

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
SWANLEY & DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB  
HELD AT THE OLYMPIC, SWANLEY  
ON FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2013**

Simon Hassett (Chairman) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and mentioning that some of the founder members were in attendance. He also made note of the fact that 2013 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. There were 31 members present.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Christina Arnold, Renate Blacker, Jane & Steve Blackmore, Mick & Jackie Boddy, Mike Dedman, Maureen Hills, Adam & Sarah Hodge, Sue Sawyer, & Craig Wicks.

**MINUTES OF THE AGM 2012**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 had been circulated to all members & approved as correct. There were no matters arising

**PROPOSAL FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Rule 6 Subscriptions:

- a) Additional line "The subscriptions do not include any additional registration fees (or similar) applied by athletics' governing bodies-these will be payable by the athlete"
- b) Associate Membership £5.00

For clarification, the honorary membership will be an invited membership category, awarded at the discretion of the committee to those members who have given exceptional service to the club.

Proposed by Mel Alflat, Seconded by Malcolm Parsons, all agreed

Ken Grist asked for clarification about membership fees, Mike Baron explained about the additional voluntary £10 to cover the England Athletics affiliation fees. Being affiliated can get members discounts in Sweatshop, & entry to races.

The point was raised that if an individual is not known by the staff at Sweatshop how can they prove to be a member of the club...? The committee advised that they would look at the options of providing proof of membership.

**HON. SECRETARIES REPORT**

The secretary's report was presented & accepted.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented his report, & thanked Ken Grist for auditing the 2012 accounts.

The accounts show an increase in cash reserve to just over £18,000, in part due to a healthy surplus from the Darent Valley 10k race.

The club holds a large amount of kit (clothing) bought to take advantage of bulk buying & to cover

a variety of sizes.

The report was approved & accepted.

## **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Annual Accounts for 2012 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 Member Sarah Hodge, Committee Members, Mel' Alflat & Malcolm Parsons.

The following other Officers were elected, Assistant Secretary, Andy Dunmall. The Assistant Treasurer post is still vacant.

The following Technical Officers were elected, Child Welfare, Richard Hills, Michelle De Kisshazy, Coaching Co-ordinator Anna Willard. Woman's Officer, Clare Brown. Coaches, Mike Baron, Brian Pitkin, (until April 2013) Anna Willard, Mel Alflat, Stuart Nicholson, Nick Varley. Coach Assistants: Jackie Boddy, Christina Arnold, Simon Hassett, Malcolm Parsons, Mick Boddy. Club Development will be managed by the Committee.

The following members with an area of responsibility were elected, Press Officer Lee Coombes. Road race Director, Mike Baron & Paul Sims. Race Administrator, Michelle De Kisshazy. Handicap Organiser, Mike Baron. IT Officers, Chris Barber & Paul Foreman. Road Race/ GP Organiser Mick Boddy. Membership Secretary, Zena Harper. Cross Country Organisers, Andy Dunmall, Matt Woolston & Bob Tidmarsh. Junior Group Coaches, 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 & Helen Stringer Woolston.

Various changes, Proposed by Malcolm Parsons, Seconded by Alf Hills

## **GRAND PRIX REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

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

The Presentations were made by David Coates, The Grand Prix Shield was presented to Caroline Burley, the overall winner in seven events.

The other winners were; 3<sup>rd</sup> Male, Peter Godbee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Male, Simon Hassett, 1st Male, Andy Dunmall. 2<sup>nd</sup> Female, Anna Willard, 1<sup>st</sup> Female, Caroline Burley

NB There was no presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Female, as Rachel McGuinness had not completed the 7 races required.

## **HANDICAP REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

Mike Baron presented the report. Alf Hills presented the trophies.

3<sup>rd</sup> Male, Andy Dunmall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Male, Bob Carter, 1<sup>st</sup> Male, Mathew Woolston. 3<sup>rd</sup> Female, Zena Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Female, Vicki Stringer-Woolston, 1<sup>st</sup> Female, Helena Orrom.

## **CROSS COUNTRY REPORT**

Mike Baron presented the report, which was accepted. He introduced the new Cross Country team, as he is standing down from this role. He praised the Panthers for their efforts at the races. The Swanley race is still a firm favourite.

## **SENIOR COACHING REPORT**

Mike Baron presented the report, which was accepted.

The big change is the winter training venue, Hextable school, slightly smaller but warmer. Anna Willard was congratulated on completing her Level 2 coaching.

Sunday runs from the clubhouse a little sporadic in attendance.

## **JUNIOR COACHING REPORT & PRESENTATIONS**

The Junior coaching report was presented by Brian Pitkin. He praised the enthusiasm, of the Panthers, & mentioned Olivia Willard, who carried the Olympic Torch. Some of the juniors have done particularly well in the Kent league.

The Panthers coaching team of Brian Pitkin, Anna Willard & Mel Alflat made presentations of trophies to

- Harriet Potter – Club junior of the year.
- Ben Hopkinson – Most improved boy.
- Emma Hillier – Most improved girl.

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

The shield for club person of the year was presented to Mel Alflat, by Richard Brown

## **THOUGHTS FROM 2 FOUNDER MEMBERS**

### **ALF HILLS**

Gave us a presentation about “cyclicalities” comparing the similarities & differences between cycling & athletics, from a talk he first gave in 1993. He recounted tales of his cycling exploits, a very interesting talk from a talented man in his younger day.

### **RICHARD BROWN**

Gave us a presentation about the history of the club, how it started, on a bench in Swanley Park! The founder members being, Richard Brown, Alf Hills, & David Coates. Various dates of interest 1990, 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Caper, the Darrent Valley 10k about the same time, the Swanley website, 1998, Gentle Joggers, 2005, clubmark award 2007.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ken Grist – Raised the point, that the club gets a donation from the organisers, for doing Baggage lorry at both the London Marathon & the BUPA 10 k and he feels that the money, as with previous years, be given to charity or used to offset the individual’s subscription fee.

Simon Hassett responded by saying it should stay in the club given earning potential for the club is limited and should SDAC be unable to host either the Christmas Caper or the Darrent Valley 10k due to traffic management issues or similar, a contribution albeit small in comparison it would be a source of income for the club.

The general opinion from the floor is to give a form of donation to charity given the current financial position of the club but not necessarily from the contributions raised from the VLM organisers. Therefore, Simon Hassett advised that the matter would be discussed at the next committee meeting with the proposal being circulated following that session. NB It was agreed / accepted that the members volunteered for the 'The Baggage Lorry' for the experience rather than financial gain.

Bob Tidmarsh – Queried if everything is in place for the Darent Valley 10k. Mike Baron assured him, all was progressing at it should be with local authority & police being kept informed of matters.

Ben Sowden – Asked if the top car park could be opened earlier on a Sunday. It is not opened 'til just before 9.00 making it difficult to get to the clubhouse for a 9.00 start – Committee to source key for padlock at all possible.

Simon Hassett – Asked for volunteers for the Baggage lorry at the BUPA 10k (May 27<sup>th</sup>) & Ride 100 (Aug TBC).

The meeting was closed at 21.10