

Carmarthen and District Harriers Committee meeting
Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
Monday June 4th 2014
7-30pm

Present: Hedydd Davies, Bob Dowdeswell, Rhian Glynn, Jane Batten, Jessica Huddleston.

Apologies: Nathan Jones, Edward Morgan, Ivor Hopkins, Michelle Phillips, Carol Jones, Helen Williams, Dai Roberts, Helen Mansfield, Joan Goldsmith.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record apart from the date of the next meeting which was incorrect.

Matters Arising from the minutes:

No bill has yet been received for the track hire charges. Payments received on Tuesday evenings are very healthy. The track is very crowded on Tuesday evenings and some older athletes are on track very early which is increasing congestion and potentially increasing the chance of accidents. Jane Batten will begin coaching some of her group on Thursday evenings in future in order to allow for large numbers and different abilities.

The bag packing event for fundraising will not take place this year, a collection will be made and a raffle organised for the same slot in Tesco. A team of volunteers will be established to examine different ways of fundraising for the club. Mrs Rhian Glynn will lead this team with assistance from Jessica Huddleston. Please let Rhian know if you are able to help with this vital aspect of supporting the club.

The annual dinner:- Dr Hedydd Davies has agreed to be one of the speakers at this event. Further speakers will be announced when known. The event is to be held on the 7th November. There will be a three-course meal at a cost of £15 for under 15's and £18 for over 15's.

The decision has yet been received to our request for funding for the repairs to the stand.

The Louise Arthur League event (26th April) was rained off at the half way point. This is very disappointing for all concerned.

There was a very poor response from club members for the Welsh indoors athletics event.

There is a new data form that must be completed before any athlete can travel by bus to away events. Team managers should ensure that they have all the information required before departure to every event.

The ten pin bowling event which was so successful last year is to be organised again his year.

11 families are so far confirmed for the camping/athletics weekend at Brecon on the 12th of July.

Chairmans Report:

There have been a lot of events taking place recently but results have so far been disappointing partially as a result of clashes with other events. The arrangements for the visiting Australian athletes are in place. The visit will include a day in a local school and then attendance at the Dyfed championships in Carmarthen on Saturday and Louise Arthur competition in Swansea on Sunday. Departure early on Monday.

Helpers are desperately needed to ensure the continued running of competitions. Anyone interested in qualifying as a level 2 official please make yourself known to a committee member. Events cannot run without the presence of qualified officials. Funding is available to cover course costs. Courses are also available for level 1 and 2 coaching awards.

Anyone with new fresh ideas on how to encourage and support more athletes to compete in events and represent the club please make your suggestions known to any committee member. Particularly if you are able to support the introduction of the idea yourself. Suggestions so far include greater use of social media to get the club message out and talks to younger athletes by successful current or former members to explain how it is possible to succeed through hard work. Kevin offered to talk to younger athletes with Dewi Griffiths about his achievements.

Jessica is presenting a course "Introduction to coaching" which is available for anyone aged 14+ running on the evening of July 8th in Swansea. This is part of a package on leading athletics. Course costs again will be covered.

A full events list is available. It is always advisable to get a copy of the latest list as events are confirmed or re-arranged throughout the summer athletics season.

A quadrathlon for younger athletes (U13) boys and girls is available on the Welsh athletics website. The four events are 100m, long jump, 800m, shot.

Financial Report

£47,469.25 in the bank

AOB

Jessica explained that funding is available for first aid and health and safety courses.

Rhian suggested that portable first aid packs should be available for coaches who are leaving the track area with athletes. High visibility jackets are also available for when athletes go off site. There is also a large first aid kit located in the cabin.

A review must begin into the sharing of roles within the club if it is to ensure to continued survival and success in future. This review must result in effective redistributive changes being made and more people being involved in the week-to-week administration and organisation of the club. The next committee meeting will begin this process.

Nathan is to add an honour board to the website on which the names of the most loyal athletes in each event series will be displayed.

A volunteer will be needed shortly to take over the administration of the membership list for the club.

Mobile phones should not be seen or used during training sessions. A code of conduct is available for coaches to explain to athletes that they risk being excluded from the club if they act inconsiderately or in a way that upsets other athletes.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 1st September 2014
Ivy Bush
7-30 pm