

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 10th March 2016

Attendance

Patrick Burns (Chairman)	Frazer Ferguson
(Secretary)	
Paul McCowatt (Treasurer)	Stephen Johnson (Race Co-ordinator)
Emma Sharp (Member)	Steven McKeown
(Member)	
Paul Walker (Member)	Jim Robertson (Member)
Apologies: May McAdam (Member)	

1) Opening of Meeting

Patrick Burns welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated that 2015 has been a better year for the Milburn Harriers.

Patrick declared that those members who have left have been replaced by new members. Thanks was given by Patrick Burns to Stephen Johnstone for maintaining the club website.

2) Formal Resignation of Secretary

Frazer Ferguson resigned from his role as club secretary.

3) Appointment of Committee Members

a) Chairman

Patrick Burns nominated himself to remain in the position as Club Chairman. No objections were received.

b) Secretary

Emma Sharp was nominated by Frazer Ferguson and seconded by Patrick Burns. No objections were received.

c) Treasurer

Paul McCowatt nominated himself to remain in the position as Club Treasurer. No objections were received.

d) Club Race Co-ordinator and Training Planner

Patrick Burns thanked Stephen Johnstone for

continuing to set training schedules and for planning the club races. Everyone agreed that race planning had improved since the use of Doodlepoll was introduced to vote for race dates.

e) Social Secretary

Frazer Ferguson nominated himself as social secretary and Emma Sharp seconded this. No objections were received.

4) Treasurer's Report Summarised

Stephen McKeown enquired what the SAL fee covers.

Patrick Burns stated it covers runner's insurance and overall Club Registration costs to SAL.

Frazer Ferguson suggested club fees should be increased to allow more of the fee to go into club account since a percentage of fee goes to SAL. Patrick Burns stated that fees would remain at £30 for 2016 (Apr-Mar) as agreed at the last AGM.

Paul McCowatt stated that the club account was in a healthy balance and there is no immediate need to increase fees.

Patrick Burns stated that the club is no longer being charged a fee to use the community centre and there is now a pay as you go system for room hire.

Patrick Burns stated that Dumbarton AAA fee has not been requested and he is following up with DAAA on this matter.

5) Discussion for further club trips/away days/funding

Paul McCowatt suggested a club weekend away to participate in a race or training session with funding from the club.

Emma Sharp suggested a race be chosen and numbers going be submitted in writing to club. Funding will be discussed and confirmed by committee. Patrick Burns agreed to this arrangement.

Stephen Johnstone suggested club monies should be kept for new kits, vests etc.

Patrick Burns suggested Eddie's Half Marathon as a club race/away day.

6) Discussion re: Race Programme

Stephen Johnstone stated that he is attempting to arrange races sooner. He confirmed that Doodlepoll will continue to be used to vote for race dates.

Stephen McKeown stated that Milburn has had good race representation in 2015.

Frazer Ferguson suggested that duathlon be brought forward as icy conditions affected the 2015 duathlon.

Stephen Johnstone agreed to arrange this. No objections were received.

Paul McCowatt stated that a local runner is attempting to set up the first Gartocharn 10K. He stated that Milburn Harriers should provide support for this race. No objections were received.

Paul suggested a holiday calendar be implemented to improve race planning. Stephen Johnstone stated that a calendar was introduced last year and was unsuccessful as club members still changed dates at last minute.

7) Any Other Business

Milburn Harriers has been invited to support Ben Smith with the 401 Challenge. Emma Sharp, Patrick Burns and Paul McCowatt have designed a marathon route. Ben will complete his 205th marathon on Wednesday 23rd March at 09:30hrs starting at community centre.

Emma Sharp has contacted Vale of Leven Academy and arranged for Ben to carry out a talk for the 4th students about the effects of bullying as this is the reason Ben is completing this challenge, to raise money for 2 anti-bullying charities.

Emma Sharp will contact Dumbarton Reporter to request a feature in paper to support Ben and promote club.

Patrick Burns suggested YOUR radio be contacted also.

Emma Sharp will do this.

All club members asked to attend, if possible, on the morning of the run in club vest for group photograph.

Emma Sharp, Patrick Burns and possibly Paul McCowatt will run some or all of route with Ben. Jim Robertson has offered to cycle the route.

Ben requires a coffee stop mid-morning and need stop mid run for lunch as preloading is not possible. Emma Sharp has arranged both of these requests.

8) Close

Patrick Burns thanked everyone for attending and thanked committee members for their commitment to the club.