

Carmarthen Harriers, Committee Meeting
Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
Wednesday 8/1/2014, 7-30pm

Present

Hedydd Davies, Bob Dowdeswell, Nathan Jones, Ivor Hopkins, Carol Jones.

Apologies

Joan Goldsmith, Helen Mansfield, Simon Mansfield, Dai Roberts, Rhian Glynn, Steve Glynn, Delyth Brown, Sarah Heckler.

Welcome

Hedydd apologised for the fact that the meeting had been postponed twice and welcomed those present.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting (11/9/2013) were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

The bill for the roof repair has not been paid £4300

The track hire charge is awaited. It is not known what the final bill will be but is expected to be in the range of £1500 to £6300.

The sixteen seater bus has not yet been used for events.

Volunteers are still required for running the refreshments at events. Only one person has so far volunteered for this task.

Volunteers are needed for many of the activities and tasks required to keep the club running. Older athletes can be encouraged to take on some of these. Where necessary courses are available to train volunteers for some roles.

Athlete numbers continue to disappoint. Only 2 competitors from the club competed in the Cardiff open.

Income and expenditure

The current account balance is £41,914.

New equipment has been purchased for javelin and shot as a result of regulation changes made in these events for women.

AGM

The provisional date of the AGM is the 5th February 2014, 7-30pm at the Ivy Bush.

Tesco bag packing

This year £670 was raised largely from the raffle. The event will go ahead again in 2014 provided no clashes exist. The nature of the activity will also be reviewed after the negative experiences of some of the younger children this year.

Coaches/Officials

There is a need for more coaches to help out the club. A number of offers of help have been received but often this offer is not sustained for many weeks. Some coaches are having to seriously over commit themselves in order not to let down athletes in their groups.

Event reports

Gwent league is going reasonably well. Current team standings are

Girls: Novice 2nd, U13 10th, U15 4th, U17 5th

Boys: Novice 7th, U13 2nd, U15 8th, U17 3rd

Schools Indoor Combined Events International in Glasgow: Lauryn Davey 6th overall and was the Welsh Schools' highest point scorer.

UK U20 Combined Events plus Welsh championships Sheffield: Aled Price 4th in the UK event and first in the Welsh championship

Lloyd Heckler competed in the Brussels International with the Welsh U20 team.

Christian Lovatt competed with the U20 team in the Celtic Cross country International in Antrim. Mens team managed by Sharon Leech

Congratulations to all involved.

Annual Dinner

This event was considered a success being well organised and enjoyable. Some concern expressed at changes to a few awards on the evening. A new event team will need to be in place for next year. Please contact Hedydd if interested.

Fixtures

The latest fixtures list is available on the club website.

On the 15th February the Welsh Cross Country Championships will be held in Dinefwr Park Llandeilo. The running of this major national event will require a lot of help on the day. Please contact Hedydd if you are available to assist. A range of tasks is available with something suitable for all.

AOB

Congratulations to Nathan Jones on being voted Welsh Athletics Volunteer on the Year and his further success of being voted runner up in the UK Athletics volunteer of the year.

Further award events are upcoming and full details of Carmarthen Harriers nominations are available on the club website.

Travelling to events with athletes is a responsible task and more help from adults on journeys would be welcome. This would allow team managers more time to make arrangements with and for athletes. Each event in future will require athletes/parent/carers to complete a consent form with up to date information for each participant. A draft design for the form will be produced shortly for approval.

A review of the production of the Club Annual Report will be undertaken in the near future. This review will consider the cost, time, effort needed and the value of the report produced.

Date of Next Meeting

AGM Wednesday 5th February 2014 (subject to confirmation)

7-30pm

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