

## **Sandhurst Joggers**

### **Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting Held 31st March 2003**

#### **Present:**

Kim Reeves, Phil Boylan, Matthew Gardam, Metta Dawson, Suren Mannick, Keith Snook  
David Muir, Jo Wojcik, Neil Cottrell, Dave Raeside, Carl Bradshaw, Frances Westerman  
Alison Bone, Dave O'Toole, Adrian Parsons, Steve Davies, Andy Leslie, Pete Webster  
Dave Dart, Dick Allison, Charles Garrett, Steve West, Roger Halliwell,  
Janice Alves de Sousa, Simon Whillis, Roy Whillier, Alan Kirby, Mike Corfield,  
Wendy Leslie.

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

The following apologies were recorded:

Pat Spong, Ray Brown, Graham Kelly, Jenny Brown, Anne Whillis, Meryl Welch  
Barbara Harries, Ray Llewellyn, Simon Bone, Jon Bone, Richard Newman, Sue Dart  
Robert Garrett, Hannah Kirkman, James Corfield, Alan Rolfe.

#### **2. Approval of minutes of the 2002 AGM**

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Andy Leslie, seconded by Charlie Garrett and carried.

#### **3. Review of matters arising from the previous AGM**

There were no matters arising from the 2002 AGM minutes.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

##### **4.1 Events Secretary's Report (Alan Kirby)**

4.1.1 Track will be starting soon, at the Bracknell venue as in past years. This is usually successful and enjoyable.

4.1.2 SJ Ladies have done well in relay races; winning the Brickmakers and Bounders events.

4.1.3 The men won at Burnham Beeches.

4.1.4 In the local cross country league the club came second overall and fourth in the final.

##### **4.2 Membership (Janice Alves de Sousa)**

At the date of the AGM there were 136 paid up members. Janice requested that complete details

be entered on the renewal forms including Email addresses where applicable. Renewal fees for 2003/2004 are due at the AGM date.

### **4.3 Social (Wendy Leslie)**

4.3.1 Attempts had been made to hold least one social event per month.

4.3.2 Four pub runs had been held, the first two being run in pouring rain.

4.3.3 Beer tasting (thanks to Charlie) had been so successful that two “episodes” had been necessary.

4.3.4 A Christmas Party (with disco), a quiz (thanks to Steve Davies) and the annual dinner at Chobham had all been successful.

4.3.5 Forthcoming events announced were:

London Marathon trip - coach for runners and spectators.

Post-London party at Metta Dawson’s house on Monday 14th April.

### **4.4 Chairman’s Report (Simon Whillis)**

4.4.1 We are still one club (SJ) despite a potentially divisive issue which arose last year. In connection with the name-change matter, Simon thanked Roy for his efforts organising the ballot.

4.4.2 Thanks were expressed for the efforts of Alan (Events), Mike (Treasurer), Graham (General Member) and Pat (Publicity). Special thanks were also directed to Wendy, particularly for the last few weeks prior to the AGM, and her efforts in connection with the end of year dinner.

4.4.3. Dick was thanked for his excellent and continuing work on the newsletter. His award for Club Member of the year was said to be well deserved (applause). Dave and Sue Dart were thanked for their work on the Yateley Races over many years and gratitude was expressed for Pete Webster who has accepted responsibility for the task.

4.4.4. It was noted that the Tuesday beginners evenings had progressed in a most impressive way and that thanks were due to Jenny and Wendy for success in this area.

4.4.5 The “Tri a Tri” had been a great success enjoyed by all who took part. Thanks were expressed to Bev for her considerable efforts in organising the event.

4.4.6 Wendy proposed a vote of thanks for Simon and his work during the year - carried.

## **5. Yateley Road Races Report (Dave Dart)**

Dave presented his (last!) Report on the Yateleys as follows:

The weather had been terrible. This was an abiding memory of the 2002 season

Entries for the first two races had been 10% up on 2001 but entries on the night were somewhat

lower.

For the third race, characterised by torrential rain throughout, there were 640 finishers (a record) and 300 entries on the night.

Achievements by SJ members were noted, with Barbara Harries, Steve Davies and Dick Allison all having picked up category prizes.

Two charities had been supported: £1250 to Camberley Disabilities Initiative and £450 to Frogmore Infants School.

Total donations had been about £4000 including £1000 to SJ. Income had been about the same as 2001 but expenditure was down on 2001.

## **6. Presentation and adoption of annual statement of accounts.**

### **6.1 Sandhurst Joggers**

Mike Corfield (Treasurer) outlined his responsibilities as treasurer and thanked Alan Rolfe for his efforts in auditing the accounts. He summarised the main issues as follows:

6.1.1 Kit sales had shown a profit.

6.1.2 Social events were “in the red” but this had been expected with the end of year dinner being the biggest expense at c £2000.

6.1.3 The income from subscriptions was £1940, an increase on the previous year.

6.1.4 The £1000 donation from the Yateleys had been very welcome as was income from the Cross Country.

6.1.5 Newsletter costs have been contained.

6.1.6 We now have a free banking service from Barclays Bank.

6.1.7 The opening balance was £2172 and the closing balance £2392. The difference between income and expenditure was small.

6.1.8 Mike recommended the annual subscription should remain at £14 (no increase).

Dave Raeside and Andy Leslie raised the question of possible investment of surplus funds. There was a further suggestion that the surplus funds might be spent on an asset such as a race clock. Other options forwarded were the hire of an after-dinner speaker for the annual event or covering all cross country entry fees.

Mike took an action to investigate these options.

Carl Bradshaw proposed adoption of the SJ accounts, seconded by Steve West and carried.

## **6.2 Yateley Road Race Accounts.**

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Dave Raeside, seconded by Phil Boylan and carried.

## **7. Club Constitution**

7.1 Mike Corfield proposed retention of the £14 annual subscription for 2003/2004. This was seconded by Jo Wojcik and carried.

7.2 The chairman invited Andy Leslie to present his proposed amendments to the club constitution which had been advised earlier in the year.

7.3 A suggestion to amend the time of the AGM to “March or April” was proposed by Steve Davis, seconded by Charles Garrett and defeated by a show of hands.

7.4 Items (a) to (f) of Andy’s proposals were discussed and voted upon with the following results:

- (a) - carried,
- (b) - carried,
- (c) - Amend to AGM or SGM , change “must” to “shall” - carried
- (d) - Change “must” to “shall” - carried
- (e) – Percentage reduced to 20%, amend to AGM or SGM, change “must” to “shall”- carried
- (f) - Change “must” to “shall” - carried.

Item (g) - Postal voting was discussed at some length. The main point made against the motion was that members casting postal votes would not have the benefit of any points made by discussion on the night. The motion was defeated by a show of hands.

## **8. Election of officers for 2003/2004**

8.1 The posts of Chairman (Simon Whillis), Treasurer (Mike Corfield) and Membership Secretary (Janice Alves de Sousa) were returned unopposed. The remaining members of the Committee viz. Secretary (Roy Whillier), Social Secretary (Wendy Leslie), Events Secretary (Alan Kirby), Publicity Secretary (Pat Spong) and General Member (Graham Kelly) had all announced their intention to stand down.

8.2 The following business was conducted in respect of the vacated posts:

Secretary - Dave Raeside, proposed by Janice Alves de Sousa, seconded by Steve Davis  
Social Secretary - Graham Kelly, proposed by Simon Whillis, seconded by Dick Allison  
Events Secretary - Wendy Leslie, proposed by Phil Boylan, seconded by Steve Davis  
Publicity Secretary - Jo Wojcik, proposed by Charles Garrett, seconded by Andy Leslie  
General Member - Alison Bone, proposed by Carl Bradshaw, seconded by Pete Webster

The above appointments were all carried unopposed. Graham Kelly’s appointment was declared as “to be confirmed”, due to his absence from the meeting.

8.3 The following non-elected posts were confirmed for 2003/2004:

Yateley Road Races Director: Pete Webster  
Handicap Organiser: Dave Dart  
Newsletter Editor: Dick Allison  
Kit Sales: Pete Webster  
Webmaster: Andy Leslie

## **9. Any Other Business**

9.1 Dick Allison suggested publication of a task list e.g. Help needed with parties etc. This was considered a good idea. Committee to provide details to Dick for each newsletter.

9.2 Alan Kirby announced the following events to be the basis of the 2003/2004 Club Championship:

Woodlands Five series  
Wokingham Half Marathon  
Samaritans 10k  
Shinfield 10k  
Burnham Beeches Half Marathon  
The Handicap series  
The Cross Country series

9.3 The need for support for the Events Secretary throughout the year was restated.

9.4 The proposal that the club should pay for certain event entries was carried (proposed by Mike Corfield and seconded by Andy Leslie).

9.5 The matter of street lighting (lack of) in Swan Lane was discussed. This was known to be a long standing problem due to the road lying between the jurisdiction of two counties.

Roy Whillier (outgoing secretary)