



Minutes of Committee meeting held at The White Rabbit, Sandling Road on 25 January 2011

Members present: Floyd Risby, Michael White, Bob Foster, Sharon Hawkins, Paula Stockton, Sarah Brenton, and Matt Fraser

1. Minutes of 2010 AGM

Bob Handed out draft copies of the minutes of the 2010 and these were accepted as a true record apart from a few spelling corrections and the deletion of the final paragraph of item 10 Club Championship.

2. Club Kit

Michael White expressed his concern that new hoodies and jackets had been purchased from a different supplier without committee approval, the latest stock have a different colour logo and different text to the previous items and we have now returned to having different styles, a situation the club went to great lengths to avoid when we changed kit. In addition the kit was purchased without prepayment and as a consequence the clubs finances had taken a 'big hit'. The committee decided that in future no kit should be purchased without prior approval from the committee.

3. Club Constitution / Membership

Sharon issued the latest version of the constitution which has been revised following discussions with Martin Beaver of UKA regarding age groups. Martin said that 16-17 years old were a grey area as England Athletics deem under 18's to be children and therefore the club would need to have the correct policies in place to cater for junior members. He advised that the minimum age of membership should be 18 although the committee could allow a few exceptions provided they were agreed by the committee. It was decided that minimum age of membership should be 18 but allow 16 and 17 year olds provided they have parental consent, membership forms will need to be changed to include parental consent and committee signature.

Mike White said that juniors attending Early Birds need to be accompanied by a parent / guardian and sign a disclaimer. To cover the club it was decided that non-members attending all club sessions need to sign a disclaimer as they are not covered by the constitution and membership benefits.

It was noted that there is no definition of 'Family Membership' in the proposed constitution after some discussion it was agreed that at the next AGM a family membership fee of £40 + £20 for every additional member should be proposed. This would replace the existing fee of £60 per couple + £10 per additional member.

4. Early Birds and Tri Section

Early Birds

Floyd said that D should be invited to join the Committee to represent the 'Early Birds' section along with a representative from the Tri Section. In an effort to reduce the workload under taken by Paula which has grown considerably with the increase in membership, D should add Paula as a contact for club membership when emailing Early Birds.

Floyd also proposed that Liane's efforts in greeting new members should be recognised by creating a dedicated post and appointing a deputy to cover in times of absence.

Mike White that he felt that the Early Birds need not just be a beginners group but also an opportunity for people to expand from the 2k route and ultimately run the main club run but at an earlier time. We need to encourage helpers to come along to make it a success. It was agreed to approach D about developing the routes but it was best to wait until the lighter evenings.

Tri Section

Mike White said that plans for a Tri Section were progressing and that there is a meeting at 9:15pm tomorrow for all members interested. Mike added that it was important that the club kept control of the section. Concerns were raised that Kevin Holt may think that there are loads of people wanting to his standard. Mike said that Kevin was aware of the clubs concerns and wants to help people learn new skills; he is already an instructor and wants to get his next qualification and ultimately work for BTA.

Paula said she thought it was a good idea for the club to affiliate to BTF; we can't call ourselves Maidstone Harriers Tri Section if we are not affiliated. We need to propose affiliation at the next AGM before any action is taken

Kevin Holt would like to arrange extra training sessions; Mike White will investigate the benefits and report back at the next committee meeting. Mike added that he is happy to lead the tri section until the club have voted.

5. Club Finances

Sharon distributed a balance sheet and reported that as of 25/01/2011 the balance in the current account was £1716.54 this included the cost of the latest kit order. The balance in the Savings account is £1052.38. The race account is separate from the main Club accounts. Sharon added that the

Hockey Club rent had been until March. The rent is currently £2600 per year but Floyd has agreed a rent of £3000 for next year.

Paula asked if the cheque sent to Shane for donation to Rosie's Charity had been cashed, Sharon said that it had

Paula has been collection payments for kit and social functions, it was agreed that Mark Hewett should collect kit monies and Sarah Brenton all social function payments. Mark and Sarah will provide a break down of payments. Paula will get receipt books for Mark and Sarah.

Sharon said that she thought that subs could remain at their current level next year.

Online payment of membership fees was discussed; it was thought to be a complicated procedure at the moment but needed to be investigated in the future.

It was agreed that there should be **No** expenditure without committee approval.

6. Club Events

Mike White said that he had prices for chip timing next year's Weald of Kent and Half Marathon. Invicta East Kent charge £1 per entry and were being very helpful, Mike added that he felt it would be good to support another Kent Club.

Mucky Races charge £1.20 per entry and also had video back at the finish. Matt added that using FR Systems last year was not a good experience as too much was out of our control.

Floyd asked if we were using East Malling Research for the Turkey Run this could we increase numbers? Floyd added that we would have to revise the course, may be run it in partially in reverse to spread the field before Potts bottleneck.

Matt said that he had been working on the events packs for all three races and arranging the PO Box.

Floyd said that if we expand the Turkey Run can we run the three races as a series?

7. Social

Sarah said that last year had been a successful year as far as social events were concerned. It was agreed that Sarah should be the Single Point of Contact for social functions. Sarah said she had spoken to those that were involved last years events and asked for ideas for this year. It was felt that more volunteers were needed for the larger social events. Floyd will ask Sarah each Wednesday for an update on social events.

Next year's dinner dance likely to be on 28 January 2012 if booked before the end of January then we may get a good deal from the Village Hotel.

Summer BBQ – The Hockey Club has been booked for Saturday 16 July.

Mel is performing in Agatha Christie's, 'Go back for murder' at the Hazlitt Theatre and a club trip has been arranged for 25 March 2011

The Presentation night is on Saturday 19th March 2011 at the Hockey Club. The cost will be £10 per head with the first drink on club. The Club will subsidise the event and a band (Where's Brian) have been booked to play.

9. AOB

None

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8 March 2011