

Minutes of the Suffolk Winter Cross Country League AGM

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 @19.30.

In attendance: Joe Mower (Chairman), Chris Starmer (Treasurer), Ricky Peacher (Secretary), Phil and Paula Hazell (WVAC), Jo Clifton and Tina Church (Saxons), Chris Chorley and Bobbie Sauerzapf (BBD), Andy Buck and Sarah Pennock (SJ), Tom Galley(LRR), Janet Green and Emma Harwood (FF), Graham Bush (WS), Jonathan Wilding (FRR), Vicki Grice (BTC), Katie King and Chris Mower (SEP), Brian Munns (NJ), Abby Moore and John Wooller (WVAC).

1- Minutes of the 2018 AGM

These were signed by the chairman as a true record of the meeting.

2- Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising.

3- Apologies for Absence

Gary Howe (BBH), Hayley Wilson (HRC), Caroline Knight (DAC), Andy Long and Juliet Garnham (SS), Leigh Butcher (LRR), Colleen and Tony Fuller (IH), Jean Cox (WS), Russel Breyer (ITC), Ian Gooderham (SEP), Paul Felton (SCAA).

4- Finance Report

CS produced the accounts for 2018-19. These showed a closing balance of £1873.54. This was a profit of £615 for the season. However, this did include the £225 that was owed from the previous season. Also, St Edmund Pacers had hosted the presentation evening with no charge to the league.

5- Election of Officers for League

Chairman: Joe Mower.

Proposed: Paula Hazell, 2nd; Jonathan Wilding.

Secretary: Ricky Peacher

Proposed: Chris Starmer, 2nd; Paula Hazell.

Treasurer: Chris Starmer

Proposed: Sarah Pennock, 2nd; Tina Church.

All officers were voted for unanimously by the meeting.

6- Subscriptions for 2019/20 Season

It was agreed unanimously by the meeting to keep subscriptions at £55 per team for the coming season. This decision was made on the basis that the league made money this year so any increase would be unnecessary.

It was also agreed to raise race fees to £5 per senior runner (juniors free).

GB stated that their race just about broke even last year and so the extra £1 per runner would give his club some breathing space.

Also, it was stated that increasing fees to £5 might actually make things easier for team captains on race days.

7- League Fixtures for the 2019-20 season

3rd November, Framlingham Flyers

15th December, Woodbridge Shufflers (this date was confirmed after the meeting)

19th January, Stowmarket Striders

16th February, St Edmund Pacers (possible new venue TBC)

8th March, Bungay Black Dog RC (new venue for this season)

22nd or 29th March, Haverhill RC (**RP** to liaise with HRC to finalise date)

8- Any Other Business

- i) **Prospective New Teams:** **RP** had received interest from a couple of clubs with regards joining the league. One of these was an unaffiliated club. **JM** stated that all competing clubs must be affiliated in order to comply with race permits. However, Woodbridge Wolves were welcomed to the league. They will just have juniors competing.
It was again stated that the league must be careful with accepting new teams as current race numbers are already putting a strain on the facilities of host clubs.
- ii) **Presentation Evening:** SEP were thanked for hosting the presentation evening for 2018-19.
Sudbury Joggers expressed an interest in hosting this season's event. **RP** to liaise with **SP** and **AB** to finalise details.
- iii) **Trophies/Awards:** **PH** suggested that end of season trophies could be purchased for teams in 2nd and 3rd places as well as the overall winners.
This was agreed unanimously and will be put into place for the end of this season.
The trophies for last season's Men's team (Fram Flyers) and Girls team (Ipswich Harriers) were handed over on the night to **RP** and **JM** respectively.
- iv) **Results:** **CS** stated that he is happy to continue with compiling the results for this season. He did ask for all clubs to ensure that team sheets are filled out clearly and accurately on race days. This will save a lot of time.
- v) **Logo:** **JW** to ask at FRR to see if there is anyone who may be able to come up with a logo for the league. **RP** to email all clubs too.
- vi) **Juniors:** WVAC questioned the need for the minimum age for junior races (11 years old). However, as the rules state 11+, it was decided to stay with this. Some of the Junior events are 2 miles plus and so wouldn't comply with UK:A guidelines for Under 11's.

- vii) **TC** again suggested the idea of 'participation medals' for those runners who compete 4 out of 6 events. However, the consensus was that this would be an unnecessary expense and that it would also be an extra job for someone. 300+ runners would be likely to qualify for a series medal based on last year's figures.

With there being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.06.