

Carmarthen and District Harriers Committee meeting
Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
Monday April 14th 2014
7-30pm

Present: Hedydd Davies, Bob Dowdeswell, Rhian Glynn, Joan Goldsmith, Edward Morgan.

Apologies: Nathan Jones, Steve Glynn, Ivor Hopkins and Carol Jones

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising from the minutes:

Track hire for training is now £6300 per annum

The supply of sufficient volunteers is a continuing problem. Volunteer Helen Williams is now helping with the provision of refreshments.

Registered athlete numbers are down on the same time last year.

New Javelin and shot equipment has been purchased for use in the 2014 competition and training sessions. A £1400 grant from community chest covered this cost.

The bag packing event for fundraising will be reviewed for the future. This may result in the event being a raffle plus collection, raffle only, or some other activity. Other activities such as a sponsored walk or a car boot sale etc will also be considered as it is essential that the club raises sufficient funds to continue its activities in supporting athletes of all ages.

The annual dinner has been booked for 7th November. A guest speaker will need to be arranged and suggestions so far include Nigel Walker, Dr Hedydd Davies and Dewi Griffiths.

Website: Nathan continues to maintain the high standard of the website with very rapid updates being made to ensure it is always accurate, timely and informative.

The arrangements for the Dinewr Welsh cross country championships went well with a good level of practical support from club volunteers on the day.

Nathan Jones was runner up in the St David's Awards in the young persons category, which was won by Jade Jones (Olympic gold medal winner)

Chairmans Report:

Former Carmarthen Harriers Dewi Griffiths came 3rd in the UK Senior Inter County Championships. Dewi has also run a qualifying time in the Lisbon

10000 for consideration for the Welsh team for this year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

A second former member Adam Bitchell has also achieved the qualifying time for the 10k.

Kieran Roberts won the UK indoor under 20 1500 metres

The large stand was condemned in May 2013. The estimated cost of repair is £27,000. A bid is to be made to CWM community fund for pay for the refurbishment of the stand.

QE High school will contribute £1500

Carmarthenshire county council £2000

Carmarthen and District Harriers Athletics Club £2500

Louise Arthur league 26th April. The last event is now timed at 5-58pm. The club must provide 5 judges including 2 photo-finish operators. Carmarthen Harriers are responsible for running the Hammer and Javelin events. A request is to be made for cones to be put in place to try to avoid parking problems.

In the recent Gwent cross country League the under 13 boys came 1st, the under 11 girls 2nd and the U17 men 3rd

In the Welsh Road relays championships the U13 boys were 1st, and the Under 17 boys 3rd

Club entries for the Welsh indoor championships were very poor.

The £2 levy on Thursday evening is beginning to make a notable contribution to club funds required to cover the large increase in hire costs for the track.

A different staff member (Matthew Bailey) is now responsible for the maintenance of the track and a meeting on site has taken place to outline what is required if the facilities are to be properly cared for.

QE High school will in future contribute to repair costs for track damage.

Financial Report

£43,876 in the bank

Recent receipts as follows:

£3000 West Wales Freemasons Provincial Council

£1500 Ffoshelig Coaches (club sponsor)

£1486 Community chest

£1000 Welsh athletics grass roots grant

£1200 Welsh athletics volunteers grant

£300 Education Staffing Solutions

£250 Owen Sports

£1000 McDonalds

AOB

Rhian Glynn bought a proposal for the new data form for athletes to complete at events. With a few amendments the form was approved for use.

Fundraising/social events planned

Ten pin bowling evening

Camping evening Brecon 12th July (Louise Arthur event weekend)

Nathan Jones via email requested that the following athletes be congratulated for their performances in the Welsh schools mini marathon team: Ben Thomas 30th and Iestyn Williams 51st.

Date of Next Meeting May 21st 2014

Ivy Bush 7-30 pm