

ERME VALLEY HARRIERS

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 4 November 2008.

An attendance list was taken.

1. Apologies

These were received from Dave Hawke, Justin Frost and Richard Ayson.

2. Minutes of last AGM

These were proposed by Phil Warren and seconded by Linda Bracher. 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 it was a great achievement for a small club to be named South West Region "Club of the Year". This was very fitting as the club is celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

We were on the short list with two other for the National Award.

There is strength of depth in the club.

We introduced initiatives such as the 'Spirit of the Moor' and 'Grand Prix' series. Thanks to Richard Ayson, Neil Holmes and Barrie Symonds.

We have started to integrate Senior and Juniors but it has been a struggle to get some Juniors to run for the club.

Particular thanks to Sharon Terry for her work in many roles - volunteer co-ordinator, coach, beginners mentor and sportshall.

Andrea Brooks has also worked hard for the club.

Keith had been nominated as 'Ivybridge Citizen of the Year' but was unsuccessful. Keith has also been nominated for a South Hams Sports Award.

Barrie Symonds is to extend the Grand Prix to include Juniors.

Paul thanked Keith and his family for all the work they do for the club.

Keith apologised for numerous spelling mistakes in his report!

The current club membership has again increased to 237 - 103 Seniors (most ever) and 134 Juniors. However, only 31 of the seniors are not vets.

Keith thanked Jayne for collecting money at training.

Keith also thanked Sharon for her work in connection with sportshall.

We had more senior men compete in cross country.

The track and field season began well but rather fell apart.

Keith thanked Dave for the tremendous job on the Newsletter. The photo copying alone takes two hours, even before the Newsletter is assembled and then distributed.

Concerning the website Gavin Priest has expressed an interest in helping. Many thanks to Graham for maintaining the website.

Sharon said she would like to thank the volunteer co-ordinators.

Shirley said that the club is in a healthy situation. We need to consider in future Possible finances which may be needed if we move premises (link with the cricket club) as we are running out of space at the Leisure Centre.

Transport costs are no longer a drain on the club as 'Armada' is involved.

5. Newsletter

Dave thanked everyone involved in the production of the Newsletter.

He hoped that the 25th Anniversary edition was popular as it had taken a week to produce!

6. 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.

7. Adoption of Committee

The present committee, apart from Barrie Symonds were all willing to stand. Monica, Dave, Sharon, Debbie, Ken, Steve, Mike, Linda and Paul Batten.

Paul wished to thank the race sub-committee of John Lee, Ian Crossley and Linda Bracher for all their excellent work. He would be delighted if they wanted to stay on to general meetings following sub-committee meetings or consider joining the committee.

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

8. Subscriptions 2009

These had to be increased by £5 last year due to the registration scheme with England Athletics.

Shirley proposed no increase on the subscriptions.

Nick McMahon asked what are we going to do with the money we have. Shirley said that in 2010 there is the possibility we could move to Filham and will have to contribute financially.

John Lee queried what would happen if we didn't move to Filham. It was mentioned that we haven't received a bill from the Leisure Centre!

Nick said he felt the Leisure Centre was handy as at Filham you would need a car to get their!

9. Club Development Plan

On the website - evolving all the time.

10. Affiliation Update

Keith said that most members had received their competition cards from England Athletics. Next year races will require the details. Keith asked that members let him know if they haven't received their cards. Paul and Keith sit on the Regional Council for England Athletics. There is some restructuring in progress. The regions will be reduced to three. We are now linked with East and West Midlands. No one was expecting this change.

The Forum submitted a bid for financial support (coach for region).

Next year there is likely to be a 3k and 5k road running series - 5k in the summer and 3k for the winter - free to enter.

11. Open Forum

Ian Crossley thanked Graham for his good work on the website but felt this could be improved to the benefit of the club. Keith said that one problem was maintaining the site. Keith said that he will speak to Gavin.

Linda Bracher said that she can't remember the web details (on all Newsletters) and asked that we consider changing the details.

Sharon and Monica have started a beginners training group on Wednesdays. Claire said that she can probably help.

John Lee asked whether we could 'buy in a coach' for some training. Paul will make some enquires with Mark Brace.

Huw Jones referred to the coaching scene in connection with triathlons.

There was some discussion concerning stretching.

John Lee said that the presentation to 'Dame Hannah Rogers' (£250 decided) has yet to be made (Beacon event).

Finally Sharon Terry was voted Club Personality of the Year.