

STRIDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES – 14th July 2011

1) Minutes of last meeting (11/04/2011) - agreed

2) Chairman's Report –

Sandilands paid £3696 for reseeding, which fortunately is now showing some improvement. We failed an electrical inspection and have just paid out another £2260 for a new fuse box and some rewiring. There is around another £3000 work to be done. Lacrosse and Selsdon Junior Football have been asked to find somewhere else to play as they were both seriously damaging the grounds. All this as always raises yet more discussion on the relative contribution of all the clubs towards the £50K cost of running the place. Seems to be an irreconcilable issue between Cricket, Hockey and Tennis. With Striders, Running Sisters and the choir on the sidelines.

Tony Sheppard has provided four more lockers from his work place. These will replace the old ones in the changing rooms. Primarily for use of Cricket umpires. Possibly these will be available for private use.

3) Croydon Half Marathon.

We have been offered £2K sponsorship plus some extras by Streets Ahead. It is now the streets ahead Croydon Half Marathon and we will be supporting Nightwatch the Croydon charity for the homeless.

The plan is to start in Sandilands and finish in the grounds this time. We have a race licence, the website has been updated for 2012 the route will be re measured later this year. The aim is to open entries and launch the event in September.

The licence is for 750 runners for 2012 race – compared to 500 in 2011.

4) Membership Secretary's Report.

Membership Cards for 2011-2012 sent out by EA in mid-May. If anybody has not received a membership card, and is a fully paid up first claim member, they should check they have their correct address registered with EA, via the EA portal. Contact mickeyturn@yahoo.co.uk if you don't know how to do this.

Reminder: It's an individual member's responsibility to keep EA contact, especially address, details up-to-date.

Membership figures at 14th July

232 (135 men, 97 women, 58%/42%)
203 first claim
15 second claim
14 under-18s

36 new adult members and 4 new under-18s
42 non-renewals and 8 deferrals

5) Switchback

Carmen's design suggestion to be made into a T-shirt.
Robin will do a test mock up to see if feasible (not for Switchback use).

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Sunday 25th September

Race licence & Croydon Council permissions

Have come to an agreement with Croydon Council. Their head of Green Spaces said :
"In recognition of the supportive work your organisation provides to us I have agreed that the fee be reduced to £66.00 in line with our lower Charity fee"

Online entry RW & Run Britain
RW online entry setup. 6 entries as of 14th July

Run Britain online setup requires a licence application at the same time – which seems an unnecessary complication. Deciding whether to pursue this.

T shirt/memento TBC what we're having this year

Entries – Susan happy to administer. Numbers will be picked up on the day as this worked well at CHM. Entry form changed to reflect this.

Cakes – Checking with Karen C

Signs – Mick to order 'arrows', Robin to buy tent pegs.

6) **Social**

527	Organise next quiz Quiz – for autumn	Open	MT	01/09
528	Look into Racing night	Closed		01/03

Quiz likely to be on Friday October 14th – organised by Steve Tyler and some input from Mick

7) **Team management / race hosting**

Race for Life 2011

We will again be marshalling and marking the course. It is on the 24th July. There is a morning and afternoon event again. Louise Needham is handing over to a new girl called Liz Frisby. After some switching to morning only its back to being a two race event. We have enough helpers.

Details circulated.

8) **Club runs and leaders**

Recently we have again been struggling to find run leaders – especially for Wednesday nights. Robin, John G and Chris have met to discuss our options

9) **Beginners' Course**

Mick is tentatively considering running a course - A couch to 5K for a max of 10 people. To run from early September. Would just advertise within Striders for friends and family looking to start running or get up to 40 mins in the slow group. No obligation to join afterwards

Thoughts?

Good idea?

Eg is it better to have a twice a week 5 week course or once a week for 8-10 weeks, with homework

Mick to discuss with Susan

10) **Club Survey**

Chris : idea came up when considering what would make Rosenheim more appealing to our members. Taking this further, maybe we should send out an online survey on more general features of the club to get some feedback from our members.

All of committee to come up with ideas for questions and topics for an online survey to members (also with a paper version). Survey should be fairly brief and aim to find out what our members want from the club, what we could do better or change etc.

Mick to produce survey for mid August with a deadline for response by end of August – so that we can discuss at the AGM on Sept. 21st

John R / Chris to provide questions for track & field section

Steph to provide questions for 'socials' section

11) **East Surrey League**

Chris will see if anyone wants to take over this job next season : article for next newsletter

12) **Proposed Bike rides**

During the summer:-

Done Greenwich, Windsor, Woldingham –Botley hill and Brighton so far

Eastbourne – will be on Sunday July 17th
Greenwich via the Wandle way and Thames path. 40 miles. – A possible for early August will have to be planned at short notice
Olympic stadium via Greenwich and Woolwich. – planned for August Bank Holiday

13) Night Orienteering in Lloyd Park

Andy Elliot is organising this for Thurs. Sept. 29th at about 7 p.m.

14) Triathlon Section

From July onwards we will initiate a debate about this.
Article in next newsletter

15) Striders Informal Triathlon

Quite a good response to this so it will definitely go ahead on Thursday 17th. As a very informal event with no marshals on route Competitors have to know where they are going.

Proposed to be 300m swim 7K ride on the roads round Lloyd Park and 3.5K run round Sandilands. A limit of 30 entrants, Could be done with 4 helpers at Trinity (Robin, Neil, Karen, Chris?)

16) Treasurer's statement

We look financially robust, so we intend to recommend at the AGM that subs are kept at their current levels.

17) Kit Report

Currently trying to get rid of existing stock before buying anything new.

18) Next committee meeting

TBC – provisionally Monday 12th September – enabling pre-AGM discussion

19) Any other business

Helpful suggestions received from Corinne. Discussed in meeting.

In brief :

Car sharing – we believe that the best method is to use striderslist emails if you wish to offer lifts or are needing one. Don't think that a forum or structured approach would work.

Xmas dinner / venue – we hope to get feedback from our survey (item 10) to give us a better idea of what our members want.

Advance warning of committee meetings – unfortunately we struggle to find suitable dates for meetings and have regularly had to rearrange them this year.

Website – agree that it looks old-fashioned and needs some revamping, it is however comparatively easy to use and up-to-date.

Facebook – launched previously but never really got off the ground. Will review it.

Youth section – this takes the club in a direction that we don't think members want. It also places a considerable administrative burden on us – CRB checks, approved coaches, Child Welfare officer etc.

Marathon buddy – this was done a bit last year, will look into it again for next spring.

Induction – agreed that we should attempt to welcome any new members at club runs ; on 'the last Weds. of the month socials' we would encourage new members to stay behind and find out more about the club.

Action points carried forward :

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