



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 11th December 2007 - 8.30pm 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), Steve Whincup (SW), Carol Godfrey (CG), Charles Rowlands (CR)

Apologies: Jeanette Hatton, Mike Hatton

Minutes of Last Meeting

Amendment to be made to differentiate Mike Cutler and Mel Cole in the minutes. Correction to be made regarding surname. Otherwise accepted.

Matters Arising

Constitution - RF had produced latest version of Constitution. MCu is still in process of clarifying sections with England Athletics, which he hopes to have done for next meeting. At which it will be put to Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in New Year.

Club Awards Evening - Promotional Flyer and tickets for Awards evening now available – tickets through SW. Upper limit is maximum of 110 people. AD to obtain trophies. MCo confirmed Golf Club is now booked and it had been suggested to him that it would be wise to book in advance for following year. MCu to prompt John Bourne to confirm attendance for the record

Cross Country – AD expressed thanks to MCo on behalf of club, for the marvellous job he had done organising North Staffs Cross Country. MCo expressed thanks to all club members who raced. MCu will collect £3 from runners who are running Cheshire Cross Country and make payment. Closing date for Northern's is 17 December 2007 MCu will make decision on Friday as to individuals to be entered.

Club Championship

SW presented provisional list of Championship races for 2008. After discussion Audley 10K and Clayton 10 to be added, and it was noted that the list provided good range of distances and increased number of local races. Best Marathon time of individual's choice to count. List agreed and SW to re-format for publication in time for New Year.

Membership Update

TS confirmed that we now have 115 members, 1/3 of which are female.

No other reports raised under standing items

Supporting New Members

Following discussions and further thoughts from previous meeting agreed that priority should be on ensuring that new members were felt welcome and had someone to call on to support them over their initial fears, concerns, nervousness etc. This wasn't necessarily about becoming their running buddy, but to help them gain confidence as a club member. Various ways of doing this were discussed and it was suggested that we compile a list of volunteers who undertake this role. CR offered to take this forward.

In terms of introducing new members to racing (though not obligatory), it was agreed that it would be worthwhile to spotlight certain races to encourage maximum participation. The first one would be the Alsager 5. SW also indicated that as an Alsager resident that he would be willing to provide après run refreshments. Actions were taken to highlight in newsletter, notice board and general encouragement across membership. The aim was to increase 2007 entry of 31 SCH runners

Any Other Business

Any Painter has offered his services to act as Webmaster for SCH site. SW agreed to take over membership responsibilities. TS will liase with both to support transition. Easter 10K sub committee will meet early in New year, entry forms to be made available for Helena Tipping 10K. CR confirmed discounts applicable to purchase of kit. MCu highlighted NSRRA presentation night early in New Year for which a number of SCH members will be taking part.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2008, 8.30, The Vagrants