



COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday 9TH May 2011

Present: Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler , Gill Gibbons, Sue Poole, Simon Walker, Kedren Elliott, Mike Hatton, Mel Cole, Neil Jones, Phil Cliff, Lorna Fewtrell, Andy Painter, Steve Whincup, Charles Rowlands

Apologies: Lesley Oldfield.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Club Anniversary Celebrations

Gill Gibbons said that they had done some more organising and a band were booked for the evening. The cost of the tickets was discussed and £15 per head was agreed as the face value. Sue Poole said that tickets would go on sale in the following week.

Kedren Elliott handed out a leaflet of designs for the mug that would be produced for the anniversary. The committee took a vote on the best design and Kedren said she would sort out the production.

Charles Rowlands said that the club 25th anniversary relay would be viable provided that there were 6 teams or more. He said that he needed a rough estimate of numbers for the Pub at the end of the run. Mel stated that he would like to thank Charlie on behalf of the club for all of his sterling work put in whilst reconnoitring the route.

Race Feedback

Charles Rowlands said that the 20 mile race went very well and if people had any suggestions as to improving the race, he would welcome these. The race was received very well by runners and there were excellent reviews on Runners World.

Training Nights.

Mike Cutler said that the main aim was to get new group leaders and set up a co-ordinated plan to help out with groups, which would involve the potential formation of a sub-committee. Mel Cole suggested that the club should have a list of Run Leaders on the Website. Alasdair Dyde said that, as there was a free places available on Leadership in Running Fitness course very soon on the 11th June, the club should try and get interested club members on this course .

Standing Items

Membership secretary

Steve Whincup mentioned that he had circulated an email about a company that would organise subscriptions. The meeting discussed the item and decided that they should keep things as they were for now but would enquire if there were other sources offering the same facility. Steve also said that there were 196 members who had rejoined and he would need to send affiliation fees to UK Athletics soon.

Club Secretary

Mike Cutler said that he had had a message from Wendy Valentine (club liaison officer for Crewe and Nantwich AC) regarding First Aid cover for Race Finish Lines. There were 2 places available on a Monday evening for any Harriers were interested. The cost would be minimal.

Treasurer Update

Nothing to report other than Affiliation fees for UK Athletics were due.

Newsletter

Lorna Fewtrell said she was developing the 'copy' she had received into the newsletter.

Race Manager Update

Mike Hatton said that he had been thinking about splitting the ladies Championship into 2 groups and concluded that as there were only 11 ladies who had completed the minimum number of races needed to qualify in the last year, this might be difficult. It was agreed that in principle, the men should have 2 divisions and Mike Hatton would work up how this might be done for the Ladies division. The matter would be discussed again at a future meeting, but the initial reaction was to go with the idea.

Mike said that in the Cheshire Grand Prix, the club was still 14 points ahead of Wilmslow after the last race which was Runcorn Bridge Race.

Mike said that in the road club champs, 54 men had competed and 32 women. Mike also highlighted that the Shugborough Relays were coming up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Cutler said that the Halloween Hellraiser was on the 30th October 2011. Charles Rowlands said that Edwin Chatwin would be happy to do Flapjacks for the end of the Halloween Hellraiser.

Phil Cliff said that he had contact with a company which could produce a sign for the outside at the vagrants publicising the club and the cost would be around £40 -£50. Kedren Elliott had produced a mock up of what the sign might be like and it was agreed to present this to the Vagrants committee to see whether there were any problems regarding erecting the sign.

Neil Jones said that he had been in touch with Running Fitness magazine with a view to putting an article in which would promote the club.

Mel Cole said that there were only 7 or 8 people at the previous week's Yoga session and he would have to decide whether to postpone classes for the summer given the variety of competing activities during the summer period.

Mel said that Lesley Oldfield had asked if committee members would publicise, via the forum, their intention to attend the charity Curry Night on Monday 16th May.

Mike Hatton asked how the club was keeping track of any money raised through sponsorship, for the Clubs' charity - AGE UK.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13th June 2011