



COMMITTEE MEETING OF SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS

THE VAGRANTS, NEWCASTLE ROAD

20th February 2012

ATTENDEES: Alasdair Dyde, Gill Gibbons, Lorna Fewtrell, Phil Cliff, Lesley Cole, Neil Jones, Mike Cutler, Sue Poole, Mike Hatton, Simon Walker, Mel Cole, Ian Chalmers (Cheshire Academy)

APOLOGIES: Charles Rowlands, Andy Painter, Bec Marshall, Steve Whincup

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

AWARDS EVENING: The general consensus of the committee was that the awards evening was a success. There were 92 attendees on the evening.

Alasdair told the meeting that the club had had a quote for publishing the new Welcome Members Pack for new members.

Steve Whincup said that he had been approached by Cheshire East, in regard to Sports Relief, at the Cumberland Track. The meeting decided to decline the invitation.

Alasdair Dyde told the meeting that as Sylvia Smallwood was having her 70th Birthday at the weekend, and asked the committee to consider an her honorary membership award as she had been a club member for approaching 25 years. The committee unanimously agreed to this.

STANDING ITEMS

Membership Secretary Update.

Alasdair spoke on behalf of Steve Whincup who said that there were now 254 members. Mike Hatton asked if there was a limit to the amount of members and as yet, this shouldn't be a problem but the committee would monitor the situation. The committee agreed that there should be more emphasis on making sure that the group leaders aims for each evening were agreed before the night as well as making the group leaders known and then made public to the club each night.

Club Secretary update

Mike Cutler told the meeting that Peugeot had agreed to pay for the numbers in the Halloween Hellraiser so another £40 would be paid to the club.

Mike said that he had put the club forward to host the 2013 cross country venue, but this would only be if Frodsham wasn't chosen. Mike also told the committee that he had been re-elected as Chairman of the Cheshire County Athletics Association.

At this Juncture, Ian Chalmers from the Cheshire Academy of Integrated Sports (the club is the nominated charity for 2012)joined the meeting and gave a synopsis of what the club did and were about. The club was founded in 1993. He explained about the club and its aims and achievements. He told the meeting that over 200 children with disabilities used the academy each week. He said that the academies work with families was especially important. Ian told the meeting that any monies generated went towards Competitions or the Academy itself.

TREASURERS UPDATE

An update on club finances was provided.

RACE MANAGER UPDATE

Mike Hatton asked the committee if the Wrexham Village Bakeries race results should be left out of the club champs bearing in mind the short course for some competitors. The meeting agreed to omit the results for those two runners affected, but would review the situation should the need arise in the future.

Mike said that the Manchester Cross country ended at the weekend and as the club didn't field full teams in some events, a fine may or may not be applied. The meeting agreed to commit to the Manchester cross country league in 2012-2013.

Becs Marshall had had positive feedback on the 3 league structure of the club champs that were being trialled this year. She said that there was a fantastic turnout of ladies at the Alsager 5.

Mike said that there were a lot of PB's at both Alsager and the Four Villages.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Hatton said that the lights on the bridge were now working and Nick Hackett had ensured that the Highways had provided a new Grit bin.

Simon Walker told the committee that he, Mike Cutler and Phil Cliff had the intention of holding a 5km series on in Queens Park. The committee agreed unanimously on this.

Mike Hatton told the meeting that John Clemens of North Staffs Road Runners had told him that the newsletter would be out after Stafford Half so it was agreed to only put the 20 miler in the newsletter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING -19th March 2012