, Nick Dunning, Susan Poole, Gill Gibbons, Graeme Spencer, Russell Gibbons, Cathy Atherton, Matthew Taylor, Janette Jones, Mike Wrench, Clive Heathcote, Simon Reynolds, Mel Cole, Leslie Cole, Paul Morris, John Culshaw, Janet Munnely, Mick Tobin, Claire Harrison, Claire Allman, Jane Burchell, Danielle Kenny, Diane Mason, Mark Taylor, James Simpson, Louise Smith, Peter Rathbone, Chris Hassall, Dave Nimmo, Rob Huntbach, Norman Hindle, Claire Goldstraw, Martin Brown

**Apologies** – Charles Rowlands, Amy Grace, Alasdair Dyde, Diane Smith, Matt Smith, Anne Ward, Neil Ridgway

Steve welcomed everyone to the AGM.

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

These were agreed, addition of Clive Heathcote to attendee's

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

Currently have 272 members with a number waiting to join after this meeting. This means again we have 3 club places in the London Marathon. England Athletics have announced their individual registration fee is to increase by £1 per year for the next 5 years

We've had another successful year raising money for our club charity.

We've had another good year of 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.

Again the club races have been a success and thanks goes to all race directors.

We also had another successful social calendar and thanks go to the organisers

Thanks very much and hopefully we'll have another successful year in 2017.

### **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**

Steve read a letter from Alasdair

Due to family illness, I'm unfortunately not able to attend tonight's AGM – the first one I've missed since I joined the club in 2006.

For the same reason my attendance on training nights has also been affected. On this basis I have sadly decided to stand down as Chairman.

I contend that it is unfair on club members for me to seek support to continue in the role of Chairman representing the club and its members interests when I have, albeit temporarily, lost contact with the majority of members.

If my memory serves me right I have been Chairman for the last 7 years.

In that time I am extremely proud to have overseen the growth the club from less than 100 members, to the current level of 270 plus.

In the same time club members have become the dominant force in races across Staffordshire and Cheshire. Whilst never a fast runner, I'd like to think I played a small part in influencing this improvement through instilling the right approach to training, firstly by becoming the first UKA accredited Coach in the club. Then subsequently initiating regular coaching sessions/ interval training: now being successfully carried forward by Nick and Neil.

In the same breath, I can't miss out my role as race director for our 10K race, which having moved from its original course in Dane Bank to Weston Industrial Estate at my instigation, continues enjoy full participation levels attracting runners from across the country trying to improve their PBs. As I always say it will never be the prettiest of races, but it does what it says on the tin!

None of this however would have been possible without the fantastic and unconditional support of all my close running friends; fellow committee members; and the wider membership.

So a heartfelt thank you to all of you, here's hoping that my absence from the club will only be temporary.

I look forward to catching up with you all soon at the Xmas disco

Best wishes Alasdair

### **Election of Management Committee**

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

President – Alasdair Dyde  
Chairman – Nick Dunning  
Hon. Treasurer - Simon Walker  
Hon. Secretary – Steve Whincup

The 6 additional members proposed and accepted were as follows:

Phil Cliff, Charles Rowlands, Neil Jones, Gill Gibbons, Claire Harrison, Paul Morris

The committee would like to thank Alasdair and Di for all their hard work while serving on the committee.

### **Subscriptions 2017**

The committee recommended an increase of £1to cover the increase by UKA affiliation which was accepted.

### **LONDON MARATHON BALLOT**

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

Nigel Baskerville  
Claire Harrison  
Simon Reynolds

### **Any Other Business**

There was a request for more Sunday races.

The meeting was closed at 20.50 hours