

Colchester Harriers Athletic Club

Minutes of Committee meeting held at The Arena Club, Circular Road, Colchester, Essex, at 8 15pm on Tuesday 16 March 2010.

Members present

Lance Williams, Roy Moore, Philip Knights, Karen Wheat, Lyn Holden, Helen Holdsworth, Caroline Sutton, Sue Mole, Rachel Abbott, Margaret Williams, Davy Lacy, Linda Garnham.

Apologies for absence

Bridget King - holiday. Daniel King - work. Adrian Musset - work.

Minutes of 16 February 2010 and matters arising.

Read by all members present. No matters arising..

Chairpersons report

Lance reported that he was applying to Natural England for a "Certificate of Exemption" for camping and caravanning. These certificates if granted would allow the Club to arrange events on land not authorised for the purpose of caravanning and camping. Lance explained his reasoning and asked the Committee for permission to amend the Club Constitution. The application to be successful, the Club had to show that it was a bone fide organisation, encouraging its members in recreational pursuits and outdoor activities.

A discussion took place. All members agreed with the application going ahead.

Secretary's report (Karen and Linda)

1. Linda raised the matter of the new Vetting and Barring Scheme. New procedures will be in place on/after 26 July 2010. This scheme will replace the present CRB checks and will not only be required by coaches **but all member volunteers'** who assist and come into regular contact with young persons. How this will effect the Club will hopefully be revealed in the near future.
2. Linda reported that she was negotiating with Tania (Club Network) re a suitable date to host a Coaching course at Colchester (High Jump)
3. Waiting List - juniors. Karen reported that most of those on waiting list will be invited to join Club in near future. At present time 7 boys and 9 girls on list.

Treasurers report.

Bridget on holiday. Lance reported that he had spoken to Bridget and all finances were in order. Lance contacting Essex Athletic Association re payment of monies owed re hosting Essex 20 mile championships.

Membership

Helen and Lyn reported that 290 members had now paid. No particular problems, but it was noted that some regular members had still to pay. A short discussion took place and it is strongly felt within the Committee that some action needs to be taken and possibly penalties imposed on those who have not/will not pay.

Team Managers report

Adrian unable to attend. Thanks to David Wright and others the Club website is constantly updated with news and results.

The Committee is concerned that in the absence of Pete West the Men's composite team has not at this time a natural leader. Peter has contacted Lance explaining his position as he feels that due to age

and change of personal circumstances he cannot provide the time, effort and commitment required. It would appear that Ian Vicory will taken on some of the responsibility and it will be shared amongst the team.

Junior members report

1. Caroline Sutton reported that she had received fixtures for the Eastern Young and they are now on our Website.
2. Caroline also reported on many good results at the recent cross country and inter county indoor championships. Also some members competed in the inter university championships and gained excellent results.

Races

1. Lance reported on the success of the Essex 20 mile road championship held at Hamilton Lodge. Almost 300 hundred athletes started the race and the our Athletes won numerous medals. Full details on website. Lance thanked all those who helped in many ways on the day and their help made the event a great success. A special thanks to members of visiting Clubs who volunteered their help on the day.
2. Dave Lacy is again helping to organise the Race for Life on 16 May 2010 in Castle Park. Two races being held - 11am and 2pm/ Dave arranging course and urgently requires Marshalls to help on the day.

Any other business.

1. Quiz night held at The Old Court House. Dave reported on a very successful night 80 members and friends attended. Special thanks to Jason and his staff for their hospitality and refreshments.
2. Helen reported a change of venue - Southern Women's fixture on 07/08/10/ Was at Chelmsford now at Eton. Coach arranged full details on website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10pm. **Next meeting 8 15pm on Tuesday 20 April 2010.**

Lance Williams
Chairperson.