

## Sandhurst Joggers

### Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006

#### **Present:**

Mike Corfield, Andy Leslie, Wendy Leslie, Dave Raeside, Nick Stock, Liz Morris, Kim Ryan, Natasha O'Toole, Janice Alves de Sousa, Ann Hewison, Rob Hewison, Mike Hewison, Debby McKay, James Ratcliffe, Roy Whillier, John Bartlett, Jackie Brighton, Alan Kirby, Pete Webster, Clare Beckwith, Lisa Gregory, Andy Gregory, Jenny Brown, Nina Twornicki, Larry Sharp, Ingrid Elkin, Erol Ali, Suren Mannick, Ray Llewellyn.

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

Carl Bradshaw, Jamie Ashton, Simon Whillis, Ann Whillis, Sean Ryan, Charles Garrett.

#### **2. Approval of 2005 AGM Minutes**

Proposed by Rob Hewison, seconded by Alan Kirby

#### **3. Matters arising from 2005 Minutes**

No matters arising

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

##### **4.1 Chairman (Mike Corfield)**

Another successful year, with membership passing 200 for the first time. Club well represented at London Marathon and our Yateley series again attracted record numbers. Mike expressed thanks to retiring race director Pete Webster and all who helped organise the races. Usual plea for help this year.

We had another successful XC season but sadly unable to raise a team for the finals. Winter training disrupted by a fire at Frogmore, some ideas for different routes would be welcomed. A new training run has commenced on Thursday to accommodate the ever increasing numbers. As a result of the turmoil following the Foster Report on UK athletics, our club joined the Association of British Athletic Clubs (ABAC) which is essentially a pressure group for grass root clubs like ourselves, but may evolve into a better and cheaper option than our current affiliations.

Mike thanked Liz for the excellent and well supported social events, from the EOY dinner to the pub runs, BBQ and Xmas bowling. Thanks also to Dick and Jo for the mince pie run in December.

Mike also thanked the retiring committee with special mention to Dave and Liz who have decided to step down this year. The contributions of the Simons (Bone and Whillis) to the newsletter and handicap were acknowledged and Alan Kirby for track sessions. Wendy and Andy were

thanked not only for stepping in as Yateley race directors but for their tireless work with website and kit in addition to their committee responsibilities.

The growth of the club has created the need and opportunity for more members to step forward and assist the committee. Mike concluded by suggesting we all “ask not what my club can do for me but what I can do for my club”

#### **4.2 Events (Wendy Leslie)**

Good response to Summer Relays, we had 10 teams at Bounders and 4 at the Brickmakers, including a ladies and a beginners team. Also 4 teams at Dinton Pastures. We again came second in the XC league but unfortunately had to withdraw from the finals due to lack of interest. Wendy has spoken with Reading Road Runners with a view to hosting the finals in the South. Thanks to all who helped with our own XC, in particular Alan for setting up the course.

Club championship received fewer entries this year, any ideas for different events would be welcome.

Coach booked for London Marathon, priority seating for SJ members and family, early booking advised ! Richard Salmon kindly volunteered to host the post marathon party.

A good range of kit was on display, members urged to wear club colours at all events. Fleeces and tracksuits will be considered if there is a demand. Track coach will need some help, Club is prepared to fund coaching courses to anyone willing to attend.

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

Janice advised current membership of 226 with roughly 7% more men than ladies. 50 renewal subscriptions already received.

#### **4.4 Social (Liz Morris)**

EOY dinner – Liz has received many messages of appreciation for the evening.

2005 Pub runs were well supported., but quiz nights need more attendees. Thanks to Carl, Janice and Jo for compiling the questions.

BBQ at Bisley was again very popular, will perhaps organise rounders next year.

The bowling evening and meal at Frankie & Benny’s was most enjoyable and a big improvement on the previous event at Wokingham.

*(Chairman expressed members appreciation for Liz’s sterling efforts during the last two years)*

#### **4.5 Publicity (Andy Leslie)**

Website regularly updated and improved. Supplemented by a monthly newsflash. Some problems had been experienced in placing posters around Sandhurst.

Andy reported many hits on the SJ website – during the Yateley series the peak was one million !

Car stickers available and logo has been revised. Level of photograph contribution disappointing, plea for more help. Adverts (from Club members) now accepted on website.

#### **4.6 Yateley Road Races (Pete Webster)**

Pete reported another record year, the last race attracted 1146 entries. Donations to charities again increased. High level of entrants created problems in producing results in time and the last set of results was delayed for several days.

At this point Ray expressed concern that by limiting numbers to 900 this year we would run the risk of having a large number of disgruntled runners arriving on the night to find the race full but deciding to run without a number. It was accepted that this may happen given the history of large numbers of late entrants at Yateley but the overriding feeling was that the races have been approaching “meltdown” and it would be preferable for the Club to impose a limit than to wait for the police or the school to do so.

Alternative recording methods such as number chips have been discussed but for a race series the cost is prohibitive, although Andy Leslie is looking at the feasibility of producing our own system. In the absence of an alternative we will continue with the manual systems, which led to the usual plea for volunteers on race days.

Encouragingly , several members came forward after the meeting.

### **5. Annual Statement of Accounts**

#### **5.1 Yateley Road Races ( copy attached)**

Acceptance proposed by Andy Leslie, seconded by James Ratcliffe

#### **5.2 Sandhurst Joggers (copy attached)**

Kim circulated the treasurers report showing income and expenditure from 12 March 2005 to date. This showed a profit of £2464.31 for the year thanks mainly to a substantial donation from the Yateley Road Races. Current bank balance is £6577.65 but there is some uncleared expenditure from recent events.

Ray Llewellyn proposed adoption of the accounts and Roy Whillier seconded.

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

## **6. Club Subscriptions**

Will remain at £15 for 2006/7

## **7. Election of Officers for 2006/7**

The following Committee members were appointed

**Chairman** – Mike Corfield, proposed by Richard Salmon, seconded by Alan Kirby

**Treasurer** – Kim Ryan, proposed by Rob Hewison, seconded by Claire Beckwith

**Secretary** – Wendy Leslie, proposed by Ray Llewellyn, seconded by Jenny Brown

**Events** – Alan Kirby(summer) and Rob Hewison(winter)  
Proposed by James Ratcliffe, seconded by Wendy Leslie

**Membership** – Janice Alves de Sousa, proposed by Ray Llewellyn, seconded by Anne Hewison

**Social Sec** – Claire Beckwith, proposed by Lisa Gregory, seconded by Alan Kirby

**Publicity** - Andy Leslie, proposed by Richard Salmon, seconded by Nick Stock

**General Member** – Natasha O’Toole, proposed by Claire Beckwith, seconded by Nick Stock

## **8. Non- elected Posts**

Yateley Road Race Directors - Andy and Wendy Leslie

Handicap Organiser – Simon Whillis

Newsletter Editor – Mike Hewison

Kit Sales – Wendy Leslie

Webmaster – Andy Leslie

Track Coach – Alan Kirby

## **9. Any Other Business**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

In closing, the Chairman expressed regret that so few members had turned up for the AGM, despite the wide publicity this year. It can only be assumed that the membership at large is satisfied with the organisation of the club.

Minutes prepared by D.Raeseide, Club Secretary

