

STRIDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES 29th January 2015

Apologies for absence : John Ralf

1) **Minutes of last meeting** – 13th November 2014 - agreed

2) **Chairman's Report**

Croydon Half. Progressing OK though slower entry than last year. 195 vs 260 last year. About time to circulate fliers to the local parkruns. I have yet to advertise for a "CHM co-ordinator" to take on some of the work for 2016. I think I will leave it till after this event and negotiated what niceworks are going to do for us. One of their team will be joining me on the day to see what is involved.

Runners World forum to be set up to discuss and promote CHM.

Facebook and Twitter promotion and fliers to local clubs, parkruns and organisations.

Sandilands. The trustees met with the three major clubs to review possibilities for the future. No serious solution has emerged yet. I am to see if Streets ahead can help Sandilands as a whole with more publicity.

The heating is costing Sandilands a fortune. Partly because the changing block is being heated every day though only used regularly on Wednesdays and Saturdays investigations so far suggest the under floor heating (which is on a separate clock) isn't actually working! The saga continues.

I received details of an **on line subscription system** which it turns out is being used by Croydon Harriers. Martin Rowe the Harriers membership secretary is quite enthusiastic about it. I will circulate details separately. However it cost much the same as paypal per transaction and we would probably end up having to chase the same people to log on and do their own thing as we do now to get them to pay by BACS or cheque.

Ian Campbell is organising the **Croydon Ultra** again, provisionally 5th July. Based at Sandilands but not running through the grounds this year which upset cricket last year. I am happy to give it a bit more publicity than we have in previous years both for entries and helpers

Sunday runs seem to be going well and relatively dry for once. On the runs from the clubhouse we have had a couple of cases where only one runner wants to do the hour which is a minor complication.

3) **Membership Secretary's Report.**

Ivanka's chasing of non-payers has led to a higher rate of renewal for this time of year than previously.

Ivanka to circulate to committee list of non-renewers.

4) **Kit Report**

New kit has been ordered, but not arrived yet.

Agreed that prices need to increase to reflect the higher costs of purchase to the club. Suggested prices of £15 vests, £20 other tops, £25 hoodies.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Report delivered to committee.

Overall costs have risen this season. After paying our subs to UKA – approx. £4K (?) – we will not have as much to spare as previous years.

Robin suggested that in future years we might offer the option of being unaffiliated to members. Provisionally this would mean their membership to Striders would be £20 but they would need to pay the additional £2 that races charge for unaffiliated runners. We would also need to clarify whether they would be insured for events such as Track & Field or team xc races.

6) Club runs

Clubhouse security– when it starts getting lighter again will the middle door in the gents changing room be locked again? If so, we would need to start ensuring again that we have 40 mins runners who have a key or can be handed one. Also could we have separate ladies valuables keyholder/s?

Robin to see if he can get hold of a key for the door connecting the men's toilets to the changing room.

Possibly starts doing a separate valuables box for women but to be locked in the men's lockers.

AGM discussions

Hannah has produced the minutes.

Robin to email members about how the club runs have developed since the AGM and seek feedback.

7) Socials

Quiz on Friday 16th January – thanks to Mick for a very successful night. 59 entries. Only issue was a shortfall in veggie meals.

Weds. night socials – next one on 4th Feb.? And 'Marathon talk' ?

We should aim to have the next social plus Marathon Session on the first Wed in Feb. (4th) but I am not sure if the Wednesday evening umpire training sessions will have finished by then. I was going to say we could always use the snug but of course it will be full of nursery stuff if the hall is occupied. Will have to check on Wednesday. .

Hannah to publicise. This time the food choice will be pizzas. Most likely to do an informal 'chat' in the 'snug'. Before hand will see if there are any general questions that we can prepare answers for.

8) Long runs and cycles.

9) Secretary's role

Opportunity for some practice in the role :

Steph - could you look after and organise our women runners at the Nationals on 21st Feb.

Chris to send on details to Steph.

Krzysztof – could you look after and organise our men's team at Surrey League on 7th Feb.

Other events : such as those covered by Sandilands Cup plus relays (East Surrey, Beckenham, Reigate etc.) – need to be organised.

Also a chance for new events to be promoted.

Chris to compile a list of events that we currently compete in.

10) Triathlon – affiliation etc.

Beatrice Schaer kindly renewed our club affiliation.

Chris to see if any member wants to develop our Tri section, and remind members to send in Tri results to Hannah for publication.

11) Race hosting on 7th Feb. 2015

Striders are hosting both the Men's Surrey League Division 3 & 4 combined race at 2 p.m. and the Division 2 race at 3 p.m. at Lloyd Park on Sat. 7th Feb.

Hopefully we now have sufficient volunteers.

Hoping to use an online 'at race' scoring system which will produce race results at the event for new Surrey League website : <http://surreyleague.org/slm/>

12) Hosting future cross country races

We need to consider whether we want to volunteer to do these next season.

Chris suspects that Surrey Ladies League will ask us in April / May.

And we usually volunteer when the Men's Surrey League AGM takes place in March.

This was discussed in detail.

Chris to produce a guide on the process involved in hosting xc.

13) Next committee meeting

Provisionally 12th March

Action points:

579	Minutes from Agm to be published	done	Hannah	29/1/15
581	Triathlon development	Open	Chris	29/1/15
582	Promote CHM	open	Robin	29/3/15
583	Circulate non-renewers	open	Ivanka	27/2/15
584	Kit sale once new stock arrives	open	Steph, Mick, Victoria	27/2/15
585	Promote and organise February social	open	Hannah	4/2/15
586	Follow up on club runs since AGM discussions	open	Robin	27/2/15
587	Document process of hosting xc races	open	Chris	13/2/15
588	Decision on volunteering to host xc races next season	open	ALL	27/2/15