

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 25th of April 2017

Present: Andrew K, Richard, Wendy, Cherry, Jools, Alan, Andrew B, Stef

Apologies: Dan, Simon

Not present: Ian, Bev, Chris

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Richard explained that the order for the new vests has not gone out yet, as we do have to change the constitution before we can place the order. The wording of the constitution needs to be more general rather than stating the exact club colours. Richard had a discussion with some of the Juniors, who were not keen on changing the club vest, and also felt that they had not been involved in the process. He explained that they had access to the same information/ consultation as the adults, as every member was sent a newsletter with details of the opinion poll. They have now accepted that we went with the decision of the majority of members.

Jools asked that we should keep the old vest registered with EA alongside the new design, so members are still able to wear the vest for races if they wish to. For Track and Field competitions we are required to wear the same vest for the whole team, so for this season anyone competing in T&F will have to wear the old vest. The new vest design will be required from the 2018 T&F season onwards.

From 2018 onwards the committee have decided that members will be required to wear the new vests for team events, such as track and field competitions and cross country.

The old vest will remain registered with EA and can be worn at other races if members choose to do so.

We will not order any more of the old style vests and the remaining old style vests will be sold off at half price, as they make great summer training tops.

Stef will send a brief explanation out to all members after the AGM. **Action: Stef**

The wording for the constitution should be changed as follows:

The club colours are agreed by the majority of members, approved by the committee and ratified by England Athletics.

35 year anniversary: Stef had put out a notice on Facebook to see if and how members would like to celebrate the 35th anniversary, but did not receive a good response. Alan has spoken to Tori at T3 designs who can make up training t-shirts and Sweatshirts – 35 year training at altitude, which can be ordered directly from her if members are interested. Alan will post photos and details on Facebook. **Action:**

Alan

2. Treasurer's Report

As the accounts are with the accountant for the year end audit, Wendy was not able to produce a report for the period since the last committee meeting.

Over the last year the club's income was £28,815.42 and the expenditure came to £ 23,190.50. Wendy has produced a breakdown of these amounts for the AGM.

We are still holding about £500 for parkrun. Richard will find out if they have any plans for this. **Action: Richard**

We are reimbursing Helen Baker, who financed her coaching courses herself and is a great asset to the coaching team.

A few weeks ago some of the 0-5k money went missing from the bucket in the cupboard. It has not been found, so is presumed stolen. Currently Andrew B collects the money after each evening to give to Wendy. Alan will get a strongbox, so that the money can be kept safe. **Action: Alan**

We are paying for the toilets, but we cannot actually use them as the key has gone missing. We need to borrow Dave's key to have some more keys cut.

3. Membership Report

We now have 499 members (277 seniors and 222 juniors).

Cherry is very pleased with the paysubsonline system. It works well and she has had more renewal payments this year than this time last year. Cherry will now send out reminders to anyone who has not yet paid their fee for this year.

The entries for the Fountain Five race are also coming in through the paysubsonline system and this seems to work well to. So far we had 43 online entries.

4. AGM

The AGM will take place on the 15th of May at the Rising Sun, Moseley Green.

Andrew B asked if we could start at the slightly later time of 7.30pm to make it possible for members and coaches of the 0-5k groups to attend. Stef will try and change the time. **Action: Stef**

We have had three resignations from the committee: Chris Moore, Bev James and Simon Harding have all decided to stand down.

The following members are standing for committee posts this year:

Andrew Kaye	-	Chair
Richard Pegler	-	Vice Chair
Wendy Lawrence	-	Treasurer
Cherry Fowler	-	Membership Secretary
Stef Francis	-	Secretary
Alan Robertson	-	Health and Safety / Statistics
Peter Compton	-	Coaching Representative
Dan Sandford	-	Race Coordinator
Andrew Brooks	-	Social Secretary

Helen Baker - Link between different coaching groups
Jools Boon - General Committee member
Position open - General Committee member

Non-committee posts:

Peter Compton - Men's Track and Field Captain
Debbie White - Ladies' Track and Field Captain
Jools Boon - Men's Cross Country Captain
Position open - Ladies' Cross Country Captain

We would also like to have a Junior Representative. This would have to be an older Junior, age 16+. Richard will try and speak to some possible candidates. **Action: Richard**

It would also be good to find a willing parent to represent the juniors at the committee. Richard will draft a letter to parents, which Stef will email out. **Action: Richard, Stef**

The Agenda for the AGM will be as follows:

1. Chairman's report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Secretary's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Change of Constitution (re vests)
6. Appeal for track officials and coordinator
7. Any Other Business

5. Rack Raid

We have decided that we will not enter a team for the Rack Raid relay hosted by Fairwater Runners, as too many runners already have other plans for the beginning of June.

6. Forest Mile, Fountain Five and Blaisdon 10K

Pete has been able to get hold of a 6th of official, but we do have to find some members willing to do the track and field officials courses, so that we can ensure that we have enough officials to officiate at our races.

Everything is in place for the Fountain Five. Dan is still waiting for the race permit from the Forestry Commission, but will chase them up. **Action: Dan**

Jools will get the course for the Blaisdon 10k remeasured, as all road race courses have to be measured each time now, and he will start advertising the race in due course. **Action: Jools**

7. Any Other Business

Andrew Brooks mentioned that the hut was left quite untidy recently and that he and some other members tidied up. We decided that we will put all lost property on a table at the Mile and anything that has not been claimed will be donated to charity.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday, 15th of June at the Rising Sun, Moseley Green