Colchester Harriers committee meeting notes

Dated 9th October 2018

Apologies - Caroline Sutton, Chris Akehurst

Present - Lance Williams, Sally Dobson, Steph Horner, Craig Mitchell, Dave Smith, Annette Bland

* Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all

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SH - Currently 5 administrators, requires 2 to pass a post and currently it’s felt that the site is being managed a lot better and things are working out well.

Membership

SH – Issued the cards but found after a period of time the use of these cards fizzled out.

AB – Problems with communication meant the cards never really took off

It was suggested that there should be an all or nothing policy with coaches supplying and managing their existing athletes.

Paul Preston to administer and look after new members

SD – wished to have it noted within the minutes the excellent job Paul is doing with the membership, we are at the point that the membership list is almost up to date.

Treasurer

Funds are still healthy even after several large payments to EA, Track hire and club kit, Keith Marley is now helping to bring the accounts upto date and looking at a NatWest driven on line Accounts package.

LW – mentioned moving funds into a savings account and is looking for a large proportion to go into the account.

LW – One area of the financial review is look at cashflows and where income is generated

LW – Complimented Caroline on keeping very neat ledgers.

LW - The inaugural Colchester 15 went off well and is showing a small profit

Club Stuff

* Officials course went off well 3 Harriers sat the course looking to maybe holding another one in the Spring.
* Mini comp held in late September saw 40 youngsters attending the majority off the waiting list with several now attending the Sunday morning sessions
* Road - several note worthy results including medals at the Essex x/country relays

LW raised the matter of Gate fees currently taken on the gate looking to make it cash free and using DDM’s or S/O either payable monthly or quarterly

All agreed this was something the club should be planning to implement in the future

Lance’s report - all attending had time to look at the report and agreed that several areas were good ideas and should be brought in by the new committee in November.

LW - John Saunders & Lance met with the England Athletics club & Athlete representative to discuss club mark, he confirmed that clubs no longer needed club mark, also discussed was the lack of B-ground users meetings and the lack of storage facilities.

DS - to investigate & source a container to store equipment

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SH - Leisure work trial going ok could still do with a few more older athletes but generally well supported.

Another lifting class to start shortly and open to all at normal cost.

SD - mentioned that Steve G felt at the end of the trial the participants should contribute to the cost.

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Online clothing

The club needs to move club kit on line.

LW - web collect can offer this for free

It was agreed that Paul should be at the next committee meeting to run through the system but this is work in progress as he gets to grips with the program & membership.

All agreed we should set up a test page for online ordering on the website

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Facebook

SH - there has been a lot of work done to the clubs site, she asked for approval to remove obsolete members and those not belonging to the club.

LW - That’s ok but can we ensure that we don’t take off life members and those that live at distance

SH - We have several members that aren’t members of the club but are key personnel in other clubs and now the site is used for coaching could we remove them.

All agreed that was definitely something we should do.

CM - Stated that the club should enforce a policy that 2nd claim athletes should be made to compete a minimum numbers times for the club to many use the club for training but continue to run for other clubs.

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CM - Raised the point the club over entering championships and shouldn’t just enter large numbers but should focus on entering our best teams.

LW - this would be something the new sub committee for Road and x/country would have control over.

LW - Asked those present whether the setting of budgets was the right way forward, all agreed this is now something that the club needs to control costs.

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LW - Run through the proposed management structure

Management committee

Sub committees

Track & Field

Road & Cross country

Keith Marley to be Treasurer

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LW met the mayor of Colchester to look at a new course as a possible change of park run venue possibly the University.

Also a new Charity race next year

American Football team Colchester Gladiators have offered volunteers to help at road races.

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AGM agreed as November 15th Clubhouse to provide a buffet LW to speak to Pegasus club.

Meeting closed 21.05