

## **STRIDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Apologies for absence: John Humphries, Hannah Musk

1) **Minutes of last meeting** – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - agreed

### **2) Chairman's Report**

#### **Sandilands**

We now have a newly redecorated hall with decent foundations to the floor and also a new veranda. This was all paid for out of the small surplus the club had. Excluding this the actual income/expenditure of the club continues to be very tight.

You will have seen the Nursery is hoping to go full time which will make a big difference. As inflation is running at about 1% we will probably concede a freeze in the subs of the bigger clubs. Our subs for this year were £1425 as our membership continues to grow I propose we offer £1500 for 2015. This with a contribution of about £2000 from the Half Marathon and £200 towards the development fund means we are doing plenty enough towards supporting the club house. Unfortunately Tennis, the biggest contributor, is struggling with falling membership. The big saviour would be a successful day nursery.

#### **Croydon Half**

Progressing OK all the facilities and services booked. 41 entries to date 60 this time last year but I haven't done a mail shot to previous runners yet. I am not planning to do any serious work until the new year.

This will be our 5th year. I aim to be largely out of it for 2016 though. I have had discussions with Martin of Nice Works who organise the 10K for Croydon Harriers. They are happy to take on the CHM they would charge us £3.50 and entrant plus VAT. Basically the money we currently donate to Harriers so they would lose out. One of his team is going to come along to shadow the 2015 event.

This still requires a "co-ordinator" from the club who would help Nice works deliver the event. I have yet to advertise for this. Any volunteers?

#### **Membership**

Thanks to Ivanka for taking on the membership role. It all seems to be working OK. I am drafting a welcome document.

#### **Website**

I realise the Committee page on the website is a bit out of date!

[http://www.stridersofcroydon.org.uk/?page\\_id=3261](http://www.stridersofcroydon.org.uk/?page_id=3261). I will change the job titles.

Ivanka, Krzysztof do you have a suitable mug shot of yourselves.

Also the Kit page just says new kit coming soon.

Robin to update the 'Join Us' page and make links more obvious.

Marathon ballot rules to be added to the site.

Will ask Striders to provide some suitable landscape images to use as main backdrop images on website.

Krzysztof asks: would it be possible to have some sort of calendar/submit info. section, for those wanting/offering lifts, to the website, just like you have introduced for submitting results

Discussed but felt that:

The technology of the website didn't make the idea easy to complete (e.g. it would need web master intervention to add each request)

Also felt that the best way to request lifts to races was probably via striderslist email.

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

149 people that are listed as not paid up.

Number of people on the membership spreadsheet is 331 people

### **4) Kit Report**

We have just had a delivery of new Medium sizes, but we are now lacking larger sizes. Victoria is going to send an email regarding stock then we can gauge what sizes we need to order as we need to order a minimum of 18 in one type and as this is quite an outlay we need to ensure we don't stock up with sizes that won't sell. Also we do subsidise the kit so the income may not cover all the cost.

A stock sheet was done when the new kit was added, but this didn't include the kit in Mick's locker so a full stock take should be done so it will be easier to say what is available and keep track of sales.

## **5) Treasurer's Report**

Subs continue to come in at a consistent rate.

We need to settle the Xmas party balance and have collected 33 payments to date.

Successful Switchback.

Swimming paid up to December

£7k of Striders funds in the balance which will cover the EA annual subs and Sandilands rent.

I have received a credit of £72 with a reference of Butler Place - JH is following up with the bank as it appears to be a credit from the bank itself.

## **6) Club runs**

### **AGM discussions**

Hannah to produce minutes.

In response to the debate about club runs at the AGM, the following measures have been taken:

Wednesday club run routes now published on Facebook and to striderslist – this has had an unforeseen benefit in that when we have been unable to find a group leader on a Wednesday night someone else has been able to volunteer to lead because they have seen the published route.

When we have had a couple of volunteer leaders in the 4<sup>th</sup> group we have had the option of splitting the hour group into two after the 20 minute cut off. This seems to have worked well, with runners being able to decide what paced group within the 4ths to stick with.

## **7) Socials**

Quiz on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – TBC – Mick and Hannah to provide the questions. Mick to check Sandilands availability.

Christmas party at the Khyber. 50 tickets sold out within a few days of being available. This is in marked contrast to last year when the party was held at Sandilands and seems to confirm that members like the change of venue.

Mick to present Owen Trophy that night.

Weds. night socials – going well. Might try other options such as fish and chips or one pot Chinese.

December social likely to be weds. 17<sup>th</sup>. Club run that night to include visit to the Christmas lights in Pinewood Close. Also encourage runners to wear 'xmas lights / Santa hats' that night.

## **8) Long runs and cycles.**

Marathon training runs begun

## **9) Secretary's role**

Chris intends to stand down from the committee in September 2015. Currently drawing up a list of his jobs with a view to others taking over all or some of these.

Discussed possibility of creating new roles to cover work or incorporate into existing roles – such as

- stats/record keeper;
- xc captains;
- minutes, AGM paperwork etc. This would be the formal club secretary
- payment of League affiliation fees etc.

## **10) Triathlon – affiliation etc.**

Our affiliation with Triathlon England is due for renewal – but this year the renewer must be an individual member of TE.

How should we progress with this and the triathlon part of the club?

Chris to contact club triathletes to see if they can help and what they think about the future.

#### 11) Race hosting on 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We will help to mark the course, marshal and record-keeping for both races.

#### 12) Next committee meeting

Early January – xmas meal at The Crown – poss. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

#### Action points:

566	Arrange mobmatches	Open	Chris, Mick	8/7/14
572	Organize Quiz night	Open	Mick	20/10/14
573	Organise xmas party	open	Hannah	30/11/14
576	Website : Join Us page	Open	Robin	29/1/15
577	Website : Marathon ballot rules	open	Chris / Robin	29/1/15
578	Website : new photos	Open	Chris	29/1/15
579	Minutes from Agm to be published	Open	Hannah	29/1/15
580	Xmas Weds. social	Open	Hannah	17/12/14
581	Triathlon renewal and development	Open	Chris	29/1/15