

## STRIDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Apologies for absence : John Humphries

### 1) Minutes of last meeting (29<sup>th</sup> March 2010) were agreed

### 2) Chairman's Report –

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who ran in or supported the recent marathon events. The next major running/social events will be the club handicaps in May June July everyone is encouraged to come and run or support these.

Most of my time has been taken up with progressing the Half Marathon, see below.

Further improvement work at Sandilands is progressing, refurbishment of the snug is nearly complete. The car park is being cleared and enlarged. However no replacement for the Nursery has been found and income is not quite covering expenses. There may still be a call for additional contributions if any unexpected costs arise this year.

Croydon Running Sisters who were using Sandilands as their base until the new pavilion was complete have now confirmed they are staying at Sandilands.

### 3) Croydon Half Marathon.

Plans for the Croydon Half Marathon are progressing the event is now fixed for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April with the event centre at Sandilands, the start just outside the gate and the finish on Lloyd Park Avenue. Croydon Council and the police are happy with the required road closures and in fact offered us more than we asked for. We already have quite a few offers of sponsorship.

Work over the next few months will focus on getting the route measured confirming approach to timing, finding more sponsors and preparing for a launch event around the time of the Croydon 10K.

Croydon Harriers, through Mike Fleet is providing much practical advice and support (we already have the portaloos booked!

Entry fee likely to be about £15.

Will probably need about 50 marshals and helpers – to be provided by us and other clubs.

### 4) Membership Secretary's Report.

Latest numbers : 228 members of which 131 Male, 97 Female; 198 first claim

510	Membership fees to England Athletics	Done	MT	10/05
511	Update membership form	Done	MT/ RJ/SU	10/05

### 5) Kit Report.

512	Promote kit in newsletter.	Done	SH /SU	10/05
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Looking at new suppliers.

More vests have arrived.

Looking into ordering some raincoats.

### 6) Treasurer's Report

Suggestions for some necessary purchases

An automatic light outside the club house: Now requested –Steve to connect outside lights to bar circuit. RJ will need to keep reminding him later in the year.

Another tear drop flag –Delivered

Two 'pop-up' tents to allow changing and bag storage at races. Chris to purchase one large and one small tent.

Water containers for Switchback etc.

*We have but they are not suitable, as no taps.* Mick to purchase.

Cool box.

Lockers. Robin to look into.

Treasurer's notes :

England Athletics Subs for the year have now been paid.

New flag has been purchased

More kit has been ordered.

The pool hire until September has been accounted for but not hit the bank account yet.

Still have a healthy balance but as Robin points out we may have to contribute further to Sandilands. Further purchases of Tents, lockers etc will be feasible.

## 7) **Switchback**

'T-shirt design' competition in newsletter

Look into cost of race entry. Agreed to keep at last year's prices – pre-entries of £4 affiliated, £6 non; on the day £6 affil., £8 non

Maybe free cake to all runners ? Agreed on first cake free for all runners

513	Decide on cost, prizes, T-shirt, goody bag etc	Done	MT/CM /RJ	10/05
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Mick to provide budget.

## 8) **Social**

Eastbourne training weekend – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June : Mick to Promote

Surrey Downs Marathon Relay – Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> June : Chris to promote

Race for Life – Lloyd Park – Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> July : Robin to promote – Lousie Needham confirms helpers will get free breakfast and lunch. Likely to be 3 shifts for helpers : laying out / morning race / afternoon race

See also 12) **Handicaps**

Quiz – Next one to be in Sept. / Oct.-Mick to be quizmaster.

Last Weds. of month social in bar – continue to promote

505	Eastbourne training weekend	Open	MT	21/06
513	Promote socials	Open	MT/CM	21/06
514	Promote Race for Life	Open	RJ	21/06

## 9) **Team management / race hosting**

Vets T&F – Croydon Arena – 24<sup>th</sup> May – Dave B - co-hosting – officials and helpers needed

Rosenheim League – Croydon Arena – 26<sup>th</sup> May – John R - co-hosting – officials and helpers needed

## 10) **Club runs**

Review wording on web site. Susan to suggest.

#### 11) Southern League – Croydon Harriers

Offer from Mike Fleet of Croydon Harriers for us to join forces with them for their Saturday track & field fixtures in the Southern League, as they are short of distance runners. To be publicised this week with Alan Dolton acting as contact although we are not sure there will be any takers. Option of competing for Holland Sports will remain – Kevin Burnett to be the contact.

#### 12) Handicaps

Provisional dates : May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>

Chris & Susan to organise first one, John H, John R and Mick the second, Steph & Robin the third

Food to be arranged for each one

Hand out Sandilands Cup winners trophies at second one.

515	Organise Handicaps	Open	All	19/05
516	Arrange catering for Handicaps	Open	SH	19/05

#### 13) Courses for coaches / Leading club runs

Mick completed Leaders course

Chris completed Level 2 course.

#### 14) Communications

508	Look into changing web host	Close	RJ/MT/ CM	10/05
517	Guidelines about using Striderslist	Done	RJ/MT	05/04

Stridersinfo email address to be deleted.

#### 16) Summer runs, bike rides etc.

More social cycling planned for summer.

Possibilities include :

Brighton to Richmond – off road bikes only – 18<sup>th</sup> July

East Grinstead to Croydon – TBC

To Woldingham then White Bear – after a Sunday run - TBC

Away runs – dates TBC :

Box Hill

Limpsfield Chart

Farnborough

High Elms

Keston

Biggin Hill

#### 17) Striders parkrun special

503	Promote a Striders championship day at Roundshaw parkrun	Open	MT	21/06
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3rd July 2010

2nd October 2010

#### 19) Calendar of events

504	Produce monthly calendar of events	Done	CM	09/04
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## 20) England Athletics roadshow

They say "We want to hear your views about the future direction of Athletics beyond 2012. Don't miss this chance to find out more and have your say.

*We want to work with you to build a long-term vision for the sport – long after the torch of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games has gone out.*

*An opportunity for local networks to share experiences and learn from each other."*

## 22) Pre London Marathon meet and greet

Worth doing this year – may look to change location next year.

Maybe do for Brighton Marathon next year ?

## 23) Next committee meeting

21<sup>st</sup> June – TBC

### Action points carried forward :

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