

Carmarthen and District Harriers Annual General Meeting
Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
Monday 16th February 2015 at 7-30pm

Present

Hedydd Davies, Bob Dowdeswell, Joan Goldsmith, Carol Jones, Simon Mansfield, Helen Williams, Steve Glynn, Rhian Glynn, Edward Morgan, Neil Thomas.

Welcome

Hedydd opened the meeting by noting that it was another well attended AGM and welcomed Neil Thomas to his first meeting.

Apologies for absence

Kevin Evans, Delyth Brown, Ralph Siggery, Ivor Hopkins, Michelle Phillips, Jane Batten, Jake Morgan, Andrew Thompson, Nathan Jones, Dorrien Thomas,

Minutes of previous AGM held on 5th February 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes

***Portacabin:** This is still the property of the council, the leaking roof has had a partial repair but the ceiling is now sagging and will need attention at some point. A close eye is to be kept on the tidiness of the cabin by Helen, Joan and Edward. There is also a problem with the lock on the equipment room door which will need attention.*

***Buses:** This continues to be an underused but expensive item.*

***Website:** Nathan Jones is now in sole charge of this resource which he maintains and runs to a very high standard with up to date information always available.*

***Membership Numbers:** This remains stable and at a similar number to last year.*

***Volunteers:** This remains a big problem despite the effort put into resolving the situation by Ivor Hopkins.*

***Refreshments:** No refreshments are currently on offer from the cabin on training nights.*

***Stand:** The work on the stand should now be completed by the end of February 2015. This date has moved several times already.*

Chairmans Report: Although numbers competing continue to be lower than in the past the club has achieved some very good results over the last year. This is due to the commitment of coaches and volunteers who should be thanked for their hard work.

The enrolment process still needs to be reviewed and improved to try to ensure that members clearly understand that the club needs active competitors if it is to continue to thrive. Although the numbers of members in the club is stable the numbers competing are not as high as they should be. This results in an overall lowering of standards as there are not enough coaches to allow for the raising of standards with enthusiastic athletes and also catering for those who are using the club only as a keep fit option.

The membership form needs to be updated to include email and mobile phone details and an induction meeting must be arranged so that all club members and parents/carers are aware of both the opportunities they have and the responsibilities that this involves. Many E-mail addresses that have been provided are unreadable and therefore useless.

The good structure that the club enjoys with the cross country teams is not reflected across all areas of sporting activity for the club. This is an issue that needs addressing.

Treasurer Report: Thanks go to David Roberts for his work in preparing the audited report. Hedydd presented and explained the report to the meeting and are unchanged from that presented at the last general meeting.

The account balance at present is £49,332. The biggest commitment is the £11,500 towards the costs of the stand repairs although a number of contributions have been received towards this which has resulted in a good financial deal for the club overall.

A review of the bursary awards criteria is to be undertaken. This new initiative introduced two years ago has been appreciated by athletes but if it is to evolve in an equitable way that ensures fairness to all athletes it needs to be have clearly defined criteria. Carol Jones will prepare a report for the next general committee meeting to discuss. The results will be shared with athletes.

Election of Officers

President: Kevin Evans

Chairman: Hedydd Davies

Vice Chair: Joan Goldsmith

Secretary: Nathan Jones

Treasurer: David Roberts

Registration Officer: Hedydd Davies / Nathan Jones

Website Officer: Nathan Jones

Bob Dowdeswell the retiring secretary was thanked by all for his excellent work as secretary in the last four years

Team Managers

Welsh Senior League: Hedydd Davies/Joan Goldsmith

Louise Arthur League Boys: Nathan Jones and Edward Morgan (U15)

Louise Arthur League Girls: Gill Edwards/ Cressi Morgan

Cross Country: Hedydd Davies/Delyth Brown/Steve Glynn/Carol Jones/Nathan Jones / Jake Morgan / Neil Thomas

Team Captains

Louise Arthur Boys: Ben Thomas
Louise Arthur Girls: Danielle Jones
Cross country Dwayne Griffiths

Welsh Senior league Sophie Pick and Achraf Liles

Subscription Fees

In light of the current financial situation it was decided to make no change to the membership fees.

AOB

Notice of motion to allow 8 year old members was defeated as it was felt this would increase numbers to an unsupportable level.

Helen, Hedydd and Edward are to examine options for advertising the club at events and at the Johnstown track.

DBS checks are essential for all volunteers, officials and coaches. Please ensure you have undertaken this.

A tent/ gazebo is required for use at events.

Date of next Meeting

Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel Carmarthen

Committee Meeting:

A brief ordinary meeting followed the AGM in which it was decided to establish a coaching sub committee responsible for collecting and collating the data relating to qualifications and responsibilities of the coaches currently active and to coordinate the organising of training events. It will also be responsible for identifying areas where the club has no coaches available and attempt to address this.

This committee will be able to encourage new coaches and support existing coaches in keeping up to date with qualifications and in gaining new qualifications. All costs for training will always be covered by the club.