

Minutes of the Suffolk Winter Cross Country League AGM

Wednesday 21st September 2016 @19.30.

In attendance: Joe Mower (Chairman), Chris Starmer (Treasurer), Ricky Peacher (Secretary), Paul Felton (SCAA), Ian Gooderham (SEP), Phil and Paula Hazell (WVAC), Gordon Merfield and Sarah Vick (Saxons), Bob French (SJ), Jo Stephenson and Jason Allard (SS), Julia Baldwin (SS), Brian Munns (NJ), Paul Snowdon(IH), Janet Green (FF), Chris Chorley (BBD).

1- Minutes of the 2015 AGM

These were not available on the night.

2- Matters Arising

Not applicable.

3- Apologies for Absence

Phil Clarke (WSW), Mandy Godbold (IH), Dean Kirton (TAC), Russell Breyer (ITC), Gary Howe (BBH), Carol Le Roy (HRC), Tara Darrall (DAC), Bill Cox (FF), Jean Cox (WS).

4- Finance Report

CS produced the accounts for 2015-16. These showed a profit of £341.05 for the season giving a closing balance of £1179.54.

He explained that the healthy balance was due to a few reasons; some money had been carried over from the previous year, Fram Flyers hosted the presentation evening for no charge and new teams had taken part in this year's league.

5- Election of Officers for League

Chairman: Joe Mower.

Proposed: Chris Starmer, 2nd; Paul Felton.

Secretary: Ricky Peacher

Proposed: Janet Green, 2nd; Paula Hazell.

Treasurer: Chris Starmer

Proposed: Ian Gooderham, 2nd; Jo Stephenson.

6- Subscriptions for 2016/17 Season

As the finances were in a healthy state it was agreed unanimously by the meeting to keep subscriptions at £50 per team for the coming season.

It was also unanimously agreed to keep race fees at £4 per senior runner (juniors free). All race directors present stated that their respective clubs made money from their races and so an increase would be unnecessary.

7- League Fixtures for the 2016-17 season (provisional)

- 30th October, Framlingham
- 4th December, Woodbridge
- 15th January, Haughley Park
- 19th February. Heveningham Hall
- 5th March, Bury St Edmunds.

RP stated that Haverhill RC had expressed an interest in staging a league fixture late in the season. The meeting came up with 3 options for RP to present to Haverhill:

- i) For them to come up with some firm info with a view to staging a race in the 2017-18 season.
- ii) For them to stage a race on 26th March, giving the league six fixtures instead of five.
- iii) For them to stage a race on 5th March. In this case, St Edmund Pacers would move their event to 19th February and Bungay Black Dog would have a year off from hosting.

RP will report ASAP on Haverhill RC's decision.

8- Any Other Business

- i) PS had some issues with the length and difficulty of the course at Heveningham Hall. CC explained the difficulty in finding a suitable venue with adequate parking facilities. (JM produced some statistics that showed a huge increase in participation over the past few years). CC explained that if Heveningham is to host an event this season, the course length can easily be suitably adjusted.
- ii) BM reported that Newmarket Joggers were keen to host this season's presentation evening. The meeting supported this proposal unanimously and the matter would be left in the hands of Newmarket Joggers.
- iii) JB asked about the possibility of more host clubs holding Under 11's Fun Runs as Framlingham and Bury already do. CS stated that Stow Striders would look into the possibility of staging one at their Haughley Park event.

With there being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05.