



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Minutes Monday 26th November 2007 - 7.30pm in Bar Lounge at the Vagrants, Willaston

Present: Mike Cutler (MCu), Alasdair Dyde (AD), Tony Salthouse (TS), Bill Ferguson (BF), Simon Walker (SW), Mel Cole (MCo), Roger Foden (RF)(Observer)

Apologies: Jeanette Hatton

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were not available at meeting, but had been received. To be cleared at next meeting.

Matters Arising

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on previous Monday had elected the following to Committee positions President – Tony Salthouse Chair – Alasdair Dyde Secretary – Mike Cutler Treasurer – Bill Ferguson Elected Members: Simon Walker, Mel Cole and Jeanette Hatton Given the number of duties the Committee needed to cover including Race Manager and Social Secretary and the increased membership, it was also agreed that the following members would be co-opted onto the Committee. Roger Foden – Newsletter Charles Rowlands Mike Hatton – Race Manager Steve Whincup Carol Godfrey – Social Secretary Agreed that clarification of roles would be undertaken at next Committee meeting. The committee also agreed an increase in female representation needs to be actively considered. TS identified that he needed a back up to ensure that Web site and membership responsibilities were continued should he be absent. Responsibilities for Easter 10K would remain with AD and for 20 Mile with Dave McGrath. Auditor position remains vacant and it was agreed that if no one puts forward his or her name by next meeting then Committee would appoint appropriate person.

Constitution A redraft of Club Constitution was tabled and considered by Committee, as it had not been updated since 1992. A number of actions arose from the discussion as follows. MCu will confirm with UK Athletics: The appropriate wording around family membership in respect of Child Protection Act The appropriate wording (if required) for section on Club Dissolution The appropriate wording in respect of section on resignations Clarification on scope of insurance cover for potential members Key changes agreed were: To increase the numbers of members to be elected to Committee from 3 to 6 to reflect increased membership. They will be entitled to vote on Committee decisions, Co-opted member to be allowed to vote on Committee decisions. Voting quorum to be increased from 3 to 4, to consist of minimum of 2 elected officials. AD will undertake amendments and issue in advance of next meeting

where the Committee will ratify it, then put to members via Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Club Awards Evening MCo was thanked for his activity so far in booking Crewe Golf Club for the evening of 25 January 2008. Arrangements were discussed and agreed as follows: Golf Club dress code to be followed Start would be 7.00pm for 7.30 dinner Chosen menu would be 2 course meal a cost of £12 a head After Dinner Speech to be given by John Bourne (MC has already confirmed attendance) Followed by Club Championship/Member of the Year presentations RF will arrange for promotional 'flyers' and numbered tickets. TS will put on Website. SW will hold tickets to be issued on application to him. Nominations for Club Member of the year were discussed. Link will be provided on website for nominations which will then be passed onto AD to collate. RF will produce paper version for distribution at Club nights.

Club Championship SW has put invitation on Forum for members to indicate race preferences, which he will take into account when drawing up list to be presented at next Committee meeting for agreement. Aiming for between 20-25 races. In recognition of the need to pre register for two early and popular races in New Year, the Alsager 5 and Four Villages will be included in 2008 Championships.

Cross Country MC stated that support for Staffs XC has grown and expectation for last race will be in excess of 30 members running. A minibus has been hired and arrangements are being made. He will be promoting Nationals and Cheshire XC races via forum and e-mail.

Membership Update TS confirmed that we now have 115 members, 113 of which have paid.

Supporting New Members MCo led the discussion on how we could support new members and ensure that the rising number of runners on Club nights got the most out of the runs. It had been suggested that we draw up a small pack for new runners to welcome them to the club and to make it more welcoming. MCo agreed to talk to Charlie Rowlands who had indicated that he would be happy to help with this. A buddy system with experienced members was suggested as a good idea. Mel also said it was clear that we need to meet the differing running needs of members to ensure that people were not put off and were looked after. It was agreed that for the following night we would designate leaders for groups to run at 3 different levels, with a view to establishing more leaders and groups to cater for differing needs and numbers.

Easter 10K AD confirmed date as 23 April 2008. He gave notice that he would be shortly setting up sub-committee to take organisation forward. Steve Whincup had already indicated his willingness to act as race secretary. The priority is to now get applications ready in advance of New Year

Any Other Business

TS suggested that instead of sending Xmas cards members could donate to Charity. MC suggested that it would be a good idea to have an open evening in New Year as an opportunity for people to come down and experience what it is like running with a club. RF will delay next Newsletter until after next XC on 8th December.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th December, 8.30, The Vagrants