



COMMITTEE MEETING OF SOUTH CHESHIRE HARRIERS 21st January 2013

ATTENDEES - Alasdair Dyde, Mike Cutler, Simon Walker, Steven Whincup, Neil Jones, Charles Rowlands, Mike Hatton, Phil Cliff, Andy Painter, Gill Gibbons, Sue Poole, Andrea Davies, Lorna Fewtrell, Becks Marshal

APOLOGIES - Melvyn Cole, Lesley Cole

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

Annual Awards Dinner - There were 116 tickets sold out of a possible 120 available. (compared to 92 sold at last years' function) More prizes were still needed for the raffle. The winning numbers in the raffle are to be put on the prizes. The dinner will start at 7 o'clock with the disco arriving at 6.30. Alasdair Dyde will lead with Bill Ferguson being asked to present the trophies. There will be presentations to the first 3 in each division and also the Off Road championships. Mike Hatton will do the Cheshire Grand Prix. Charles Rowlands will bring his camera to photograph the proceedings. It was agreed that the Cheshire Academy would be asked to come to the Vagrants for the presentation of their cheque rather than at the awards evening.

Awards Voting - Neil Jones questioned the method of choosing the awards, possibly to be done by the committee. Andy Painter told the meeting that he had received 50 votes out of a club membership of around 270, with the possibility that most members do not recognise a lot of the other members.

Club Charity - The money raised for the charity amounted to £628 with Neil Jones to add another £250 to the total. Simon Walker gave a breakdown of the figure with the curry night bringing in the most money. The suggestion was to make the figure up to £1500 which was agreed. Steve Whincup suggested that a percentage of entry fees in races be donated to charity and this to be put on our entry forms. Alasdair Dyde asked Simon Walker to give a rough breakdown of profits for all of the club races over the last 3 years.

Charity Nominations - Sue Poole suggested the Air Ambulance/First Responder. Jeanette Hatton suggested S.A.D (sudden death in adults) charity, with Becks Marshal suggested that members put their ideas in. Andrea Davies suggested the local Stroke Association.

Lorna Fewtrell asked about the impending raffle at the awards evening, the meeting said that it wouldn't matter at this time who the charity was as this would be decided at a later date.

Alasdair said he would raise the matter with members and there would be a closing date for suggestions with the committee ultimately making the decision of next year's charity, based on suggestions received.

STANDING ITEMS

Membership Secretary - Steve Whincup said that there were 291 members in total so far with 130 either new members or those taking advantage of the Early Bird system. Steve told the meeting about a certain number of members who ran at 6 and didn't come to the club. These would probably not renew but were happy to still marshal or help out at club functions. It was suggested that a Social Membership might be preferable but this was decided against by the meeting because of the difficulties. Andy Painter said there would be insurance problems with a social membership only.

Secretary's Report - Mike Cutler gave thanks to the club and especially Neil Jones for the tremendous effort at the Cheshire Cross Country meeting. He said that the Cheshire County AGM were to be held at the Vagrants.

Race Manager's report - Mike Hatton praised Becks Marshall for her Gold medal at the Cheshire Cross country. He went through the list of races for the new season in the road championships and said that the Forest Park 5k for ladies was out of the list. The Sutton Six does clash with our own 20 mile race and the Four Villages was lost due to the weather. Mike Cutler said he would put the notice on the board. Mike Hatton said that he had this year's groupings in hand.

Mike Hatton said that the £10 excess for the Christmas handicap would be given to the club charity. He also said he would flag up pre entries for Birchwood and Lake Vyrney

Becks Marshall related some data from John Driscoll - Diane Mitson was 2nd fastest for her age group in the Chester Half Marathon. Becks said that she was buying extra trophies for the presentation evening. Phil Cliff reported that this year will have the most Lady Harriers in the North Staffs Leagues

Treasurer - Simon Walker told the meeting that the club finances were very healthy but there would be a substantial amount to be paid to UK Athletics for affiliation fees and the amount to be paid out for the charity. Simon said that the Air Products entry was now 37 applied and he also said that he was to enquire to Elaine Dodds (manager of Queens Park) to hold the Queens Park 5k series again on the last Friday of June, July and August. Simon said that the Club's 20 mile race was now online on Runners World and he was the race secretary for this (and all the Club's Races).

Website - Andy Painter is working on new web site design. Mike Cutler requested that his number be removed from the list.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Phil Cliff suggested a race similar to the Limp Wrist 5. He proposed it on a Thursday night in mid June and as Charles Rowlands said he wasn't holding the summer relays this year, there would not be a clash. Various suggestions were made with Steve Whincup saying that 13th June would be best.

Sue Poole said she had contacted Drew Burrows (organiser of the Run Winsford 10k) about avoiding a clash with the Halloween Hellraiser.

Andrea Davies told the meeting of the special offer made by Simply Gym of corporate membership for the club if 10 or more members joined--- at £16.99 per month with no joining fee and no contract.

Date of next meeting 11TH February 2013