

Wymondham Athletic Club Committee meeting minutes 28th June 2004

Present: Peter Clarke, Dawn Wightman, Karl Chapman, Terry Epps, Eurwyn Jones, Kim Reader

1. Apologies for absence

Russell Clarke, Ian Sturgess, Paul Wightman

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes from 7/06/04 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

A Peter advised that he had spoken to Alex Hartley and he has agreed to become an honouree member. Alex is keeping well and has two goals he wishes to achieve in respect of WAC; these are to attend the Ketts Park relay and the Christmas event. He will probably finish work in the near future and then hopes to study history at the UEA.

B Terry advised that he had spoken to the insurance brokers at UK Athletics about the Liability insurance and they have advised that we have a legal liability policy, which protects the club if it is taken to court. There are no age restrictions on the policy and they also do not issue any certificates.

4. Reports

4.1 Chairman

Peter Clarke presented the following:

Peter attended the last race committee meeting before the ten mile race and he raised the matter of a budget for trophies etc. Eurwyn and Jeremy have agreed to look in to this.

The ten mile race went very well and Peter congratulated the race committee representatives. 144 runners finished the race with 59 entries on the night.

4.2 Secretary

Dawn Wightman had no report to present at this meeting.

4.3 Treasurer

A copy of the income and expenditure report was handed to all committee members. Terry advised that the club has spent more cash this year on race equipment and Eurwyn is now claiming is race budget.

5. WAC Midsummer 10 Race

Kim advised that the race had gone smoothly but there were still a few issues to sort out. She suggested that all the race equipment be kept in the results room next time; this would help marshals etc to know where to go get everything they need.

New race soft ware also needs to be purchased to allow for quicker processing of the results, Paul Wightman has looked in to this and it should cost around £150.00. Time keeper's bibs need to be purchased too.

The committee agreed to these requests.

Action Kim

Terry asked why the wrong results were put on the website. Kim advised this was a mistake but it had now been rectified.

Dawn raised some points that Paul had raised and a general discussion was held. The committee felt that there was nothing major to worry about at this stage.

Kim advised that in future we must cut down on our current trophy spend and think about some different prizes.

Terry advised that some clubs give a way photos to runners and the committee agreed this may be of interest for future races.

Peter advised that all the County Championship medals had been sorted out now.

Dawn advised that she will send thank you letters out to all the sponsors – Adnams, The Norfolk Golf club, Waitrose and Sportlink.

Action Dawn

6. Ketts Park Relay

Dawn advised that Paul had sent all the entry forms to the local club secretaries.

Karl advised that he will be writing to all the local Wymondham businesses to see if any wished to enter teams.

Peter advised that Steve Cobbold's daughter had asked if she could run a raffle on the night to raise extra funds. The committee agreed that this would be ok.

7. Free CONAC midweek entry

Peter advised that the club had received a free entry for the midweek series as a thank you for lending CONAC our race timers at the Norwich half marathon. The committee agreed that members who wished to enter should put their names in a hat.

Dawn agreed to sort this out over the next couple of weeks.

Action Dawn

8. Mike Groves race

Peter advised that Mr Groves had asked him if WAC would like to take the race over from 2005 onwards.

Kim and Eurwyn advised that would not wish to do so because there is so much work involved in organising it. The committee agreed with this and suggested that other clubs are approached to see if they would like to do it.

Peter agreed to look in to this option.

Action Peter

9 Request from Busy Bees playgroup for free 5k race places

Kim advised that the play group is a charity and that the parents are regularly asked to come up with methods of raising cash. In this respect she would like to see if some of the mothers would like to run the 5k for charity and ask WAC if they could have 3 – 4 free entries for the race.

Dawn advised that we need to be careful that by doing this we do not open the flood gates to others who may also want free places when raising cash for charities. It is important to remember that the club uses the races to raise money for the club and the benefit of its members. A discussion followed and it was agreed to take a vote. The committee voted that it would be ok to offer the places to Kim on this occasion.

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Coaching Committee

Kim advised that Sam Brown will no longer be coaching for the club or taking the circuit sessions because she is pregnant.

Peter asked Kim to pass on the club's congratulations.

Kim advised that as only one member was currently attending circuits they would stop the sessions during the summer and just keep the track going. The committee agreed to this.

Membership

Terry advised that he had put a list on the notice board of all members who had not paid their subs.

Karl suggested that if we are aware that someone is attending the club and has not paid their membership then they should be told that they will not be allowed to run at the club unless the fees are paid. It must be explained to them that they will not be covered by the Liability insurance. The committee agreed with this.

Half Yearly Meeting

Peter advised that the meeting will be held on the 2nd August 2004. The committee agreed that the following matters should be put on the agenda:

Senior Citizens rate membership

Ketts Park Relay

The Christmas Event

Round Norfolk Relay

The meeting concluded at 21.25pm

Dawn Wightman (WAC Secretary)

Next meeting Half Yearly 2nd August 2004

