



A.G.M. 2013 MINUTES

VENUE: Kings Tamerton Social Club.

DATE / TIME: Thursday 9th May 2013 / 19:24hrs.

PRESENT: Bryan King (BK), Sharon Adams (SA), Thomas Walters (TW)
Neil Williams (NW).

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Mathias, Sarah Abrams, Damian Miling, Louise King, Vic Hibbert, Linda & Graham Kent, Carole Hall, Bob Craig, Miranda Ritchie, Maggie Lewis, John Ritchie, Michael Page, Richard Best, Kathy Weaver-Gore, Ian Luya, Sarah Horton, Kate Howard, Caroline Williams, Mark Pearson, Nicole Balmer, Michelle Wilton, Donna Burke, Darren Dunridge, Sam Goss, Johnny Kemp, Duncan Seward, Ken Kingston, Martin French, Stephen Andrews, Elaine Blake, Tracy Watkiss, Jules Davies, James Kilby, Chris Menlove-Platt, Suzanne John, Marie Hannam, Emily Simmons, Kelly Hart, Anita Chambers, Ian Rothwell, Bianca Staunton, Andy Rean, Damian Milling, Chris Brown.

APOLOGIES: N/A.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Approved by Chris Menlove-Platt and seconded by Maggie Lewis.

Chair's Report:

SA thanked the standing committee and those who had stood over the previous 12 months. The coaches and Captains were also thanked for their hard work. Nicole was thanked for her hard work on the web site along with all the members as without them there would be no club. SA thanked the members for voting her in as the Club Chair and felt honoured to serve the Club for the last 12 months. This year had been the most successful year to date, with the club achieving Development Club of the year (South West) and Club Accreditation. There are now more coaches and leaders, having a total of 15. The club membership peaked at 130 with most weeks welcoming new faces that generally return due to the clubs welcoming approach. We continue to be well represented at races both in participation and support; with the support being well recognised by other runners and clubs. The club is aimed at everyone and all abilities with no pressure to achieve. Last year we had a successful club race in the name of "Dom's Dash" This year we have a new race which will be run from our own club house, called Muskie Madness. SA stated she looked forward to all assisting with the race and making it another great success. She hoped she had represented the club well as chair and had always been supportive and encouraging. SA was looking forward to the next 12 months with a successful club which we had all contributed to creating.

Secretary's Report:

NW said that SA had pretty much covered everything that he had intended to say, with the only additions being: The committee had met 7 times over the previous year with the minutes always being made available. The membership is around 20% up on the same time last year, which was a good sign; if things continue we are on target to peak at 150 members. This was due to the membership and their continued support for each other. The kind and friendly atmosphere within the club membership is what sets it apart from any other club. There was a fantastic turn out at the recent Plymouth Half Marathon both in competitors and support, this has been noticed and brought in a number of potential members. Club Accreditation has opened the door to potential

avenues of funding. NW thanked the membership for their continued support and expressed how he felt that it was the members who made the club the success that it is.

Treasurer's Report:

TW provided a statement of the club finances. He confirmed that we had had another successful year. The opening balance for the year was £1841.26p and the balance at the end of the financial year was £3590.32. A question from the floor asked whether the club assets should be included on the financial statement. SA stated it hadn't been done in previous years but it is something that could be done. TW stated he would be happy to carry out a stock check and include any items.

Coaching Co-ordinator's Report:

BK stated recently a circuit club has been started and it was proving to be a success. Tuesday nights are now very varied with Park & Ride, Crownhill and Plymbridge. There is also a hills session once every 4 weeks. The 7 minute mile group still hasn't completely taken off yet. We continue to have coaching visits, recently having Viv Mathews from England Athletics to take a special session. There are Saturday track sessions. We have 15 coaches and leaders which is helpful, however there is still a need for more. BK thanked all the coaches and leaders for their assistance during the year and all the members for their support of them.

Club Captain's Report:

Unfortunately Guy was unable to make the AGM so Caroline gave a brief report. She stated that the club had done really well this year. The club had had 2 Grand Prix competitions and certificates for the recent Armada Network 3K series. It was planned to have them for the up and coming 5K series too. The vets ladies team had recently won 3rd place in the Westward Cross Country League competition, with Sharon Adams obtaining 2nd place in her age category. She hoped that the club would continue to go from strength to strength and wished everyone great success in their races and running.

Awards & Prize Giving:

SA announced that 3 of the ladies had won the team event at Saltash Half Marathon and presented trophies to Sarah Horton and Marie Hannam.

NW announced that earlier in the year the awards had been presented for the club's main Grand Prix. He then went on to say that there was an additional competition based around minute mile pacing. CW went on to present the following awards:

12 minute mile group: 1st Emily Simmons, 2nd Kerry Jackson, 3rd Philippa Davey.

11 minute mile group: 1st Sarah Abrams, 2nd Nicky Harbour, 3rd Jackie Meakin.

10 minute mile group: 1st Caroline Williams, 2nd Ieuan Jones, 3rd Kate Howard.

9 minute mile group: 1st Louise King, 2nd Sharon Adams, 3rd Nicole Balmer.

8 minute mile group: 1st Bryan King, Mark Pearson, 3rd Darren Dunridge.

7 minute mile group: 1st Dave Mathias, 2nd Guy Boswell, 3rd Richie Mason.

The overall winners were:

1st Caroline Williams, 2nd Dave Mathias, 3rd Guy Boswell.

Matters Arising:

Darren Dunridge asked for clarification on the nomination for the position of chair within the club. NW explained that he as secretary was the person responsible for taking the nominations for any positions within the committee. He confirmed that he had intended to stand down as secretary "for one reason or another" and did not want to expand on that. BK had announced a few weeks ago that we were struggling to fill the positions on the committee and if we didn't have enough

then the club would ultimately fold. It was at this point NW and a group of other concerned members felt that something had to be done. NW re-iterated that nomination forms had been made available to members of the club and that there was a closing date for forms to be with him; Thursday 25th April. On that Thursday there was a committee meeting and NW announced that he intended to stand as Chair and that there were a group of members who would also stand for positions on the committee. There was an issue over those members being able to work with SA on a committee and this was in no way meant as a criticism of SA; it was an extremely hard decision to come to. It was at that point that SA withdrew her nomination. NW stated that he felt he had always followed correct procedure as set out in the clubs constitution. He also stated that he had received an email from UK Athletics stating he should follow the clubs rules and constitution, he once again stated he felt that he had done that. He went on to say that quite obviously SA was not happy with the way things had been handled. NW stated he would like to stand by what he had said, in that there were nominations for committee positions and that the committee should go forward and be elected unopposed. However in light of how that would look and feel he thought that it would only be right to accept motions from the floor on a way forward. He also stated that it was the members club and ultimately it should be the members that make the most important decisions. He stated that he had said it before and truly believed that any committee are the servants of its membership. After some discussion it was proposed that there should be a vote for the position of chair. There was also some discussion as to whether Ian Luya should be allowed to stand as Treasurer against Mark Pearson; it was agreed there should also be a vote. The standing committee was deselected. A vote for the position of Chair was taken and NW was elected. NW addressed the room and thanked them for their support. He stated that the whole situation had not given him any pleasure and that he had always said and will continue to say that SA had worked tirelessly for the club and hoped that that would continue. He expressed a need now to draw a line under the matter and move the club forward in a positive direction. He also acknowledged mistakes had been made and that things could have been handled much better and apologised for that. A further vote was taken for the position of Treasurer and Mark Pearson was elected. The remaining positions were then announced.

Secretary Dave Mathias, Membership secretary Caroline Williams, Committee members Donna Burke, Sarah Abrams, Maggie Lewis, Kate Howard & Nicole Balmer. The Club Captains Guy Boswell & Caroline Williams.

A.O.B.:

Ian Luya stated that this is what AGMs are about and that he was pleased the issues had been resolved. Martin French asked whether something could be done to avoid a similar situation happening at next year's AGM. NW stated that these issues had highlighted there was a problem with the current constitution and that one of the priorities for the new committee was to address this through consultation with the membership.

Meeting Closed:

20:29hrs.