

Sutton Runners Committee Meeting – 5th August 2010

Minutes

Present: Anita Hedges, Mark Asten, Tony Gallagher, Claire Ballhatchet, Andrew Nippard, Charles Green, Therese Panetta, Graham Miller, Barbara Burnett,

Apologies: Steven Barber, Neal Richardson

Section A: Standing Items

1. Welcome and thank you (Andrew)

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Claire for updating the membership records and sending them out in advance, Mark for organising the BBQ and other recent social events and Graham for organising the mob match with Collingwood AC which was a big success.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes (All)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. President's update (Andrew)

No update, various issues contained within specific agenda items.

4. Secretary's update (Graham)

Graham proposed that a trophy is purchased and presented to Collingwood AC for winning the mob match this was accepted by the committee.

Graham said the handicap on the new route has been a big success this year, he also proposed that the date of the last handicap is moved forward to 31st August as he is likely to be unavailable on 7th September, it was suggested that this is communicated to the club before the change of date is confirmed which Graham will do.

5. Treasurer's update (Charles)

Signatories have now been amended; Andrew and Graham are now able to sign club cheques.

6. Membership Secretary's update (Claire)

We now have 92 members having gone through the renewal process, there are still loads of regular runners who have not renewed. It was suggested that an email is sent out to those that haven't renewed which Graham will send out, Claire will provide the details.

7. Social Secretary's update (Mark)

There was a drink to celebrate the Edinburgh Marathon in All Bar One on 4th June which was well attended

There was a night out in London on 25th June which was not so well attended

The Summer Barbecue at Horton Park on 1st August was well attended

There is a Picnic and Rounders event in Nonsuch Park (organised by Jenny) on 8th August

Mark has been able to get 18 free tickets for the Athletics at Crystal Palace on 13th/14th August all of which have been distributed to club members.

Mark will provide some suggestions for a Christmas do at the next committee meeting.

8. Women's Captain and Vice Captain update (Anita and Therese)

No Ladies team at present for the Wimbledon 5k on 8th August, Anita is trying to persuade more ladies to take part. Dates for the Cross Country are now confirmed and will be available at club next week.

9. Men's Captain and Vice Captain update (Steven B and Neal)

No update as Steven and Neal were both absent, though Andrew confirmed that the dates for the Cross Country have now been confirmed.

10. Press Secretary's update (Tony)

Tony mentioned that we are getting good coverage in the local papers but added that the on-line version of local papers often contains more information, he suggested that a link is added to the weekly email which Graham will do.

11. Newsletter Editor update (Barbara)

Barbara said that the latest edition of the newsletter we are short of articles, the deadline for the next edition of the newsletter is Wednesday 11th August.

Section B: Raised Items

12. Competition rules/team composition (Andrew)

Andrew presented an issue proposed by Martin Newton, which suggested that the club have rules as to who can compete for the club, there were two sections to Martin's draft proposals: 1) that guest runners cannot compete for the club unless they are making up an incomplete team and it is within the rules of the competition (social 'open' relays, not league fixtures for example). 2) that 2nd claim members can only compete for the club after 1st claim members have filled completed teams.

There was general acceptance of the 1st point but not the 2nd as it was felt by all that 2nd claim runners have the same rights as 1st claim members providing their 1st claim

club is not competing in the same event, as per the rules of competition. Based on the discussions held Andrew will further produce some proposals with Martin Newton, and ask the committee to vote on them at the next meeting thereby creating club rules for future team events.

13. 10k determine allocation of race profits to Charities (Andrew)

Andrea made a recommendation at the last meeting which determined the amount of race profits to be allocated to the two charities, based on feedback received since the meeting the committee were asked to vote on these recommendations which were club £456, Sutton Mencap & Karira Trust £400 each, this was accepted by the committee.

14. Proposal to purchase Surrey Road League race places to ensure we have sufficient numbers to enter men's and ladies teams. (Jenny Sinfield)

Jenny was invited to the meeting to present her proposal but was unwell so Graham was asked by Andrew to present it. The background is that in several road league events this year we have been not been able to field men's and/or ladies teams. If the club were to purchase places then these could be used to ensure sufficient numbers were taking part to enter teams, the places could be allocated in a ballot and would be open to all club members. There was support for this proposal from the committee but equally also some reservations, primarily the administration involved in running the ballot. It was also suggested that spending money is not the only way to resolve the problem, others being advertise on the new website, team captains to have lists, publicity on the notice board and targeted coaching. Races all over the place that have been extremely popular in the past few years and often sold out, have struggled to get anywhere close to their full attendance this year – so this is a widespread problem that reaches far beyond just our club. Various hypothesis for this were discussed including the growth of the excellent ParkRun series both in terms of participants and number of locations. Andrew agreed to draft some proposals concerning promoting the Road League in general covering several angles and present at them at the next committee meeting.

15. Club Championships – Review and decide allocation of club awards (Steven)

Steven was not present so the committee were unable to discuss his proposals to review the awards. In his absence it was suggested that he shares his proposals with the committee prior to the next committee meeting so they can be discussed and any changes to current arrangements agreed. In the absence of any new proposals then the present arrangements will still apply.

16. Website Redesign (Darrin Ormston)

Darrin was invited to the meeting to present his proposal to develop a new website, the background being that his quote represented the best value for money for the club. Darrin's proposal involved designing a website and arranging for a website host which would cost in the region of £25 to £30 per year. Darrin said that it would take around two months to design a website as he has to fit it in around work. The proposals were accepted by the whole committee and Darrin would be asked to join the committee as webmaster – although this is completely up to Darrin. Andrew agreed to write to Stephen Chamberlain and thank him for all his work for the committee over many years and confirm what monies if any are owed to him. Darrin said he would circulate the details of his proposal to the committee and also to Barbara for inclusion in the newsletter.

17. Club standard Awards - Proposals for Ladies V55, New system for issue
(Tony G)

Tony has updated all the standard awards and gave a batch of them to Graham for signature, once he and Andrew have signed them they can be presented down the club, it was agreed that either Graham or Andrew can present depending who is available. All Gold and Elite Awards will be laminated and a laminated copy of the awards standards will be pinned on the notice board. Tony was thanked by Andrew for all the work he has done in getting these awards updated.

18. Coaching Courses (Andrew)

Andrew announced some dates for Summer Coaching, these being a drop-in clinic on the 18th August and Core training events in Nonsuch Park on 25th August and 1st September. It was proposed that the cost of funding these core training events would be borne by the club and therefore would be made free to club members. The committee agreed that this training should be paid by the club and a note will sent to the club providing details within the next few days.

19. Committee positions (Mark)

Carried over to the next meeting.

Any Other Business (All)

There was no other business