

STRIDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES 13th March 2014

Apologies for absence : Hannah Musk, John Ralf

1) **Minutes of last meeting** – 9th January 2014 - agreed

2) Chairman's Report – Sandilands

After a long delay the Ladies showers should get screens and curtains in the next few weeks. We are sharing the cost with Hockey. Probably £250

The choir are organising an informal concert open to all clubs on Saturday 28th June. £10 per head including buffet.

The Nursery is planning to go full time next year which should improve the clubs cash flow.

The next major project will be to improve the Hall. The first step being to find out how much of the floor needs to be replaced.

Croydon Half – 30th March

459 entries to date - 551 this time last year so definitely going to be a bit quieter.

Nearly there with marshals

3) Membership Secretary's Report.

255 Members (235 paid 19 life 1 Expat). : a club record we believe

97 Female 158 Male

40 new members since September.

46 Dropped out (16 definitely left, 20 Not paid - almost certainly left, 10 may rejoin)

4) Kit Report

New kit has arrived. It is significantly more expensive than our previous suppliers – Hexx – who went bankrupt. For instance the overall cost to us of a club vest is now about £16 and a long-sleeved T-shirt is about £21.

We agreed to subsidise these costs to our members' benefit – so we will charge £12 for vests, £18 for long and short sleeved t-shirts, £20 for hoodies.

Striders who submitted an entry for the new logo competition will be a free vest.

5) Treasurer's Report

Reported that swimming was making a small profit.

Agreed that we could afford to make the above subsidies on the sale of club kit.

6) Club runs

Mile Time Trial – will resume on the last Wednesday of each month at about 7.10 p.m. First one will be on 30th April

Robin to look into organising a summer self-timed handicap of about 5K in Shirley Hills.

7) Socials

Feedback to Hannah :

First Wednesday of the month food after club run

This is going well. Split between what food is favourite so likely to alternate between pizza and fish & chips.

Christmas party

Of those who responded about why they did NOT attend last year's do many said this was because they felt the clubhouse hall was cold and lacks atmosphere. Others felt that having it at the clubhouse did not make it feel 'special'.

Other said that their social calendar was so packed at xmas time that they could not attend.

Many suggested returning to the Indian restaurant we used a few years ago.

Hannah suggests :

Summer event like Thames River cruise

Halloween run – on Weds. 29th Oct. – to be run in fancy dress costume. Food in bar afterwards.

Christmas party – either late November or early December – probably at a local restaurant

Socials to coincide with Club Handicaps, to be held on Weds. 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July

Free finger buffet after each one.

8) Long runs and cycles.

Possibly have a long run near Box Hill after marathon season. And then head to pub for food and drink.

9) Mob Matches

Three-way : Dulwich, Beckenham and Striders – Sat. Feb 15th 2.30 p.m. at Beckenham Place Park. This was cancelled due to lack of Strider interest : as usual mob matches that coincide with parkruns seem to be the popular choice.

Next mobmatch to be on June 7th at Norman Park (Bromley parkrun) against Blackheath & Bromley.

Chris and Mick to pursue other mobmatch options.

10) Other events

Co-hosted the Women's Surrey League and Men's Surrey League Division 2 races at Lloyd Park with Croydon Harriers on 8th Feb. 2014 with Croydon Harriers. Many thanks to all those who helped. It seemed to go well.

We have already volunteered to host the Men's Surrey League Division 2 fixture at Lloyd Park on 7th February 2015.

We may also host a Men's Div. 3 & 4 race on the same day.

We have been asked to host a Women's Surrey League fixture as well, but this may be dependent on decision about Men's Div. 3 & 4 match and other factors.

Club Duathlon (run, cycle, run) will probably be on Sunday 18th May

12) Next committee meeting

TBC – provisionally 8th May in Sandilands snug

New Action points :

565	Box Hill post run venue	Open	Robin	8/5/14
566	Arrange mobmatches	Open	Chris, Mick	8/5/14
567	Book Lloyd Park for Switchback	open	Chris	8/5/14
568	Organise and help at Handicaps	open	ALL	7/5/14
569	Organise and publicise post-Marathon celebrations	open	Chris, Robin	13/4/14
570	Arrange buffets after Handicaps	Open	Hannah	7/5/14