

MINUTES OF AGM & COMMITTEE MEETING, BELGRAVE HALL, 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. Apologies for absence: D Anderson, B Boulton,, K Burnett, F Gilson, P Mulholland, S Smith, C Woods
2. Minutes of AGM of 10 September 2010: Accepted
3. Matters arising: The Secretary reported that as he predicted, there had been difficulties with the permit system for Epsom Downs. He stressed that clubs intending to hold races there **should apply as early as possible**, that permission would be more likely to be granted for races held in October and November than in January and February, and that if practical, clubs should liaise with the Conservators beforehand to devise a course acceptable to them.
4. Minutes of Committee Meeting 18 April 2011: 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 17 December at Roehampton, hosted by T H & H. The 5 Mile Team race was confirmed as being at 2pm on 26 November at Nork Park , hosted by Tadworth AC.

The secretary reported that Past President Neil Smith had sadly lost his fight with cancer aged 79. The funeral was held the same day as this AGM; Ron Hale reported that this was very well attended. Neil had been a mainstay of Kent athletics for many years and had also done significant work on behalf of this Association, and would be greatly missed.

The Secretary stated that he was trying to update the address list he inherited from Derek Crookes as many people had moved house without telling the Association, and also trying to obtain email addresses to save postage. There were offers from John Gebbels and Alan Mead to obtain details of some Past Presidents from HHH and Belgrave respectively.

7. Treasurers Report & Business: The treasurer reported that the Association had made a small surplus last year. The accounts were presented and provisionally agreed subject to audit. Tom Pollak noted that the figures indicated that only a fraction of member clubs had paid their affiliation fee. The Treasurer said that there had been some confusion regarding which years affiliation fees were received for. The secretary agreed to include an affiliation reminder with race details in addition to the usual reminder sent out in March. No changes in affiliation fees or race fees were proposed.

8. Election of Officers and Committee for 2011/12
President: Rachel Disley of Thames Hare & Hounds

The outgoing President, Paul Mitchell was thanked for his services over the year including the organisation of a rearranged Championship race when the original one was cancelled due to blizzard conditions. It was agreed that Rachel Disley would be a suitable President in view of her services to Surrey athletics but she was unable to attend on the day. Tom Pollak confirmed by mobile phone that she would accept the post and that she would like to take Derek Crookes to the Championship race to present the Derek Crookes Shield to the winning ladies team.

Secretary: Geoff Newton
Vice Presidents: Matt Hyett
Andrew Walker
Elected Committee: vacant
Auditor: Sarah Smith
Race Secretary and Treasurer: Don Turner
History & Trophies: Brian Boulton
Life Members: as per handbook

9. Discussion of on the day entry. In view of two high profile incidents in last year's races the Secretary proposed allowing on the day entry at £5 per person as opposed to the £1 for pre-entry, in order to reduce incentives for team managers to run people who had been omitted from their club entry under the name of another runner. The meeting however decided to retain the status quo. The Secretary agreed to include a reminder of the rules on this matter with the race entry prospectus.
10. Finding clubs to host the 5 mile Race. There was little time to discuss this matter in detail but Andrew Walker of Reigate Priory said that his club might be prepared to host the race in 2012.

11. AOB

John Gibbins suggested a North of the Thames versus South of the Thames race. The meeting found this an attractive proposition but decided that the fixture list was already far too crowded and that there was no room for a new race of this type.

It was suggested that a morning start might result in a larger field for our races. The secretary agreed to consult the club representatives on this.

Tom Pollak reported that Alan Brent had been in hospital, but was now out and recuperating. The Secretary offered to write to him with the Association's best wishes.

The meeting closed. No date was fixed for the April Committee Meeting

Geoff Newton, Hon Gen Sec