

# **COLCHESTER HARRIERS ATHLETIC CLUB**

Minutes of meeting held at The Arena Club, Circular Road, Colchester, Essex at 8.15pm on Tuesday 15 September 2009.

## **Members present**

Bridget King, Karen Wheat, Linda Garnham, Rachel Abbott, Margaret Williams, David Lacy, Lance Williams, Helen Holdsworth, Lynn Holden, Dominic King and Chris Akehurst.

## **Apologies for absence**

Phillip Knights – holiday. Roy Moore – holiday. Adrian Mussett – work.

## **Minutes of meeting of 21 July 2009**

Circulated by email to all members and read prior to meeting.

## **Matters arising.**

1. Dominic raised the matter of the Questionnaire Form received by all voting members. Although not noted in minutes the Committee at the last meeting decided to circulate questionnaire by hand wherever possible and use post only to distant members and those who do not attend club meetings regularly. This was not the case and the forms were all sent by post at a considerable cost. Lance accepted responsibility for this error as Rachel was not present at the last meeting, and was not informed of the decision taken. At this time Lance had received about 50 replies and in hindsight it would appear that original decision would have made it almost impossible for all voting members to receive their form in the time scale laid down.
2. Karen Wheat reported that the Club had not received a letter of reply from the East Anglian League re our complaint.
3. Lance reported that he had received an email from a young athlete's father, asking the Committee to reconsider its decision to close membership to our Imps. A discussion took place and it was decided that the rule would have to remain for the foreseeable future, due to large numbers using the track and suitable coaches in the Club. (Health and Safety issue)

## **Chairperson's report**

Lance raised the issue of the AGM in two weeks time and noted that Committee members had not stated whether or not they were standing for election next year. Lance asked them to consider their position as it was difficult to plan ahead, not knowing the possible structure of the new committee and whether it was necessary to find others to take their place.

## **Secretary's report.**

1. Karen reported that the County Road Relay Championships at Chelmsford had been changed from 13 March 2010 to 21 March 2010
2. Received letter re Composite Men's Team registration for next season. Team Manager to complete.
3. Club Athlete and Club Person awards. Discussion on how to select as voting in previous years had been poor.

### **Treasurer's report**

Bridget presented the accounts and stated that all was in order and that the accounts for the year 2008 – 2009 were ready to be sent to our auditor. Club still remains in a healthy financial position.

### **Social**

1. Margaret reported that the Panto tickets had been ordered and paid by the Club.
2. Dave Lacy had booked The Arena for the senior awards evening to be held on Friday 11 December 2009. Junior awards to be held on Friday 20 November 2009 at the same venue.

### **Team Managers Report**

Adrian Mussett not present due to work but Committee noted recent results on view on our website. Congratulations to them all.

### **Junior Managers Report**

Linda reported on the following

1. Discussion re our Child Protection Policy. We need to update our present policy. Rachel and Linda have matter in hand.
2. Risk assessment – need to update present travel arrangements.
3. Rob Thickpenny visiting Club to explain new Coaching Scheme.
4. Winter training – track booked by Karen on alternate Sundays. Cat's to book their own. Commences 2 November 2009 10am to 12md.
5. Travel expenses – parents taking young athletes to meetings can submit claims to Committee for approval. Hiring coaches are now proving to be very expensive and on occasions not viable. Alternatives to be considered.
6. Discussion took place regarding participation in alternative leagues next season.
7. Tesco vouchers – Club has received wheeling bags, batons and plastic cones. Thanks to all members who collected vouchers.

### **Any other business**

1. Rachel – believes we should make more use of internet and website. To discuss with Allen Smalls.

2. Chris Akehurst raised matter of Track equipment. Lance reported that he had received email from Dave Smith regarding this matter. Will arrange to see Dave and report back.
3. Rachel – suggested Club acknowledges Sarah Stradling and Allen Smalls recent selection to represent England in National events. To consider a letter to each.
4. Dave Lacy – reported he now has the new Honours Board. Sign writer to be contacted. Dave to discuss with Chris Akehurst and obtain details of athletes who qualify to be included.
5. Hamilton Lodge Coffee morning on 31 October 2009.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm. Next meeting to be held at The Arena Club on 20 October 2009 at 8.15pm.

Lance Williams  
Chairperson