



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Monday 3rd November 2008- 7.30pm in Bar Lounge at the Vagrants, Willaston

Present: Alasdair Dyde, Carol Godfrey, Bill Ferguson, Steve Whincup, Tony Salthouse, Roger Foden, Mel Cole, Charles Rowlands, Simon Walker, Andy Painter, Dave McGrath (guest).

Apologies: Jeanette Hatton, Mike Cutler

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Alasdair said that Gwyn of the Vagrants had not got back to the club regarding the payment of any outstanding money.

20 Mile Race

Dave McGrath said that he was handing over the race to Charles Rowlands. He said that the club should seek fresh sponsors as there was no certainty that Bombardier would be able to sponsor the event again.

Dave McGrath said that if there were 100 entries, then there would be a need for £600 in sponsorship.

Dave said that there should be online entries through Runners World and John Schofield's UK Results site.

He also said that there should be some guarantee that there will be a police presence at the start and at Dodd's Bank.

Carol Godfrey said that she had contacts with the Marketing Director at Mornflake Oats and Charles Rowlands asked if she could look into the possibility of sponsorship.

Club Presentation Evening

Mel Cole said that the awards evening was on Friday 30th January 2009 at the Crewe Golf Club in Haslington. The price will be £12 and this will include dinner and a quiz.

Club Newsletter

Roger Foden said that he would advertise the evening in the newsletter but was awaiting reports for different races before publishing the newsletter.

Steve Bateson of Runningpix would provide some photos for the website which could be used in the newsletter.

Crewe and Nantwich Development Forum

Steve Whincup had been to the development forum meeting and told the committee about opportunities for level 1 coaching, First Aid Courses and the chance for someone to come once a month to look after any children of parents wanting to race or run with a club.

Steve also told the committee of forum ideas regarding endurance training courses.

Steve said that the next meeting of the forum was in February.

Steve would, through the website, gauge interest in anyone wanting to pursue level 1 coaching.

AGM

Alasdair said that he had had the minutes of the previous AGM from Jeanette Hatton.

On the subject of membership of the committee, Roger Foden said that he would like to step down from the committee but would like to continue with the Newsletter if he was assured of getting race reports, stories etc.

Charles offered to do the commissioning for the newsletter but stipulated that there should be deadline dates for accepting/submitting articles.

Alasdair had the new 2009 constitution which had been checked with UK Athletics and this would be brought to the AGM.

There was a discussion on subscriptions which are presently £15 per year.

Alasdair said that the subs should rise by £1 and the discount and early bird system should stay.

Andy Painter suggested £13 for early birds and £17 for the rest of the year.

Charles said that the fee should be £12 for Early Bird (as is now) and £16 for those paying after January.

The fees would be £10 for anyone paying after 1st August and anyone joining after the AGM will only pay for the following year's subs.

Mike Cutler is sending off for the 3 club places in the London Marathon.

The rejection slips should be given to a committee member or brought along on the night of the AGM for the ballot place.

Membership Update

Steve Whincup said that Richard Baker had put his hardship forms in and was awaiting a decision before he could run for the harriers in club competitions. Victoria Consterdine-Tilley was due to send her hardship forms off to claim hardship before she could run for the Harriers.

Social Secretary report

Carol said that the ladies evening was very successful. There would be a curry night soon but no date was set yet. Alans' run will be on 21st November at the Nags Head, Wheelock.

Website Update

Andy Painter said that he would put some articles regarding the Hellraiser onto the website and he was in the throes of designing a blog for the club.

Race Manager

Mike Hatton said that the last race of the North Staffs League was on Sunday and the club had won the Team Champs. The club champs would go down to the last race which would be the Cheddleton Pudding run and the Helena Tipping. There will be 2 more cross countries at Stafford and Leek. Mike said that the club was beginning to be noticed by other clubs.

AOB

Mel asked if there was a way for people who aren't running at present to keep up with the news, for those not familiar with the website and the forum. The committee agreed to look at members without computers or with spent e-mail addresses. Mel said that he had been looking at hotels in London for the National Cross country Finals. He had looked at an Hotel in Bellsizes park at a cost of £166 for 2 people for 2 nights. Simon said he would put the spare key for the noticeboard on the Ladies Changing room Key bunch. Alasdair asked about the club member of the year vote which Andy will set up on the website. There will also be a "paper" vote which Alasdair would sort out.

Date of Next Meeting -AGM- Monday 17th November 7.30

Date of Next Committee Meeting Monday 1st December

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The meeting closed at 21.30 hours