

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Derwent AC (Cockermouth) -12/12/07

Present

Howard Taylor(Chairman), Tony Davis(Secretary), Kirsty Murdoch (Club Captain), Philip Cueto(Social Secretary), Keith Thompson, Peter Daley, Susan Brandes(Trustee), Rebecca Adams, Andy Adams, Julie Barcock (Trustee), Martin Dutton.

Appologies

John Barker(Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Joseph Ritson(Coach)

1. Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Proposed - Andy Adams, Seconded - Kirsty Murdoch

2. Race Report

It was reported that the Club held four races in 2007. The Isel Cross (15 runners), the Lambfoot Loop (42 Runners), Hay-O trail (35 runners) and the Cumberland Ale 10 (54 runners).

The turn out for the Isel Cross was seen as disappointing and it was decided to look at possible changes to the date and time when this was discuss later in the agenda.

The Cumberland Ale Ten was seen as a good first step towards staging a quality event with a large turn out. The race made a loss of £58.96 but it had been decided from the outset that the club would spend what ever money that was thought necessary to stage the race. It was stated that a lot of effort was put in by a lot of club members, and that it was a job well done, but that the club needed to build on the success to make the race self sustaining. Raising the entrance fee to £5 was put forward for consideration.

It was suggested that a letter of thanks should be written to the Scouts, it was noted that this had already been done.

One of the major costs of the Cumberland Ale Ten was the ST Johns Ambulance. Possible alternatives are to be investigated, Martin Dutton agreed to ask his wife if she was able to provide first aid cover.

Sponsor ship was discussed, Kirsty Murdoch will approach Jennings about sponsorship for the Cumberland Ale Ten, Howard Taylor will speak to Goodfellows about sponsorship for the Hay-O trail race and Philip Cueto will contact New Balance about possible sponsorship.

It was agreed that more effort was needed to advertise club races and that the club should consider Sports center notice boards, Temple Sports, Cockermouth Post, Whats on, CFM and Cockermouth Post as places to advertise.

3. Treasurers Report

The treasurer gave a report on the club accounts (details available from Club secretary).

4. Membership Fees

Membership fees for UK England will be £50 affiliation fee plus £5 per member for the coming year. The club currently has 30 registered members one of whom is a second claim member (subjected to the current registration problems being resolved). Proposals for the coming years club fees were to remain the same at £10 pounds and to increase to £12 in line with the increase in UK Athletics registration. The meeting vote to increase the club fees to £12. A proposal to charge £6 pounds to second claim members and £6 to juniors was agreed.

Tony Davis is to investigate insurance cover for juniors and people who train with the club for a trial period prior to joining.

5. 2008 Club Races

Various options for race dates were discussed, including making the Isel cross an Easter race and re-instating a grand prix series. A decision was made to make the Isel cross a midweek race as part of a grand prix with competitors having to do at least two of the mid week races plus the Cumberland Ale Ten. Philip Cueto to identify suitable race dates. One member reported overhearing a complaint about the prizes for the Cumberland Ale ten. It was generally agreed however that the race was not yet big enough to give out vouchers of a suitable amount and that as everyone received a bottle of beer the prize list was reduced.

6. Meeting with the Trustee

It was reported that there had been a meeting between club officials and trustees. One of the proposals at that meeting was for the Club to pay £200 pounds for use of the club house, this included access to the gym as required by club members, use of function room, kitchen, showers and change rooms for race days, and changing/toilet facilities for training nights. A representative from the trust state that this was agreed but that the trust was only responsible for the upkeep of the building and the charge would not include things such as toilet rolls cleaning etc. Club representative stated that they felt that they were hiring the Club House and would expect no difference between that and any other venue they hired. A counter proposal was made that the club should look at membership of the sports centre as an alternative. A discussion took place with about the various certificates that are required to keep the club going.

The following actions were decided upon:-

The cost and facilities available at the sports centre should be ascertained (Kirsty Murdoch)

Similar information should be sought for the Grassmoor Centre (Martin Dutton)

Other venues such as the Cricket Club/Rugby Club should also be considered if it was decided to move to a new venue.

Should the club continue to use the Club house a written agreement should be drawn up (Tony Davis).

Trustees and club officials are to meet some time in January for further discussions (Tony Davis).

It was generally agreed that if the club house was to remain a viable option for all parties that used it the club and the trustees would need to work together and the “us and them “ situation would need to be resolved.

7. UK Athletics Membership / Other organisations

The Club had been contacted by various organisations offering themselves as an alternative to England Athletics.

8. Contact Details

It was stated that not much progress had been made correcting contact details on the internet. Everyone was asked to contact sites they found with incorrect details directly.

9. Election / Re-election of Club Officials

Joseph Ritson resigned as club coach.

Andrew Adams was elected as club coach.

No other nomination or resignations were received.

All other club officials were re-elected.

10. Any Other Business

It was agreed to give a bottle of whisky to the farmer as a thank you for the use of his fields for the x-country and Hay-O race.

A new membership form is to be produced to obtain the required members details.

A disclaimer is required for people who attend the club for a trial period and the insurance situation should be check.

A club social was proposed for after the Cumberland Ale 10.