



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Monday 6th October 2008- 7.30pm in Bar Lounge at the Vagrants, Willaston

Present: Alasdair Dyde, Simon Walker, Bill Ferguson, Tony Salthouse, Andy Painter, Steve Whincup, Mike Cutler, Mel Cole, Charles Rowlands, Jeanette Hatton, Mike Hatton + guest Phil Evans

Apologies: Roger Foden, Carol Godfrey

Minutes of last committee meeting

There were no amendments to the previous meeting's minutes

Matters Arising

Halloween Hellraiser

Mike Cutler said that arrangements for the Race were going well and John Clements of Stone Master Marathoners and Pete Norman of Wrexham AC had agreed to referee the race.

Sponsorship had been obtained and Mike was going to obtain a risk assessment form from Adrian Thimicke , and complete it himself.

The route was the same as the one which had been run by certain members of the club, and was approximately 8.88 miles.

Mike then went through the route with the meeting (which included Phil Evans).

Men's Changing Rooms

Bill Ferguson told the committee about the conversation he had had with Gwynn Evans regarding the changing room.

Gwynn had offered "as a special" offer, the rugby changing rooms would only cost £400 if the sum was paid within a fortnight.

Bill then said that since the main block changing rooms had been used on that night, the better option seemed to be to use these in the future and not the Rugby changing rooms.

Members would have to arrive slightly earlier, change and then put their kit in the car till after the run, but this should not be a problem and anyone not in a car could leave kit with members willing to store kit in their own cars.

The fees for this year would be £600, £900 for next year and eventually £1200 in the year 2011/2012.

Mike Hatton asked if there was a chance that the harriers could have a member on the Vagrants committee.

Alasdair said that the club weren't considered full members yet and wouldn't be till the eventual figure of £1200 was paid.

Flora London Marathon

Alasdair said that as the Ballot results were now out for the London marathon, there was really no reason for not having the club ballot for members at the AGM. This would also encourage more members to attend the AGM. It was also agreed to have a reserve for any members drawn out who were later unable to compete.

Membership Update

Steve Whincup said that we had one new member, Richard Baker, who had come from Horwich Running Club. The membership now stood at 114.

Financial Update

Bill Ferguson said that the club had had the £400 from Bombardier for the 20 mile race.

Social Secretary report

The ladies run is to be on October 24th - venue to be decided.

Website Update

The action points from the last meeting were done (address fields narrowed) and charity chapter introduced.

Club presentation Evening

The meeting discussed the presentation evening and the general concensus was to have a meal, presentation and Steve Whincup's quiz.

The decision as to when the quiz will be and the fee will be left until the next meeting.

Race Manager

Mike Hatton said that there were 16 male runners who had completed in 8 or more club championship races so far.

He said that there was a good turnout at both the Newcastle cross country on Saturday and at the Congleton Half on Sunday.

The club finished fourth in the Cheshire Grand Prix Series and were on course to win the North Staffs Road Runners Team prize.

Off Road Championship (as opposed to the road fairies champs)

Steve Whincup had produced a copy of proposed off road races and the committee stressed that these races shouldn't clash with any races which were needed to be run for the North Staffs league or the Cheshire Grand Prix series.

The criteria will be the best 6 races to qualify for the Off road champs of which one must be a long run.

AOB

Simon Walker said that there was a possibility that the Audley 10k may not be run and if this was so, could the Xmas Pudding Run at Cheddleton be put in to the champs initially as a reserve with the view to it taking the place of Audley, should the latter not be run.

Charlie told the committee about the South Cheshire Advertiser which had started carrying a club race report, and said that the club should take a more active role in using this forum.

Charlie also asked for the next meeting to discuss the 20 mile race with Dave McGrath.

The meeting discussed the possibility of the club running more Relay races next year.

Mel told the committee about the club tent which needed a small repair, and the committee agreed that the club would pay for the repairs.

Simon volunteered to take a group out for speed sessions on a Thursday night – to be advertised on the website.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 3rd November 7.30

AGM Monday 17th November 7.30

The meeting closed at 9.10 hours