

ERME VALLEY HARRIERS

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6 November 2007.

An attendance list was taken.

1. Apologies

These were received from Peter Carpenter, Fred and Lorraine Hawkes, Debbie Carey, Kate and Russell Mogridge, Myra McKay and Angie Handforth.

2. Minutes of last AGM

These were proposed by Ken Summers and seconded by Steve Watson. The minutes were adopted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising which aren't covered elsewhere.

4. Officers Reports

The Chairman's and Secretary's reports as well as the Statement of Accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Paul said that the schools partnership is working well as are the races. The relays continue to grow.

The Development Plan will be audited.

Barrie will review the Grand Prix.

Cross Country relays and the barbecue popular with members.

Another successful year for the club. Sharon has done some great work for Sportshall. Keith, Jayne and family work hard for the club.

Keith said that the fees for England Athletics had been paid for by the club.

The current membership of 222 is a record.

We did well in the Sportshall League and the ladies in particular in the Westward League Cross Country.

There was an Armada team on the track.

We ran a successful Startrack scheme.

Keith thanked Dave for the Newsletter and Graham for the website.

Keith said he would like some volunteers to help with races.

Ian Crossley said he thinks that the website is important as people new to the area will look for the website. He wonders if we can invest in the website. The committee will look into it.

Shirley said we are in a healthy situation.

John Lee asked if we had received a bill from the Leisure Centre. Shirley said we had heard nothing.

All the races were in profit.

John Lee said he heard a rumour that the Autumn Trail run next year will be the last. John wondered whether we could resurrect the junior Autumn Trail run. Paul believes that Frank Elford has taken 'too much stick' over the fun run.

Monica asked whether anyone can think of ways to use the clubs money.

Nick McMahon suggested buying in some coaching. Paul said we would support club members to go on coaching courses. If bought in would be done through the Forum. There is no development plan for endurance coaches at present. It is being developed.

5. Adoption of New Constitution

This is being driven by England Athletics.

The club is open to all.

The constitution was proposed by Barrie Symonds and seconded by Steve Watson. Adopted by all.

6. Newsletter

Dave thanked everyone involved in the production of the Newsletter, particularly Keith and all the regular contributors.

There had been one less Newsletter as Dave was on a prolonged holiday in September.

The Newsletter now includes photos, jokes etc on the back and involves more work, as it tantamount to producing two covers!

There had been several interesting articles. There was the 'Holmes and Watson' theme and the saga about the 'walnut cake'! There was an interesting article by Sharon Terry on her Snowdon Marathon experience and we had the exploits of Alf Tupper!

7. Election of Officers

Monica took the Chair and thanked the present Officers for all their hard work over the last year.

There had been no new nominations. Paul, Keith and Shirley were therefore re-elected.

8. Adoption of Committee

All willing to stand - Monica, Dave, Sharon, Debbie, Ken, Steve, Barrie, Mike and Paul Batten.

Phil Warren proposed the adoption of the committee and this was seconded by Nick McMahon. All the committee were therefore adopted.

We need another welfare officer to support Debbie - a man is needed.

9. Subscriptions

Each athlete has to be registered with England Athletics. Last year the committee agreed that the £3 was paid by the club but this year the proposal if that the membership fees are adjusted to take this into account. The fee was also rising from £3 to £5.

The new fees proposed are family £45, adults £25, OAP £15, Juniors £8, Volunteers and U11 £5.

Paul explained about the registration scheme - amended subscriptions agreed.

10. Open Forum

There was some discussion held on the format of the Grand Prix. Barrie answered various questions and will clarify some issues in the next Harrier.

Mark Chamberlain of Satellite Sports is prepared to offer discount facilities to club members.

The Chairman of the Forum has resigned.

Paul said that Keith needs some help with the races we organise. John Lee and Linda Bracher said they were happy to help out.