



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SWANLEY & DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB
HELD AT THE OLYMPIC, SWANLEY
ON FRIDAY 7th MARCH 2014**

Mike Baron (Vice Chair) opened the meeting, for Simon Hassett, (Chair), reading from a prepared statement, by welcoming everyone.

He explained there were changes in the executive committee, thanking those who were standing down and asking for volunteers to fill the missing spaces. He mentioned there had been numerous changes in the 6 yrs he has been involved with the club mostly benefiting the club, through the actions of the team not just individuals. The Chair was thanked by Mike Baron, Vice Chair.

There were 33 members present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from, Richard Brown, Mick Body, Mathew Woolston, Paul Simms, Alf Hill, Mike Tucker, Jane Blackmore, Maureen Hill, Deborah Routledge Helen Stringer Woolston

MINUTES OF THE AGM 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st March 2013 had been circulated to all members & approved as correct. Proposed by, Paul Foreman. Seconded by, Malcolm Parsons.

Matters Arising: A donation to charity, was made to the Millfield Trust, (DV10k) another will be made to the Ellenor Hospice, in due course. Membership cards, will be available next week.

HON. SECRETARIES REPORT

The secretary's report was presented & accepted, by Caroline Burley, who is standing down. Proposed by, Malcolm Parsons. Seconded by Clare Brown.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer Roger Morgan, presented his report, & thanked Ken Grist for auditing the 2013 accounts. The accounts show an increase in cash reserve to just over £19, 900, in part due to a healthy surplus from the Darent Valley 10k race, & a net income of about £400 each from hosting the KFL, cross country race, & baggage support at the London Marathon, & Bupa 10k.

The club still holds a large amount of kit (clothing) bought to take advantage of bulk buying & to cover a variety of sizes. The committee is looking to change supplier.

The report was approved & accepted.

Proposed by, Anna Willard. Seconded by, Mel Alflatt.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts for 2013, were approved.

Proposed by, Ken Hopkins. Seconded by, Christina Arnold.



ELECTION OF AUDITER

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There are numerous changes in the Executive Committee

The Chair is now Mike Baron. Vice Chair, Mel Alflatt.

Secretary is standing down, there were no volunteers for this role.

The Treasurer will remain as Roger Morgan

The Woman's member is standing down, again no volunteers for this role.

Committee Members Malcolm Parsons to remain, & joined by Sam Goulter.

Other Officers Assistant Secretary Andy Dunmall will remain. Assistant Treasurer still Vacant

Technical Officers Club Development, continues to remain vacant. Child Welfare, Michelle de-

Kisshazy will remain, Joined by Malcolm Parsons. Coaching Co-ordinator, Anna Willard. Woman's Officer, Clare Brown. Coaches Mike Baron, Anna Willard, Melanie Alflatt. Coaching Assistants, Jackie Body, Christina Arnold, Malcolm Parsons, Annette White, Amanda Eaton, & Sarah McCall.

Areas of responsibility Press Officer, Now vacant. Road Race Director, Mike Baron, Paul Simms. Race administrator, Michelle de-Kisshazy. Handicap Organiser, Mike Baron. Social Secretary, Helen Stringer Woolston, Joined by Jackie Body. Membership Secretary, Zena Harper. IT Officers, Chris Barber, Paul Foreman. Grand Prix Organiser Peter Watts. Cross County Organisers, Andy Dunmall, Mat' Woolston, Bob Tidmarsh. Junior Group Coaches, Anna Willard, Mel' Alflatt. Kit & Equipment Officer, Christina Arnold. Walking Group Organiser, Paul Simms. Council Liaison Officer, Paul Simms. Newsletter Editors, Anna Willard, Andy Dunmall. Track & Field Officers Clare Brown, Anna Willard. Auditor. Ken Grist.

All these changes were Proposed by Annette White, Seconded by Peter Godbee

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 Simon Hasset, The Grand Prix Shield was presented to Peter Watts, the overall winner in seven events. The other winners were; 3rd Male, Mathew Woolston, 2nd Male, Andy Dunmall, 2nd Female, Anna Willard. 1st Female, Caroline Burley. There was no presentation of 3rd Female. He did ask for a discussion about the Grand Prix, as he felt it was a little stale, & needs a revamp. (See under any other business)

HANDICAP REPORT & PRESENTATIONS

Mike Baron presented the report. Simon Hasset presented the trophies.

3rd Male, Mike Baron, 2nd Male, Mathew Woolston, 1st Male, Ian Pullen. 3rd Female, Renate Blacker, 2nd Female, Christina Arnold, 1st Female, Annette White.

The First race of this year's handicap will be 3rd Wednesday in April.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Andy Dunmall presented the report, which was accepted. The main focus being the KFL. Rough Common & Minnis Bay being the most challenging. Swanley is still a favourite . We get a second bite of the cherry with a race being cancelled due to the very wet weather, so we are hosting the last race & presentations next week.

SENIOR COACHING REPORT

Mike Baron presented the report, which was accepted. The winter training venue, is at the Whiteoak Leisure centre. This is big enough for both the seniors & juniors to train together. There are still 2 coached sessions a week, with teams being organised to take part in the Southern Vets League.



JUNIOR COACHING REPORT & PRESENTATIONS

Anna Willard presented the report. She explained how well the Panthers are doing in Sportshall events, some are even being selected to represent us at regional level! The panthers are a force to be reckoned with at KFL races as well, not minding the mud & wet.

Mel Alflatt was congratulated on passing her coaching course, Malcolm Parsons his assistant's course - 3 others are all progressing with their assistants courses as well. Anna Willard & Mel Alflatt presented the awards for Junior Boy of the year to Ben Howe, Junior Girl of the year to Annette Cockran. Most improved Junior to Annabel Arnold.

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

The shield for club person of the year was presented to Christina Arnold by Simon Hassett.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Grand Prix This generated much discussion. Mel Alflatt suggested linking the Grand Prix with Club Development, she also queried if the membership should be asked to vote on continuing with the Grand Prix. Bob Tidmarsh suggested there was a general apathy this was also echoed by Barry Smith. Simon Hassett, thought maybe different races might be the answer, also that the current system of age graded scores favours the older runner. Malcolm Parsons felt there should be less emphasis on age grading, & make it more of a social event.

Peter Watts suggested 2 Grand Prix's a road & Cross Country. Clare Brown felt it should be made more inclusive, it does not encourage the less able. Reduce the amount of qualifying races from 7. Do away with the Grand prix make it a more social event (to be discussed at committee level)

Wednesday Night Coaching Bob Tidmarsh : raised various questions; winter venue, timing of session, greater emphasis on panthers than seniors. The coaches felt the current winter venue is the best so far, warm, easily accessible. But limited to 1 hour as there are other groups using before and after us. They have asked for 1 ½ hrs for the next winter session. Christina as a parent helper is willing to organise other sessions for a smaller group at possibly the weekend in the car park of Swanley Park. Lack of infrastructure for the juniors this is improving.

Jackie Boddy: Raised the point about a dog owner in the park, who causes trouble to runners, he can be verbally abusive, obstructive, using his dog as a threat, allowing the dog to run at us on his extend-able lead. He was spoken to during the summer about his behaviour, by the council. Jackie will speak to Sevenoaks Community officer about his conduct.

Ken Grist: Was concerned about the people flying their model aircraft in the fields behind Swanley Park on Wednesday evening training sessions. He felt we as athletes could possibly be injured.

Ian Pullen: Was concerned when some of the older juniors go out with the seniors, on an evening training session. He felt there was a risk that the junior might get over looked & forgotten. He was assured, that close supervision takes place, but the coaches would be more vigilant, maybe pairing the junior up with an adult. Anna Willard will look at this with regard to the transition of the older junior preparing to join with the adult group. Clare Brown sometimes takes out a small group of juniors, which she closely supervises.

Mel Alflatt would like to see a more cohesive membership.

The meeting was closed at 21.20 by the new Vice Chair, as the new Chairman had to go to a prior engagement. People stayed on to enjoy the buffet

An engraved tankard was given to Ken Hopkins, to deliver to Alf Hill, to mark the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

