

# Hyde Village Striders Running Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Monday 25th March 2013 Village Hotel Hyde

**Members Present:** Bob Wynn, Jayesh Mistry, Gareth Hurfurt, Sue Armitage, Jill Clark, Susan Royal, Victoria Armitage, Peter Murray, Sam Millns, Liz Mason, Mike Mason, Sally Gubbins, Dominic Sexton, Danny McDermott, Harry Barclay, Emma Galley, Rachael Horrocks, Chris Moriarty, Sharon Hyde, Andy Taylor, Caroline Sorriento, Jackie Jones, Chris Jones, Stephanie Jones, Martyn Woodward, Paul Best

**Apologies:** Julie-Ann Peart, Adge Barker, Kelly Percival

**Minutes:** Dominic opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the 2012 AGM and noted that:

- The warm up area is still an issue and will be discussed later in the meeting;
- Membership cards were introduced in 2012 and were well received;
- The race will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April this year and will be covered later on the agenda; and
- Discussions have been held on how the groups can be improved and will continue.

No other matters were arising from the minutes so were proposed by Mike M and seconded by Steph

**Chairman's report:** Dominic noted that membership levels have remained static. Cards were introduced to try and minimise the delay in members getting their numbers. The Stride Out courses were a great success and many of the beginners have continued to run with the club. There were over 120 entries for Stride through the Woods and enabled the club to make a good donation to Willow Wood. There has been a good turnout at both local and national races and more and more members entered triathlons and duathlons in 2012. Special mentions go to Jules for her 900 mile bike ride and Mike M and Mike G for cycling from Paris to Coventry for Children in Need.

**Treasurer's report:** Mike G handed out copies of the accounts and highlighted one change from the previous year in that Sweatshop now look after the vest ordering and stocking. Stride through the Woods made a good profit. With a £1400 balance, the club is in a strong position going forward. Need to ensure that the accounts are audited.

**Committee positions:** The committee as voted in:

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Honorary President	Gill Buckley	n/a	n/a
Chair	Dominic Sexton	Liz	Chris
Secretary	Sally Gubbins	Dominic	Caroline
Treasurer	Sharon Hyde	Jackie	Andy
Membership secretary	Jackie Jones	Dominic	Susie

Head Coach	Mike Mason	Mike G	Dominic
Social Secretary	Liz Mason	Sally	Dominic
Welfare Officer	Jackie Jones	Dominic	Mike M
General members	Steph Jones Caroline Sorriento Martyn Woodward Andy Taylor Mike Gubbins Chris Jones	Jackie Sally Chris Sharon Dominic Jackie	Liz Dominic Dominic Chris Sally Steph

Auditors – Caroline & Jayesh

### **Matters of importance to members**

**2012/13 Subscriptions:** England Athletics have put their fees up for 2013/14 so the club needs to put its fees up accordingly. SG suggested that we could phase the increase over 2 years and charge £15 for the upcoming year. A discussion was held as to whether or not the fee should be £20 and whether the club needs the additional funds. Dominic put a proposal to the group that the fee should be £15 this year and £20 next depending on what UK Athletics decide. All agreed

It was also agreed that the time periods for membership should be defined so it is clear how much a new member has to pay depending on the date they join. To bring to the next meeting.

Allowing people to pay memberships by PayPal was discussed and the group agreed that it would not be of benefit due the cost and the difficulty that there would be linking the payments to members.

**Warm ups:** As predicted at the last AGM, the meeting and warm up areas get very crowded now that Starbucks has taken over the TV lounge. All to be careful when warming up and try and leave plenty of space in reception for hotel guests to get through.

**Races:** Stride through the Woods is being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April. All to encourage their groups to take part or volunteer as marshals. Caroline asked whether it has to be the same date every year as it is so close to London and Manchester marathons. Dominic replied that it doesn't but it is better for the date to be consistent and for the race to be established and not clash with other local races.

Kiwi Classic Events is looking to hand over the running of the Millbrook Monster. We have been offered a chance to help run it for this year and then decide if the club wants to take it over completely. Agreed to take up the offer of a 50:50 split this year

Manchester marathon – final numbers for marshalling need to be firmed up by the 17<sup>th</sup> April so all to look out for a message on facebook.

**Stride Out programme:** lots of requests are coming in about the date of the next Stride Out programme. Mike M to contact the coaches and decide who will run it as it needs a coach who can take the whole programme that the beginners can get used to.

**Charity:** Mike M has befriended an African runner on facebook and would like to send a donation of old kit if possible as many runners do not have the basics such as trainers and vests. To look into the cost.

**Health questionnaire:** Jill asked if it would be possible to roll out a health questionnaire to members so that group leaders are aware of any conditions their members may have. JJ to investigate whether this is possible in her capacity as welfare officer

**Insurance:** Paul asked if there is insurance cover for members and Dominic explained that it is just public liability rather than personal injury. The coaches are covered against negligence claims and have access to a solicitor but all runners run at their own risk.

Next meeting to be held in 3 months time.