



SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

Management Committee Meeting - Minutes

Monday 30th June 2008 - 7.30pm in Bar Lounge at the Vagrants, Willaston

Present: Mike Cutler (MCu), Alasdair Dyde (AD), Bill Ferguson (BF), Simon Walker (SW), Mel Cole (MCo), Roger Foden (RF), Steve Whincup (SW), Carol Godfrey (CG), Charles Rowlands (CR) Mike Hatton (MH), Andy Painter (AP), Gemma Cutler

Apologies: Tony Salthouse

Minutes of Last Meeting

Apologies made for non availability – to be issued with those of current meeting.

Alasdair advised that he had made changes to draft constitution for final comment, following consultation with England Athletics. He suggested that it would be best to put this aside now for AGM in November, which was agreed.

Off - Road Championship

Steve Whincup outlined proposal for an Off Road Championship for the club in the following year, to complement existing Road running championship. There would be one short, one medium and one long race incorporated to a maximum of twelve races, with 6 to qualify.

Steve volunteered to run the championship and incorporate a handicap system. He had looked at Bingley Harriers who ran a similar system which involved a points system akin to the North Staffs Road Runners league e.g. 50 for 1st club runner in, 49 for 2nd etc.

All agreed that this would be an excellent idea. Steve will provide full outline of championship for committee in due course prior to launch later in year.

Halloween Run

Mike and Gemma Cutler had looked at the possibility of a run around the Halloween date- since there didn't seem to be anything in running diary that took advantage of the this time of year.

They had identified a provisional date of 26th October 2008 with a 10.30 start.

There were one or two course options taking in the South Cheshire Way, mostly off road at c10K.

Mike had written to ASDA to try and obtain sponsorship from them. Gemma had designed a race entry form and a mock design of T-shirt for finishers which she showed to the committee. She also enquired about the cost of obtaining the T-shirts. Steve Whincup asked if a Fun Run could be incorporated around the Vagrants field.

All agreed that this was a good addition to current SCH races, and various suggestions were made and Simon Walker agreed to act as race secretary.

Membership Update

Steve Whincup said that England Athletics had duplicate members in the database and he had manually removed those duplicated members.

He would make sure that new members received their new cards as soon as possible. There were now 110 paid up members and 27 unpaid members from last year.

Financial Update

The club still owed England Athletics the membership fees and were still awaiting the Cheque from Bombardier for the 20 mile race.

Club Secretary Update

Mike Cutler said there were no outstanding issues to report.

Social Secretary Update

Carol Godfrey said that the last social event at Chester Races went very well although there was a low turnout.

There is a race and social event on Wednesday 2nd July at Forest Park, Birchwood for the 5K Ladies race for those attending.

The next social event was the Barbecue with a date of either the August 4th or the 30th. Carol asked if a designated pub could be named for all races, with the named pub publicised before the race day. It was agreed that these would be identified alongside races.

Website Update

Andy Painter said that the new club website was up and running.

He also said that SUB4 had approached the club with an offer of a 10% discount to club members.

Race Manager Update

Mike Hatton said that he had been to the North Staffs Cross Country meeting and there would be 4 meetings in the cross country league. These were to be: Newcastle, Park Hall, Stafford Common and Westbridge High School.

The fees were to be raised – men-£40, woman £30.

North Staffs were looking for participating clubs to host a fixture of their own (not necessarily on their own turf).

Mike said that 5 teams were entered into the Shugborough relays and 2 teams entered into the Tattenhall Tough Team Challenge.

Mike Hatton said that there was now 50% of the club competing in the club championships - more than corresponding clubs of our size which was very encouraging.

Any Other Business

Mike Hatton suggested having another run and chip night for members. The date of Thursday 17th July was put forward and agreed. Simon Walker will contact Dawn at the Vagrants to book the Chips.

Charles Rowlands will continue to advertise the club through News reports and posters, and was thanked for his excellent efforts to date.

Carol Godfrey suggested advertising in local newspapers to promote the club.

Bill Ferguson commented on the success of the 'club' tent that had been used a lot and appreciated by many members of the club.

Mel Cole volunteered to look at the costings for a pennant for the tent.

Steve Whincup had said that he had met Nial McGregor and Nial would like the club to take forward CLUBMARK in association with Crewe and Nantwich AC.

A discussion was held on the various merits of this association and was agreed that this required further thought and discussion at a future meeting.

Steve Whincup said that he was running the Devils O' the Highlands 43 mile run on August 9th, and the committee agreed to have a link on the website to the race involving sponsorship for Steve

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 28th July 2008 8.30 - The Vagrants