

Sandhurst Joggers

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting **Held 21st March 2005**

Present:

Julie Gambrill, Tracy Oliver, Larry Sharp, June Branagan, Mark Reid, Jenny Brown, Dick Allison, Charles Garrett, Roy Whillier, Ann Hewison, Rob Hewison, Simon Baynham, Gus McEachen, Suren Mannick, Carl Bradshaw, Simon Whillis, Anne Whillis, Jon Bone, Jamie Ashton, Marie Mayor, Kim Ryan, Sean Ryan, Becky Miller, Natasha O'Toole, Kim Preston, Adrian Parsons, Graham Kelly, Roger Halliwell, Richard Foster, Richard Salmon, Mike Corfield, Andy Leslie, Wendy Leslie, Janice Alves de Sousa, Dave Raeside, Liz Morris.

1. Apologies for absence

Jan Whillier, Kim Reeves, Phil Boylan, Simon Bone, Ray Llewellyn, Steve West, Pete Webster, Alison Bone, Bob Greenwood.

2. Approval of 2004 AGM Minutes

Proposed by Carl Bradshaw, seconded by Charlie Garrett

3. Matters arising from 2004 Minutes

Roy asked for clearance on several points. It was confirmed that the committee had decided to stick with the current system for evaluating Club Championship. There had so far been no applications for the £5 associate membership, and the newsletter was now produced electronically, although some members had opted to receive hard copy in A5 format.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Membership (Janice Alves de Sousa)

Janice advised a record 178 membership, thanks in part to our excellent website. Bank sort code required on direct debit forms.
Subscriptions due at end of March.

4.2 Social (Liz Morris)

Another full and varied social calendar. Specific mention of the barbecue at Bisley in August, and Liz confirmed we could do it again this year. The mince pie run from Dick and Jo's house was again much appreciated and afforded an opportunity to run from the Camberley side of Swinley Forest. Liz thanked Wendy, Andy, Kim, Sean and Natasha for their help in organising the end of year dinner at Camberley Golf Club.

4.3 Events (Wendy Leslie)

4.3.1 Relays

The Club was represented at all the usual summer relays ie Runneymede, Dinton, Peak District, Brickmakers, Bounders and achieved good results. Alan Kirby has offered to organise our participation in the 2005 Peak Relay.

- 4.3.2 Thanks to Dick Newman for organising an interesting mince pie run, for The post Grizzly recovery(?) walk and for our annual pilgrimage to Stonehenge.
Also thanks to Dave Edward for the Grizzly training run in Hampshire.

4.3.3 Club Champs

Well supported again and this year we will be adding a choice of ten mile races, - Maidenhead, Hook and Tough 10. Half marathons to include Marlow and one other to replace the cancelled Burnham Beeches.

4.3.4 Cross Country

Phenomenal turnout last season, 78 members took part in at least one event and five members did every race. The final took place on March 20th, 23 runners travelled to the Midlands and we took 3rd place in the runners up Plate.

Wendy thanked Roz for organising the catering for our home event and all those who helped on the day with refreshments.

There is a meeting pending with all other clubs in our league, to discuss possible fee increase.

4.3.5 London Marathon

17th April, coach booked and filling up fast. Rob and Ann Hewison have kindly offered to host the post marathon party.

4.4 Chairman (Mike Corfield)

Mike reflected on another successful year, culminating in the club reaching the cross country finals. Club nights are well attended, Tuesday is always popular and there is now by request an additional run on Friday evenings. Sunday mornings at the Lookout still attract a dedicated following so we now have training sessions on five days a week. Club membership has grown to a record level, and we have had to introduce race numbers for the monthly handicap due to the high volume of runners.

Mike thanked Dave Dart for organising the handicap since 1993 – Dave is taking a well earned break and Simon Whillis will take over his mantle. Appreciation was extended to Carl Bradshaw, stepping down from track Coach after many years. Alan Kirby will take over in the summer.

On the social side the pub runs were ever popular and the end of year dinner was again a success. The only failure was the pre – Christmas ten pin bowling night. It was unanimously agreed that we wouldn't patronise Wokingham Bowl again due to the appalling service.

Mike thanked his committee individually with special appreciation to Andy Leslie for a website that is the envy of other clubs, and to Wendy for her tireless work in many areas.

At this point Jenny raised an issue concerning the Tuesday night group. There followed considerable discussion on the criteria and purpose of this group and as no immediate compromise appeared imminent, Mike referred the problem to the first meeting of the new committee for evaluation and swift resolution.

Finally, Mike appealed for a new Yateley Road Races director to step forward, indicating that this acclaimed series is a substantial contributor to club funds.

4.4.1 Yateley Road Races

A letter from Pete Webster was read out confirming the huge success of the 2004 series, with record numbers of late entrants despite the increased “on the night” surcharge. These will need to be monitored closely as we are approaching the official race permit maximum number of runners. More help needed on the day, both for setting up and data input. Roger thanked the YRR committee for the donation to the Sandhurst Group Practice.

5. Annual Statement of Accounts

5.1 Yateley Road Races

Acceptance proposed by Andy Leslie, seconded by Richard Salmon

5.2 Sandhurst Joggers

Andy circulated a treasurers report showing a balance of £1728.09 after end of year dinner and cross country final expenses.

Charges for using our XC course will rise sharply in 2005 , as will league participation fees. Because of this Andy proposed an increase in club subscription to £15.

Rob suggested that runners pay their own XC fees. The committee were reluctant to revert to this because

- a) we wish to encourage club members to participate
- b) it is difficult to manage on the day, and
- c) some people simply don't pay up.

Andy warned members to beware of direct debit fraud, which had been detected in the club account. Members were advised to check statements.

Alan Kirby was thanked for auditing both YRR and SJ accounts.

Simon Whillis proposed adoption of the accounts, Dick Allison seconded and the proposal was carried.

6. Club Subscriptions 2005/2006

Richard Salmon proposed increase to £15, seconded by Charlie Garrett.
Motion carried

7. Election of officers for 2005/2006

The following Committee members were appointed

Chairman – Mike Corfield, proposed by Sean Ryan, seconded by Rob Hewison
Treasurer - Kim Ryan, proposed by Marie Mayor, seconded Carl Bradshaw
Secretary - Dave Raeside, proposed by Graham Kelly, seconded Roger Halliwell
Events Sec – Wendy Leslie, proposed by Simon Whillis, seconded Richard Salmon
Membership- Janice Alves de Sousa, Proposed by Kim Ryan, seconded Graham Kelly
Social Sec - Liz Morris, proposed by Marie Mayor, seconded Suren Mannick
Publicity - Andy Leslie, proposed by Natasha O’Toole, seconded Jon Bone
Gen Member – Richard Foster, proposed by Andy Leslie, seconded June Branagan.
Mike thanked Sean and Alison, who are standing down.

Non-elected posts were confirmed as :

Yateley Road Races Director – Pete Webster
Handicap Organiser – Simon Whillis
Newsletter Editor – Simon Bone
Kit Sales – Wendy Leslie
Webmaster – Andy Leslie
Track – Alan Kirby

8. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by D.Raeside , Club Secretary

