

**Wells City Harriers
Committee Meeting 17th February 2011, Wells RFC, Wells**

<p>Attendees: Paul Chadwick, Ian Carpenter, Mike Brown, Ian Eddy, Dave Stanfield, Rex Whitcombe, Tatiana Storie, Anna Lewis, Alan Thorner (9)</p>
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<p>Apologies: Simon Jones, Bob Powell, Graham Goldsmid, Andrew Deamer, Jason Tuck, David Guest, Anna Fox; Kaye Watts (8)</p>

<p>Minutes of last meeting (3rd November 2010) The scheduled meeting did not take place due to absences. The Chair, Deputy and Secretary had a good debate on a couple of matters. Notes from that meeting were circulated to the Committee.</p>
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<p>Matters Arising: (not otherwise on agenda) None.</p>
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<p>Annual Social Event 2011 After discussion it was agreed to explore the scope for more informal socials e.g. a low key event possibly on a Saturday afternoon at the end of the XC season in March or early April, and/or a social at the end of August possibly based around the Baltonsborough Show.</p>	<p>Anna Lewis</p>
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<p>Annual Awards Awards presentations to be made at either the cross country social or at the Annual General Meeting. Winners for the following categories were agreed: Junior Girl: Emily Smith Junior Boy: Matthew Dickinson Senior Women: Laura Parker Senior Men: Ben Tickner Veteran Man: Jon James Veteran Woman: Jenny Moore Marathon Performance: Clare Prosser Suggestions for other awards are required possibly around Most Improved, Beginner, Tuesday and Wednesday evening member as well as nominations for Club Person of the Year and the Bog Seat Award.</p>	<p>All</p>
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<p>Somerset Athletics Network Graham Goldsmid submitted a report in his absence (copy attached) Graham is concerned that when his work in schools is finished there is no follow up from parents at the school. The aim is therefore to get parents encouraged to take up the reins once Graham's work comes to an end. Graham was thanked for his work and Rosie Thorner at Wells Blue was also acknowledged.</p>	
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Run in England Initiative	
A programme will run on Saturdays for ten weeks aimed at families which Kaye and Graham were going to run. Ian C to contact Graham to help fill in until Kaye is able to run sessions	Graham, Kaye and Ian C

Club Mark	
The club has received an external inspection of its policies & procedures (Club Mark) and there was nothing felt to be lacking.	

WCH Support for local races	
<p>WCH support 6 local races each year: Some local village races have been running for years, such as Babcary and Butleigh and these were felt to be well run; Wells Fun Run is a bit different as there are other partners involved. Baltonsborough is run by Kay Franklin; Shepton Mallet Fun Run recommenced about ten years ago; Cranmore Chase is new and organised by The Rotary Club. WCH needs to be confident that the races are well organised and would want to check things such as entry forms and the prize system as well as production of results and timing. It was felt the race organisers needed to share best practice in relation to resources and ideas, even if it was over the internet.</p> <p>WCH needs to ensure it knows when licences have been applied for and paid, together with a plan of action including responsibility for CRB, First Aid, etc.</p> <p>In return WCH can offer the race clock, race bibs and the club tent and help promote and encourage volunteers to help.</p> <p>Although dates were fixed for all, entry forms were not available yet for all. It was agreed that a website presence was required for the six races above.</p> <p>Kay Franklin had attended a recent Race Directors course & was now looking to attend a race referee course. Kay is also qualified as a first aider. Anna Lewis was also undertaking a five day first aid course and volunteered to be First Aider at Street in March.</p> <p>Chip timing for races was discussed and there was good discussion around the various options but they were only economical for large races (such as Wells FR).</p> <p>Online entry for races was also discussed and it was agreed Mike Brown will contact Martin Berkeley, Andrew Deamer and Bob Powell to generate a proposal.</p> <p>Other payments could be made online such as membership renewal, kit, etc.</p>	Mike Brown

Team Management Report	
The website reports are well written and informative and covered the Gwent League, Championships and Schools events. Good numbers are competing and winning medals.	

Financial Report	
Tatiana gave a snapshot of the club finances so far.	

<p>Street so far has generated £2,686 of income and £364.64 has been spent including £91.20 paid last April for use of the hall. Major expenditure will be incurred next month for purchase of prizes. Expenditure of £1,492.67 and income of £907.30 has been incurred for the XC events we compete in.</p> <p>Junior and the Senior track sessions bring consistent levels of income to WCH and the new fees for track use from April 1st were noted</p>	
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<p>Coaching Report</p>	
<p>Alan Thorner was welcomed to the meeting as he is taking on the coaching of the sprints group when Isaac Whitcombe moves away to college. New coaches are always being sought.</p> <p>There is a requirement for the club to ensure all coaches renew their licences when due. This is especially important following the change in system at England Athletics.</p> <p>Clive Thomas is back on Tuesdays along with Jon James and John Young. Jon/Ian needs to know from Simon J who has paid for an annual track pass. An email at the beginning of the season detailing who has paid is required. There was discussion around the offer of an academic term rate of £20 as well as the £60 yearly rate. The term & annual rate is only available to club members. The session rate will be £2.00 for club members and £3.00 for non members (1/04/11).</p> <p>There are good numbers on Mondays with 46 attending last Monday. April 18th is the Easter Training Day for juniors – all please promote. The committee wanted to check with Simon Jones who has had a membership renewal reminder either by post or email as appropriate.</p>	<p>Coaches</p> <p>Simon Jones</p> <p>All Simon Jones</p>

<p>Membership Update</p>	
<p>The membership form for the forthcoming year is available on the website and the last newsletter. The fee is due on 1st April & before 1st May</p> <p>There are 308 members on the database with 237 registered with England Athletics for competition purposes. 100 to 120 members regularly attend the various training sessions each week.</p> <p>A check is to be made to see if the fee can be made via Standing Order or Direct Debit.</p> <p>There have been some problems with the England Athletics database with 3 athletes unable to register due to technology quirks. This year onwards the database will be available to race organisers. The problem has been around the system failing to recognise that WCH and YOAC are both first claim clubs when registering our athletes.</p> <p>Physio Link Up</p> <p>The partnership with Central Somerset Physiotherapy was under review due to the need to improve 'policing' of the Scheme, and ensure that CSP received adequate payments. The current arrangement is that £20 is paid by the club and the athlete, giving six sessions at £7.50 per session. Three possible options were</p>	<p>Simon Jones / Tatiana Storie</p>

<p>considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club and member pay £65 per member and receive six sessions at no additional cost • Any club member can receive a £7.50 discount per treatment • Pay a £25.00 joining fee and then receive a £15.00 discount per session. <p>After discussion it was agreed to adopt option 2. We will need to consider Data Protection Act implications if database information is provided to a third party such as Central Somerset Physiotherapy. Following formal agreement with CSP amendments will need to be made to the membership form, and all existing scheme members notified directly.</p>	<p>Simon Jones/Tatiana Storie</p>
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<p>Club promotions including website</p>	
<p>Would all committee members please give feedback to Bob and Andrew. (& write articles, reports or send photos). Website improvements were noted and desire to make it even better expressed – give Bob suggestions of other sites for further ideas. Congratulations to Dave Stanfield on an excellent edition of the newsletter. We are considering naming the newsletter. Suggestions to Dave please. There is a move to much more of an electronic format with fewer hard copies being produced.</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>AGM Preparation</p>	
<p>If a committee member is standing down please inform the committee and endeavour to find a replacement by the May AGM. Tatiana would like to stand down as Treasurer and Paul on behalf of the cttee thanked Tatiana for having been the ‘stand in’ treasurer for a long time.</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>Dates of future meetings</p>	
<p>Wednesday 25 May (AGM); Thursday 8 September and either of 2 or 3 November (tbc)</p>	

<p>Any Other Business</p>	
<p>There may be scope for WCH or the Wells FR to consider helping with furthering sports partnership work in schools as the number of School sports partnership staff is reducing. Rosie Thorner is looking for sponsorship to maintain the partnership in the Wells area . To be discussed further after the AGM.</p>	