

MINUTES OF AGM & COMMITTEE MEETING, BELGRAVE HALL, 10 SEPTEMBER 2010

1. Apologies for absence: M Athawes, T Kimber, N Smith
2. Minutes of AGM of 11 September 2009: Accepted
3. Matters arising: The Secretary confirmed that there was now a permit system in operation for holding cross country races on Epsom Downs and it appeared to be working well and relations between the various parties now appeared to be cordial. However he stressed that there was always potential for conflict because the winter racehorse gallops impinged on traditional cross country courses.
4. Minutes of Committee Meeting 16 April 2010: Accepted
5. Matters Arising: Dealt with elsewhere in these minutes.
6. Secretaries Business: The Secretaries report was accepted. The 2010 Championship race was confirmed as being at 2pm on 18 December at Farthing Down, hosted by SLH. The 5 Mile Team race was confirmed as being at 2pm on 27 November at Wimbledon Common, hosted by Belgrave. It was said that Belgrave had lost some of their usual marshalls and the Secretary agreed to include a request for help with the race details. The difficulties of getting clubs to host the 5 mile race were discussed.

The secretary stated that many candidates for the Presidency had problems finding the time to attend meetings due to pressure of other commitments. Tim Kimber had resigned the committee and Rachel Disley had declined to stand for President this year. He said that it might be necessary to excuse presidents attendance at meetings in some cases but that they would still be expected to attend the races during their term of office.

7. Treasurers Report & Business: The treasurer reported that both races had made a modest profit and that there was a small surplus for the past year. However more race medals and president's medals had been ordered and would need to be paid for in due course. The accounts were presented and provisionally agreed subject to audit and minor corrections spotted by sharp eyed committee members. No changes in affiliation fees or race fees were proposed.

8. Election of Officers and Committee for 2010/11
President: Paul Mitchell of South London Harriers

Don introduced Paul as his successor as President of the Association, covering his work as organiser of the Gibb 5 and Pirie 10, and as cross country secretary of SLH. His running achievements for SLH were on road, country and track and included various team medals with SLH, twice representing Surrey in the Steeplechase and qualifying for the Championship start in the London marathon.

Secretary: Geoff Newton

Vice Presidents: Rachel Disley
Matt Hyett

Elected Committee: Sarah Smith

Auditor: Sarah Smith

Race Secretary and Treasurer: Don Turner

History & Trophies: Brian Boulton

Life Members: as per handbook

9. South of the Thames Website: Alan Mead had undertaken the task of getting this up and running at his own instigation with the approval of the secretary, treasurer and other officials. He outlined the content of the site which would eventually have a similar content to the handbook with the added advantages of being much more widely available and up to date. In addition it would eventually include a list of affiliated clubs (action GN), contact details, race details, race entry forms (action DT) and if agreed, minutes. There would also be historical items such as videos, photographs and detailed race results where available.

He had already made good progress with site, www.sotcca.org.uk. He stated that costs would be about £70 per year and he insisted on funding the first year himself as the work was undertaken at his own initiative. The meeting was unanimous in its approval and many people thanked him for his initiative and work. It was agreed that the website would be a major benefit in promoting the Association and its races, and there were many expressions of thanks and approval from those present.

12. AOB

There was some discussion on the health of former long serving officials Derek Crookes and Alan Brent.

The meeting closed.

No date was fixed for the April Committee Meeting

Geoff Newton