

Stainland Lions Running Club

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 23rd 2011 at Waterhouse Homes

1. Present: John Bassinder; Steve Boyer; Penny Fleming; Alan Gibson; Eileen Hiller (minutes); Joanne Hirst; Julie Hollingdrake; Colin Hughes; Geoff Matthews; Paul Patrick; Mark Pigford; Jon Pridgeon;(Chair); Diane Rafferty; Genevieve Thompson; Karen Thorne

Paul Sutcliffe, the Heath RUFC chairman was in attendance for item 5

Apologies: Julie Field; Carol Lord; Amanda Speight;

2. Thanks

John thanked the following:

- Jon P for deputising whilst he was away at the committee meeting and for dealing with the change of date for this and the away run.
- Jonathan Pybus for the November away run
- Mark Pigford for the Abbey Dash results and congratulated Mark and all who achieved a PB and the 4 ladies who ran sub 40 minutes. John felt this was due to hard work done at the track and mentioned that the track sessions have been renewed for another 10 weeks

3. Minutes of previous meeting, Wednesday October 19th

Accepted as a correct record with the following amendments:

5. Treasurer's Report. **Joanne** had found the cancelled cheque from the previous year which resulted in the accounts now balancing

7. Social Report. The Halloween treasure hunt had been cancelled for **Sunday** the 30th October and the Annual Dinner has been booked

4. Action Points/Matters arising where not on the agenda

4.1 Trustees

Colin has investigated with Brian Burgin the advantages of the club becoming a Limited Company, rather than appointing trustees, in order to avoid any possibility of club officers being liable in event of litigation. Brian has agreed to ask England Athletics for advice' and a decision has to be made if it is really necessary. **Action: Colin**

4.2 Coaching Courses

Courses have been advertised on the Forum and volunteers have come forward.

5. Heath Report

Paul Sutcliffe reported that an EGM had been held on November 22nd at Heath RUFC when the proposed plans were discussed and accepted.

Paul then explained the plans in detail with the Stainland Lions Committee, which cover extensive refurbishment of the downstairs area to include:

- new changing rooms with separate toilets and showers for ladies
- disabled toilets
- a downstairs gym which could be used for warm ups
- better drainage
- new boilers and
- a permanent outside bar on the patio
- a new fire escape and balcony
- a new roof will as the present roof is leaking.

Refurbishment upstairs will be done at a later date and the costs of the project will be £180000 to £220000. Funding will be sought from various sources and a 'Build a brick campaign' has already begun for £25 a brick.

It was agreed the plans should be put onto the Stainland Lions' website together with information about the project. Feedback will then be sought from the members re the extent of the Stainland Lions financial involvement and how this should be structured. It was agreed a contractual agreement would be needed.

Action: John

Colin and Joanne agreed to investigate the club finances to calculate the annual running costs.

Action: Colin/Joanne

6. Treasurer's Report

Joanne reported that the bank balance is £24300.

7. London Marathon Draw

Confusion had arisen over eligibility for the club places. The following rules had been established previously and were confirmed:

- No-one who has entered the Marathon with a club place can enter the draw again for a period of 5 years
- The applicant must be a paid up member of the club at the 1st of April of the year of the draw
- If a member wins a club place then subsequently decides not to run before February 12th, they must give the place to the member allocated the reserve place

It was agreed Colin would devise a letter to go to each awarded a place advising them of the protocol established above so that they are aware of their responsibilities

8. Boxing Day Fun Run

Colin reported on the arrangements for this run as follows:

- All runners will receive a medal
- Children will also receive one of the 'pump' bags donated by Lloyds TSB
- A number of local businesses have been approached for prizes for the auction, raffle
- Help will be needed from club members for marshalling etc

9. Monday Night Runs

There have been complaints on the Forum about the lack of group leaders running on a Monday night. Mondays are night when a lot of runners are recovering from a Sunday race. As the committee felt that, due to its voluntary nature, the club cannot guarantee there will be a group leader on Mondays, it was agreed a message to that effect should be put onto the website on the training page. **Action: Steve B**

10. Welfare Matters

Karen warned that a runner had been bitten by a dog in the Siddal area. Julie H advised the police need details of the owner for any proceedings to be instigated.

11. Social Report

Carol was thanked for organising the Comedy Night at Dean Clough on the 18th November, which was enjoyed by all. The following future events have been arranged:

- Friday December 9th - Night out in Sowerby Bridge at The Works 8pm
- 11th December Children's Christmas Party. Agreed we should contribute 50% of the costs and the cost of the entertainer will be £300
- Friday 27th January, Annual Dinner at Bertie's Banqueting Rooms
- Bunk Barn to be repeated in Ingleton on the 18th-20th May
- 7th July - Summer Bash at Shibden Park - £25 a head

Diane reported that £402.66 had been raised at raffles during the year which had subsidised the social event programme, resulting in a final profit of £120.61.

12. Trophies

Discussion took place about the categories and winners were decided.

13. Committee 2012

The AGM is to be held on Thursday 12th January.

Nominations for Committee/Non Committee positions are open from the 1st December and John agreed to devise a form to go onto the Forum. **Action: John**

10. AOB

- **Sport England/Athletics Network**

Club accreditation will be possible from 2013

- **ActiveHuman - Local Sports Supplier**

Have requested they provide a stall at the next away run or members' meeting, which was agreed **Action: Steve B**

- **Red Lion at Stainland**

Have offered to provide Christmas dinner for any pensioners living alone in the area

- **England Athletics**

EA are developing a system which will inform a race organiser of an athlete's club, status and eligibility.

- **CASC - Community Amateur Sports club**

Provides for utilising Gift Aid when clubs are organising fundraising events and in setting subscription levels. John agreed to investigate. **Action: John**

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday December 14th at the Waterhouse Homes

Eileen Hiller November 2011