

COLCHESTER HARRIERS ATHLETIC CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held at The Arena Club, Circular Road, Colchester, Essex, at 8 15pm on Tuesday 19 January 2010.

Members present

Lance Williams, Sue Mole, CAROLINE Sutton, Dave Lacy, Margaret Williams, Linda Garnham, Helen Holdsworth, Phillip Knights, Roy Moore, Dominic King and Rachel Abbott.

Apologies for absence

Karen Wheat - ill, Bridget King - work, Lyn Holden - ill, Adrian Musset - work.

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 17 November 21009 and matters arising.

1. Parachute Regimental Band. Lance reported that due to a computer fault he had lost contact details of Regiment. Hopefully he can recover details and make contact and report at next meeting.
2. Lance reported that he attended the AGM Essex County Athletic Association. With difficulty all Committee positions filled.
3. Boxing Day Event. Lance reported that it went ahead, conditions challenging and numbers appeared to be up on previous years. £60.00 paid to Colchester Rovers - our share of Insurance costs.
4. Rachel reported that her small Committee met with Colchester and Tendring re possible merger. Numerous questions were raised and positive results received. Rachel and Dave suggested that a further meeting should be arranged. To include Committee members, Officials and Coaches from both Clubs to be invited. Committee agreed and requested Rachel to arrange meeting possibly during February.
5. Santa Run. Dave reported that it was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. All agreed correct decision made.
6. Linda reported that on this occasion our grant application failed. Possible further applications to be made.
7. Jacks Apple run. Great success, raised £600.00. To be shared between Club and Hamilton Lodge.

Chairpersons report

Lance thanked John Hyland and Colchester Rovers for all their work in making the Annual Boxing Day run a great success. John spent a lot of time organising /preparing a risk assessment report for the Army and arranging and marking the course on the day. Without his input the race would not go ahead. Lance also thanked Dave Lacy and Linda Garnham for arranging the junior and senior presentation nights which were a great success and hopefully will be repeated next year.

Lance gave a special thanks to Adrian Mussett for all his work in arranging the Essex Cross Country League fixture held on Abbey Fields. This was Adrian's first attempt and all those who attended and helped on a very cold day must be congratulated. The event was a success, just one or two hiccups which were overcome.

Secretary's report

Karen not in attendance due to sickness. Linda updated the Committee on recent correspondence including an email regarding CRB checks and the new checking system known as the "Vetting and Barring Scheme" This new legislation will effect the Club in so much that all Club members who come into close proximity of young persons and vulnerable adults must be registered. Non compliance could result in criminal action.

Linda also reported that the Club has withdrawn from the East Anglian League and joined the Eastern

Young for the coming season. Fixture dates to be circulated on website when received.

Treasurers report

Bridget unable to attend tonight due to work /course. Lance updated Committee on financial situation. All in good order.

Social matters

Margaret reported on the following.

1. Boxing Day run. Donations of £40.00 collected. To be presented to Children's Hospice in Colchester.
2. Both Camping weekends booked.
3. Arena closed on Friday 29 January 2009.
4. Quiz on 27 February 2010 at The Old Court House. £10.00 per table. Refreshments included. Names to Dave Lacy or Rob Gibby.

Membership

Helen reported that 244 members had paid subs for year. Over 100 still to pay. Reminder letters to be sent out. Committee members concerned at the considerable number of late payments. Suggestions put forward to include a financial penalty or temporary ban from representing the Club in Team events. Members should note that the Club normally pay entry fees into championship races.

Team Manager

Adrian not present due to heavy work commitments but it was noted that Catherine Holdsworth has been selected to represent GB in a combined event in Holland. Michael Holden although disappointed, selected as reserve for an under 23 men's team event to be held in Paris . Committee members congratulated both and wished them every success.

It was also noted that several juniors attended the South of England indoor championships at Lee Valley. Sarah Prestcott-Smith won long jump bronze medal.

Full details on website.

Races

Essex 20 mile Champs Great Bromley. All arranged. Application for Red Cross cover submitted.

Any other busines

1.Safety. Coaches raised concern of junior athletes leaving Track without their knowledge and apparently waiting for their parents outside the Track or in the car park. Parents to be reminded that it is their responsibility to collect their children from the Track. **THE CLUB CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY IF THEY LEAVE OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.** The Club has a **duty of care** for the safety of junior members and the co-operation of parents would be appreciated.

2. Lance reported that he has received an email from Tania Spurling, Athletics Network Activator with a view of attending a Club training night and possible Committee meeting. All agreed to invite Tania to our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10 05pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 16 February 2010 at The Arena Club, commencing at 8.15pm.

Lance Williams
Chairperson