

Wymondham Athletic Club Committee meeting minutes 7th June 2004

Present: Peter Clarke, Dawn Wightman, Karl Chapman, Paul Wightman, Ian Sturgess, Terry Epps

1. Apologies for absence

Russell Clarke

Approval of previous minutes

The minutes from 5/04/04 were approved.

2. Matters arising

None

4 Reports

4.1 Chairman

Peter Clarke presented the following:

The club has received a letter from UK Athletics Association to advice that WAC is covered for Public Liability Insurance. Terry Epps has agreed to get a certificate from them.

Alex Hartley is now very unwell with MS but he is still in good spirits. Peter suggested that the club should make Alex an honouree life member. The committee agreed to this.

The summer handicap will be starting a week late now on 14/6/04 because Steve Corbould has been having family problems, his grandson has cancer. Peter advised that he would check with Steve on his availability to carry out the handicaps and if could not do then others must be prepared to help out.

On this subject Peter advised that he had a letter from Steve's daughter asking if the club would be able to donate something to a charity auction for the Neuroblastoma charity. Peter suggested that we donate the funds form the Ketts Park relay and the committee agreed to this.

Members must ensure that they enter all races they complete in the race book and the summer coaching sessions appear to be going well.

4.2 Secretary

Dawn Wightman presented the following:

Sponsorship for the WAC races has been sought from Power Bar, who may be happy to do something for the 10/20 race but they will not have their budget until October 2004, so Dawn will contact them then. Jordans have been approached regarding the 5k races in September but unfortunately they can not supply any bars this year because of under production. They have said they will be happy to do so in 2005.

It has been suggested that Alka Seltzer may be interested in sponsoring the New Years day race and Dawn will be looking in to this. Dawn will also be approaching some of the big sports shoe names to see if they may be interested in any of the races.

4.3 Treasurer

A copy of the income and expenditure report was handed to all committee members. Terry advised that the expenditure on race trophies was rather high at the moment. The committee agreed and Peter agreed to speak to the race committee at their meeting on 10/6/04.

Membership fees are still outstanding from some members, of whom Terry produced a list. He advised that he had written to these people and suggested that he could pin it on the notice board and advise members that if they are not paid up members then they are not insured and can not enter races and claim the discount for the race. The committee agreed to this.

5 Round Norfolk Relay

Peter advised that all was going well with the preparations for the relay.

6 Ketts Park Relay

Karl advised that we can not have the relay on a Sunday because the Church club have use of the centre. He suggested Friday night on 20/8/04. Flyers will need to be printed and he suggested that the teams were picked on the night to include a mixture of fast and slow runners.

Paul suggested that the event should be listed on the Norfolk events list that is run by CONAC and put in to the local news paper. We should try to get local clubs involved, e.g. Football teams. A discussion followed as to whether the entries should be pre booked or entered on the night. The committee agreed that a pre entry of a team of four would be allowed or entries on the night.

Karl advised that the route will be two laps and Dawn agreed to contact the Neuroblastoma charity to check it was ok to raise funds from the race for them.

Action Dawn

7 Second claim members

Terry advised that you become a first claim member to the first club that you join. A member is only allowed to run for that club but they are free to join another club but must not run for them in races. Terry suggested that he put together a simple explanation and tie it in with the information that is given to all new members as well as putting a notice on the notice board for all existing members.

Action Terry

A discussion also followed on junior club members, should the club encourage them. It was agreed that the insurance issue need to be looked in to and Terry agreed to do this.

Action Terry

8 WAC 10 mile race and County Championship medals

Peter advised that he would be attending a race committee meeting on 10/6/04. He also advised that the club had received an email from Richard Polley complaining that the medals were given out very late after the event. A copy was passed to all committee members.

Karl asked why they were given out late. Peter advised that it was because the team event only went to three in a team and it should be four to score. The club did not realise that there was a third team and then they found there was and it took a while to sort it all out. A discussion followed and it was agreed that someone else within the club should check this in future not just the race committee. Peter agreed to speak to the race committee at their meeting on 10/6/04.

Action Peter

Dawn advised that CONAC had asked to borrow our race timers for the Norwich half marathon on 13/6/04. The committee agreed and Peter agreed to advise the race committee at the meeting on 10/6/04.

Action Peter

AOB

Quiz Night

Peter advised that David Hazleton had asked if he could run a music quiz night. Paul suggested that a note is put on the notice board and that if people wish to attend then they should put their names on the list. If ten or more people do this then it should go ahead. The committee agreed and Peter agreed to advise David.

Action Peter

Track and Field equipment

Peter advised that Adrian had asked if they could purchase some equipment. The committee suggested that he decides what he wishes to buy together with prices and to let the committee know.

Club Records

Peter advised that Ann has suggested that we put his with the 2004 member's booklet. The committee agreed to this.

Club Shed

Peter advised that the shed is leaking and needs water proofing. Karl agreed to look in to it and get it sorted out.

Action Karl

Footprints

Peter advised that Kim had suggested that due to lack of articles and information given that Footprints be printed only three times a year from now on. The committee agreed to this.

Club t-shirts

Peter advised that it had been suggested that we have a club vest and a technical t-shirt available to members. The committee discussed this and agreed that a t-shirt was not needed.

Circuit Training

Karl asked if the club was still checking that only members were going to the circuit training. The committee agreed that it was only members who attended but that an attendance sheet should be signed each time. Ian agreed to speak to Sam Brown, who runs the circuit training about this.

Action Ian

Meeting dates

Peter advised that he will be on holiday for the 5th, 12th and 19th of July and Paul may also be away then too. This would mean that the committee meeting will need to be brought forward. The committee agreed to the date of 28/6/04.

The meeting concluded at 21.30pm

Dawn Wightman (WAC Secretary)

Next meeting 28th June 2004

