

# MINUTES



## Hyde Village Striders Running Club Annual General Meeting

**31 March 2014**

**Village Hotel, Hyde**

Attendees: Alan Gibbon, Alison Lawrence, Paul Best, Joanne Egerton, Rachael Horrocks, Sharon Toolin, Kim Clemit, Chris Jones, Chris Sagar, Maggie Greaves, Liz Mason, Steve Stanley, Sonia Stanley, Adge Barker, Richard Osbourne, Jill Clark, Vics Armitage, Sue Armitage, John Sorriento, Caroline Sorriento, Bob Wynn, Jayesh Mistry, Susie Royal, Paul Hynes, Martin Woodward, Sam Milns, Jo Winterbottom, Claire Higgins, Elizabeth Rourke, Dominic Sexton, Sally Gubbins, Mike Mason, Mike Gubbins

Apologies: Stacey Holt, Jackie Jones

1. Minutes of 25 March 2013 – Dominic took the group through the minutes of the previous meeting and highlighted the change of Treasurer during the year. Crowding in reception continues to be an issue. The club has now taken over the running of the Millbrook Monster after going halves with Kiwi Classic Events previously. As a result of a discussion on welfare, a question about medical issues has been added to the membership form.

The minutes were proposed by Liz Mason and seconded by Chris Jones

2. Chairman's Report – Dominic noted that the club has increased dramatically in size in the past year. A huge Stride Out group is currently underway so there could be another big increase in memberships as a result. It is in part due to the club getting out and about at races and marshalling so giving us a higher profile. This means that something really needs to be done about the overcrowding situation. Pleased to report that we have been able to give a donation to Willow Wood as a result of the profit made from the race and the Santa run. There is also the option to order club kit for cycling, triathlon etc. and details are on the website. Dominic finished by reiterating how good it is to see members getting out and about and doing races. Keep it up!
3. Treasurer's Report – Mike G shared copies of the accounts with members of the group and highlighted that it has been a busy year for finance and the club now has 130 fully paid up members. The income from the races has allowed the club to donate £343 to Willow Wood. The Annual Ball just about broke even (it is always partially subsidised) and there have been

outgoings linked to setting up the new club kit. From Thursday the web page will be up and running for people to look at and decide if they want to add anything to the first order. Links will be put on the Striders website. JC asked about hoodies – these will be available from the website and there is a lot of choice. Sam asked about club vests and Sweatshop will remain the supplier for these although there is an option to order through the website too and have one with the red details on too. Overall assets have increased by £900 year on year.

4. Election of Officers – all current officers resigned and the group voted in the new committee as follows:

| <b>Position</b>    | <b>Name</b>  | <b>Proposed</b> | <b>Seconded</b> |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Honorary President | Gill Buckley | n/a             | n/a             |
| Chairman           | Dominic      | Martyn          | Paul B          |
| Secretary          | Sally        | Caroline        | Kim             |
| Treasurer          | Mike G       | Dominic         | Mike M          |
| Memberships        | Jackie       | Liz             | Sally           |
| Head Coach         | Mike M       | Dominic         | Mike G          |
| Social Secretary   | Liz          | Dominic         | Caroline        |
| Welfare Officer    | Jackie       | Dominic         | Sally           |

In addition the following put themselves forward as general committee members: Martyn Woodward, Adge Barker, Kim Clemit, Alan Gibbon, Caroline Sorriento, Chris Jones, Maggie Greaves, Steve Stanley.

Auditors are Caroline Sorriento and Jo Winterbottom

5. Matters of importance to members – various issues were raised as follows:
  - Membership fees – fees were discussed and the group agreed to keep them at £15 as UKA haven't increased their fees
  - Where to meet – Liz continues to liaise with Gill about possible meeting points but it isn't possible to get the same room on a regular basis due to other events going on. With the weather getting better we will be able to meet outside in the short term
  - Stride through the Woods – date has been confirmed for the 23 April and Dominic will be looking for volunteers. The form is on the website if people want to enter or they can do so online. All to invite people that we know to the race
  - Millbrook Monster – a few months off yet but Dominic will be looking for volunteers nearer the time
  - Coaching – Mike M noted that we have lost Jules, Kelly and Kevin as coaches so we are short on numbers. Mike will get the coaching forms sorted for the people that volunteered to go on the course (Kim, Rachael, Nicola and Sue A). Alan is booked on a course already so the club will reimburse him. Dominic raised the possibility of having a third level 2 coach and Mike agreed to look into this.
  - Stride Out - Paul raised the integration of the latest group. All coaches need to be aware that they need to integrate the new group slowly and only take them up in 5 minute intervals rather than a big jump. There is a reluctance for people to move between groups and this causes a problem with the speed ranges within the existing groups being so wide. The question of the next Stride Out course was raised and it is likely to be held in September leading into the Santa Run.

- Size of the club – Steve asked if there was an upper limit on memberships given that the club continues to grow. This is not something that we have had to worry about before but will keep an eye on it
- Links to the Village – Steve asked about links with the Village. The club has no links with the Village apart from using it as a meeting place. There are no financial links just mutual benefits
- Hints and tips – the suggestion of having a hints and tips page for new runners was raised. Sally to email out
- Weekend away – Liz is organising a weekend away in Ambleside on the 23 / 26 May. There is a link on Facebook or speak to Liz for more information
- Groups – Jo suggested having coaches on standby to take groups if existing coaches fall ill or can't make the run for any reason.

Next meeting to be held in 3 months' time.