

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Derwent AC (Cockermouth) -6/12/08

## Present

Howard Taylor(Chairman), Tony Davis(Secretary), John Barker(Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Philip Cueto(Social Secretary), Rebecca Adams, Andy Adams(Coach), Martin Dutton.

## Appologies

Joseph Ritson

### 1. Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Proposed - Rebecca Adams, Seconded - Andy Adams

### 2. Race Report

It was reported that the Club held four road races in 2008. The Isel Cross (33-15 runners), the Lambfoot Loop (54-42 Runners), Hay-O trail (29-35 runners) and the Cumberland Ale 10 (70-54 runners). Total of 186 runners 146 (2007)

The Isel Cross was move to Easter Saturday because of the poor turn out last year when we only received 15 entries. This year entries rose to 33. The Easter eggs given to each competitor seem well received and will be repeated again this year.

The Lambfoot loop saw an increase in runners from 42 last year to 54 this year and was probably about the right sort of size for this race.

Only the Hay-O trail had a reduction in numbers from 35 down to 29

The Cumberland Ale Ten also saw an increase in the entry numbers up from 54 last year to 70 this year. Last year the race made a loss of £58.96 compared to £189 profit this year, which included the grand prix prizes. Not everything went to plan – the grand prix prize giving was messed up, some people did not turn back onto Brewery Lane at the end of the race and we were let down with the prizes. Extra signs or marshals are needed. The Grand Prix prizes were muddled up mainly due to variations in name spellings (David and Dave) this can be resolved by more robust software/data inputting. The prizes worked out OK as temple sports have said they will supply prizes in the future at a discount (thanks to Sarah). The good points were the weather, the marshalling and clean up by the scouts, the first aid volunteers (who saved us a £170 bill from St. Johns Ambulance) and of course the Cumberland Ale. Other things to consider Wet weather –shelter for time keeper etc. registering all marshals/helpers further involvement of Jennings

The Club ran a Grand Prix, from the numbers who completed the required races it is not clear that this has much effect on the race numbers, (6 men and 2 women) but it was the first year and

needs a chance to get going plus some better advertising. It was agreed to look at a reduced price of £16 for all four races and a grand prix T-shirt to all entrants

Derwent AC also hosted two of the Cumbrian Cross country series races, these were well received. The marker flags were deemed to be a success and it was agreed that with 2 or 3 more packets with some in a different colour the whole course could be marked out with ease.

Other general points –

- ◆ Races to be advertised on the John Scofield web site.
- ◆ Club members should be encouraged to put a good review of the Cumberland Ale 10 on the Runners World web site.
- ◆ The club should state that there is one prize per competitor at each race

### **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 remain unchanged at £50 affiliation fee plus £5 per member for the coming year. The club currently has registered 21 competing members and 1 social member. The Proposal that, club fees should remain the same at £12 for seniors and £6 pounds for juniors and second claim members, was accepted.

An additional proposal to charge £6 for full members who join between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and the new season was also agreed. This was in order to encourage new members to join and acquire there UK athletics card rather than wait until April

### **5. 2009 Club Races**

Members agreed to the following race dates

Isel Cross	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Easter Saturday
Lampfoot Loop	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May
Hay-O Trail	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in July
Cumberland Ale 10	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September

### **6. Election / Re-election of Club Officials**

No nominations or resignations were received.

All club officials were re-elected.

### **7. Any Other Business**

A Club Championship was suggested. All members are invited to suggest races they would like to be included, these are to be given to Andy Adams by the end of January.

A “Month of Miles” competition was also suggested. This will start some time in January, Phil Cueto to work of the details.

