



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
SWANLEY & DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB  
HELD AT THE OLYMPIC, SWANLEY  
ON FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2012**

Mike Baron Vice Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm as Simon Hassett, Chairman, was delayed in traffic. A total of 31 members were present.

The meeting was commenced with a silence, to remember Derek Wright, the anniversary of his passing.

Mike Baron read from a prepared welcome from Simon Hassett who in turn thanked the Executive Committee for their support, dedication and the fact that we all had clubs best interests in mind.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Nick & Daphne Allen, Chris Barber, Mick & Jacqui Boddy, Richard Brown, David Coates, Adam & Sarah Hodge, Sally Kyle, Mick Martin, Stuart Nicholson, Brian Pitkin, Deborah Routledge, Ben Snowden and Mike Tucker.

**MINUTES OF THE AGM 2011**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th February 2011 had been previously circulated to all members & approved as correct.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 2011 AGM**

- Treasurers Report - Mike Baron discussed the Traffic Management fee & the knock on effect of increased costs. He also thanked Michelle De Kisshazy for all her work towards this year's

Darent Valley 10k.

- Club Kit - There have been problems with supply but everyone should have their free vest as promised.
  - Barry Smith raised the question regarding having an additional Swanley logo, in larger font, on the front of the vest. This was discussed and agreed that should an individual require this then any expenses incurred would be reimbursed
  - It was noted that the vest has now been registered.
  - Generally consensus was that the new club clothing was good and easily recognisable.
  - Christina Arnold explained how the new order forms for club kit worked and that they had emailed to all members.
  
- Coaching Report - Anna Willard & Mel Alflat are now doing their Level 2 Coaching course.

## **HON. SECRETARIES REPORT**

The secretary's report was presented & accepted.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented her report, thanking Ken Grist for auditing the 2011 accounts.

- The end of year balance for 2011, was £15,762.26. Alf Hill questioned the increase in clubhouse expenditure which was a direct result of some electrical work that had been carried out.
- Christina Arnold questioned where the donations had come from – These came from the Rotary club & the Lions club.
- Bob Tidmarsh questioned why there was a loss of income – It was explained that as a club we need to run at least 2 profitable races a year but given the circumstances which were beyond the clubs control the Christmas Caper had to be cancelled.
- The club subscriptions have increased by £5, to cover registration with England Athletics.
  - This has been paid by the club in the past but given the reduced income this was now to be paid by the members.
- Barry Smith raised issues about the cost of training Chapter 8 Marshall's, a requirement of the Traffic management plan, and it was advised that we will be hoping to share costs/duties with our neighbouring clubs.
- Alf Hill questioned Cross Country Races fees - These are paid for by the Club.

- Christina Arnold questioned the increased cost of the winter training venue,- costs have increased generally, do we as a club need to look for somewhere else to train which might be more economically viable?
- Given Lorraine Barry is standing down as Treasurer after several years she was thanked for all her hard work. It was noted that Roger Morgan would be taking over the role.

### **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Annual Accounts for 2011, were approved.

### **ELECTION OF AUDITER**

It was agreed that Ken Grist be appointed as Honorary Auditor.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was resolved that the following members be elected as the Club Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Chairman - Simon Hassett,  
 Vice Chair - Mike Baron,  
 Secretary - Caroline Burley,  
 Treasurer - Roger Morgan,  
 Woman's Rep - Anna Willard,  
 Committee Members - Mel Alflat & Malcolm Parsons.

The following other Officers were elected, Assistant Secretary, Andy Dunmall.

The Assistant Treasurer post is now vacant.

The following Technical Officers were elected;

Child Welfare - Richard Hills, Michelle De Kisshazy, & Simon Hassett.  
 Senior Coach/Co-coordinator - Mike Baron.  
 Woman's Officer - Anna Willard.  
 Coaches - Mike Baron, Brian Pitkin, Anna Willard, Mel Alflat, Jackie Boddy.  
 Jog Leaders - Chris Barnett, Deborah Routledge, Bob Tidmarsh, & Paul foreman.  
 Club Development will be managed by the Committee.

The following members with an area of responsibility were elected;

Press Officer - Anna Willard.  
 Road race Director - Paul Sims.  
 Race Administrator - Michelle De Kisshazy.  
 Handicap Organiser - Mike Baron & Bob Tidmarsh.

IT Officer - Paul Foreman.  
Road Race/ GP Organiser - Mick Boddy.  
Membership Secretary - Zena Harper.  
Cross Country Organiser - Mike Baron & Bob Tidmarsh.  
Junior Group Coaches - Brian Pitkin, Anna Willard & Mel Alflat.  
Kit & Equipment Officer - Christina Arnold.  
Walking Group Organiser - Paul Sims.  
Council Liaison Officer - Paul Sims.  
Newsletter Editors - Andy Dunmall & Anna Willard.  
Social Secretary, Sharon McGuinness.

## **GRAND PRIX REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

The Grand Prix Report was presented by Bob Tidmarsh in Mick Boddy's absence & was accepted.

The Presentations were made by Alf Hill.

The Grand Prix Shield was presented to Malcolm Parsons, the overall winner in seven events.

The other winners were; 2nd Male, Andy Dunmall. 3rd Male, Peter Godbee. 1st Female, Caroline Burley. 2nd Female, Zena Harper. 3rd Female, Anna Willard.

## **HANDICAP REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

Mike Baron presented the report. Trophies were presented to the following: 1st Male, Andy Dunmall. 2nd Male, Malcolm Parsons. 3rd Male, Mick Boddy. 1st Female, Zena Harper. 2nd Female, Caroline Burley. 3rd Female, Michelle De Kisshazy.

## **WALKING GROUP REPORT**

Malcolm Parsons presented the report in Paul Sims absence, which was accepted

## **CROSS COUNTRY REPORT**

Mike Baron presented the report, which was accepted. He was very proud of the fact we had had a very busy season competitively, with teams competing in both the Southern & National Cross Country Championships.

## **SENIOR COACHING REPORT**

Mike Baron presented the report, which was accepted.

## **JUNIOR COACHING REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

Anna Willard presented the report in Brian Pitkin's absence, which was accepted. Trophies were

presented to: James Graves, 1st junior male. Isabel Kelly, 1st junior female. Sean White, the most improved junior.

## **CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION**

The shield for club person of the year was presented to Anna Willard.

A special thanks to Alf Hill for presenting all the trophies.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Christina Arnold advised that an email had been circulated asking about other items of kit members would like to be introduced into the current catalogue. The popular choices were a kit bag & a fleece.
  - She presented an example of a kit bag and asked if members were happy to be contacted by email informing them of promotions / special offers with the decision to opt out if required.
  - The well known retailer, Sweatshop had been contacted and was happy to come to the clubhouse to demonstrate products. – It was agreed this would be beneficial
- Alf Hill said the club had been in existence for nearly 25 yrs, did the committee want to discuss a suitable celebration? He congratulated everyone.
- Simon Hassett explained he had now taken over management of the London Marathon Baggage Lorry.
  - He still needed volunteers for the BUPA 10k Baggage Lorry.
- Mike Baron talked about the Darent Valley 10k and explained about the need to put a notice in the local press, about the required road closures and also he needs for volunteers to undertake Chapter 8 Training ( a one day course) NB This will be linked with other local clubs ( Dartford) to spread costs & manpower.
  - Mike also explained some of the finer details of the Traffic Management Plan, & the cost implications therein. 1-2 of the members present offered to do the Chapter 8 Course.
- Christina Arnold asked about ideas to generate funds for the club. The Darent Valley 10k should make the club some funds but it was felt that given the initial outlay for Traffic Management the Christmas Caper would have made a significant loss.
- Simon Hassett offered a vote of thanks to Lorraine Barry for her work as Treasurer

The Meeting was closed at 21.20