

MINUTES



Hyde Village Striders Running Club Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29 April 2015

Astley Sports College

Attendees: Liz Mason, Mike Mason, Mike Gubbins, Sally Gubbins, Adge Barker, Danny McDermott, Harry Barclay, Alan Gibbon, Jo Winterbottom, Nicola Burton, Angela Holland, Kim Clemit, Larysa Kinder, Caroline Sorriento, Jill Clark, Sue Armitage, Jenny Chapman, Sharon Toolin, Shelley Pascoe, Pete Murray, Susie Royal, Kirsty Read, Chris Sagar, Chris Jones, Rachael Horrocks, Michala Tynan, Paul Best, Dominic Sexton

Apologies: Stacey Holt, Annette Hardman, Nicola Corless, Martyn Woodward

1. Minutes of 31 March 2014 – Dominic took the group through the minutes of the previous meeting and highlighted the increase in club members and the overcrowding that was being experienced at the Village that led to the move to Astley. Everything else in the minutes will be discussed later in the agenda.

The minutes were proposed by Jo and seconded by Adge

2. Chairman's Report – Dominic noted that the club has increased dramatically in size in the past year. Approximately 20 / 30 members have joined since the last AGM. This is partly due to the Stride Out course and partly due to club members getting out and about and wearing the club vest at races. Club members are doing more and more races and over 20 people have done marathons over the past few weeks. Dominic felt that the move to Astley had gone well and the facilities were much better for members. The club fully took over the running of the Millbrook Monster and it was full for the first time in its history. Stride through the Woods was about the same level as the previous year. The club took part in the cross country leagues for the first time and people enjoyed the races and getting muddy. The ladies did particularly well.
3. Treasurer's Report – Mike G shared copies of the accounts and the breakdown of the two races which both made profit and will allow us to donate £643 to Willow Wood. This year the club has been able to donate £1500 to local charities thanks to the Santa Run, the raffle at the ball and the races. The ball was a huge success and had the biggest turnout since the event started being held. Mike noted that the assets of the club have grown by approximately £300 since the previous year and total assets including kit now stand at

£2000. Dominic highlighted the fact that activities such as marshalling and the races bring in more income than membership fees.

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

| Position | Name | Proposed | Seconded |
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| Chairman | Dominic | Adge | Alan |
| Secretary | Sally | Dominic | Liz |
| Treasurer | Mike G | Danny | Sally |
| Memberships | Alan | Dominic | Kim |
| Head Coach* | Mike M | Mike G | Jo |
| Social Secretary | Liz | Angela | Kim |
| Welfare Officer | Angela | Kim | Nicola |

*only level 2 coaches can put themselves forward for the job of Head Coach. Mike M and Mike G are the current level 2 coaches. Dominic has looked into the possibility of going on the course too but the dates have not been suitable. Chris Jones would be interested too.

In addition the following put themselves forward as general committee members: Adge, Kim, Chris J, Danny, Jill, Shelley, Jo, Rachael

Auditors are Caroline Sorriento and Jo Winterbottom. Jo took the accounts after the meeting to check.

5. Matters of importance to members – various issues were raised as follows:
- Sally shared some thoughts that had been sent in by email. One of the issues that we always have is integrating the graduates from the Stride Out course into the groups. Chris J suggested a coaches meeting to be held so that everyone is on board with plans. Kim asked that the coaches attend the last Stride Out session and certificate presentation so that the newbies know a few faces. Shelley encouraged people to talk to their groups and try and get them on board with the integration process and make them understand why the distances will be decreasing for a few weeks.
 - Dominic raised the issue of the size of the Stride Out group and suggested that we put a cap on numbers. All agreed that it is really hard to manage in the first few weeks when numbers can be over 100 although it does normally level out at around 50. A meeting will be set up prior to the September course to try and decide on the best way of doing this. The idea of a fee was raised and this is something we have always tried to avoid but it may encourage people to stay the course. Liz mentioned that it is really hard to get coaches to help with the first course of the year in particular as it clashes with marathon training so this also needs to be looked at.
 - Dominic raised the issue of the honorary president. We had one to cement the links with the Village but all agreed that one wasn't needed any more. An official vote was proposed by Dom and all agreed. Presidents post to be removed.
 - Dominic then suggested the possibility of removing the 'Village' from the name. The group debated the practicalities of this including the costs and a vote was held. The vote was 13 to 10 in favour of keeping the name unchanged.

- Sweatshop are no longer able to stock our club vests so Dominic has the remaining stock which is being sold for £8 per vest. Once these have been sold, a new order will be done or members can order the new style vests direct from the website.
- Membership fees – Mike G highlighted the fact that club fees payable to UKA have increased to £12 per member. We debated whether or not to increase fees. At present the club has plenty of assets so more funds are not needed, this could change if we ever need to find a new home but this situation can be kept under review. All agreed to keep the fee at £15.
- Finally, Mike G raised London Marathon places. As the club continues to grow there are more and more members who would like the opportunity to take part so it would be fairer for members who have had a club place before to not be allowed into the ballot unless nobody else comes forward.

Coaches meeting to be held re integration of the new Stride Out graduates and a further meeting prior to the next Stride Out course being announced.