

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of Colchester Harriers AC
held on Friday 24 September 1999 at 7.30 pm.**

1) Apologies and Introduction

Introduction by Chris Akehurst (Acting Chair) who spoke of resignation of Chair (Linda Gaine), Vice Chair (Steve Garnham) and Secretary (Linda Garnham) at the Committee Meeting on Tuesday 14 September 1999. Chris stated the reasons for the resignations were complex but went on to thank the three concerned for all their hard work and time spent on behalf of the club and said the club should be proud of their achievements.

2) Minutes of the 1998 AGM

Apologies given for lack of AGM Minutes for last year.

3) Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4) Chairman's Report

There has been a successful year on track and road. Also athletic and social events successful such as Colchester 10k, cross country events, track and field meetings such as the Essex 20. On Coaching Liz Cudmore, Rick Thompson, Linda Garnham, and Steve Wilkinson have achieved their Level 2 Coach Award. Dave Simpson has also ran an 'Imps' group for 7-9 year olds. The club membership has reduced slightly in number this year, although Junior membership continues to grow. We have received £1,000 sponsorship from Sloppy Joe's which has been matched by Sportsmatch - credit due to Linda Gaine and Linda Garnham for this deal. The men's team have had a 'temporary blip' this year, namely their relegation from Southern Mens League, Division 3.

5) Treasurer's Report

Income has been more than expenditure. Last year there was an increase in membership fees and track fees but these will remain the same for the next year. The sale of club kit and the Tuck Shop sales all helped income as did gate collection money. We have been quite successful at keeping expenditure down although there has been a rise in travelling costs due to coaches for Junior meetings. Turnover has exceeded £25,000 and we may need to re-assess banking arrangements as we do not want to incur bank charges.

Question raised by Jim Clarke - Where is donation from Sloppy Joes's shown on Balance Sheet?

a) This will be included on next year's figures and Balance Sheet. Included in this years Balance Sheet is 4 x £50 donations from local companies.

Question raised by Roy Moore - What is Depreciation?

a) The sports equipment we have obviously will have wear and tear and will lose value. this is shown as 'depreciation'.

Steve King thanked Chris Akehurst for the production of Balance Sheets in the last 2 years.

Question raised by Tom Stuart - How are the Millennium arrangements progressing as if we are committed to paying for disco should we not be promoting event?

a) There has been no real commitment from people yet, although we have a full day of activities planned such as relays, and track will be open. We have received a grant of £250 from Colchester Borough Council towards this Millennium event.

6) **Team Manager's Report**

Dave Wright's report included that :

209 club records were set this year

71 county medals (41 last year)

7 Suffolk medals

7 Regional

1 Inter-Counties

1 English Schools

Road Running - Dave spoke of excellent years' events in road running, with Liz Cudmore taking Bronze medal in the London Marathon (Ladies o50).

Triathlon - Gerry said Ipswich Triathlon Club and Braintree are joining league next year; Jackie Reavill and Colin Lewin are our Triathletes.

Racewalking - Gerry said that it has been a successful year for Racewalkers, and we are runners up in Essex league. Dominic King won handicap by 1 point over his brother Daniel and was awarded a trophy.

X-Country - We are Essex cross-country champions this year. Tim Bartrum is individual cross-country champion this year, and Pete Thomas is o70 champion. The ladies took Silver medals. Pete Thomas also took Silver National medal o70.

Track - Ladies finished 12th in the Southern Women's league after gaining promotion this year. Men found the competition tough and unfortunately were relegated this year although they aim to regain position next year.

Trail running - Tom Cudmore was first Harrier in the Grissly, finishing 51st. We won all the local trail races and are British Champions on Vets trail race.

8) **Proposal from the Committee**

Amendment to the club constitution:

It is proposed that all paid up members of the Club aged 14 and above are eligible to vote at Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings and for changes affecting the infrastructure of the club.

A point of order raised by Lance Williams - How does rule on voting stand at present time?

a) At moment in Constitution we do not have any age set for voting which means this could be varied by Committee. Committee have now proposed that age 14 years and above can vote at meetings such as AGM. The matter of the wording of the Constitution will be looked at by new committee.

Lance pointed out that if 14 years and above can vote could we also find ourselves in the position of having 14 year old members on Committee?

a) Chris replied that Constitution will be looked over by legal body.

Question raised by Roy Moore - If for any reason proposal was rejected, what is age on voting?

a) Chris replied our understanding is every club member can vote at moment.

7) **Election of Committee**

Position

Nomination

Chairman

Rick Thompson

Vice Chairman

Chris Akehurst

Secretary

Rachel Abbott

Treasurer

Peter Thomas

Team Manager

David Wright

Coaching

David Simpson

Officials Secretary

Jerry Everett

Social Secretary

No nomination received*

Membership Secretary

Colin Thackwell

Minute Secretary

Joan Stuart

* Sue Thompson was nominated at the AGM by Steve King and seconded by Rachel Abbott for the committee post of Social Secretary.

Roy Moore proposed election 'on bloc' of committee and this was seconded by Lance Williams. There was a unanimous show of hands for the election of new committee.

9) **Other Business**

Following the withdrawal of the proposal to commence talks with Colchester and Tendring AC with a view to merging, the newly elected committee will outline the next stage in dealing with this important issue.

Lance Williams suggested we do not discuss withdrawal of Dave Wright's proposal which was for talks to commence with Colchester & Tendring with a view to merging. Proposal from Lance that Dave Heather, Lance, Roy Moore, Jim Rushmere will look into all aspects of this item and report back to committee?

a) Chris replied that this matter will be discussed at committee.

Linda Gaine pointed out that an amendment to Rule 14 of the Constitution had been missed out and this proposal was to change age from 18 years and over to 14 years and over. Linda proposed addendum to Proposal to include 14 years plus amendment. Seconded by Steve King.

Steve King thought we should have a board on which to show how well the club has done.

a) To be discussed at Committee.

Rick Thompson (Chairman) made a short statement saying he intends 'pushing' the club forward, instead of 'leading'.

Dave Heather (President) offered vote of thanks to outgoing committee and wished new committee well.

Tom Stuart addressed the new Chairman (Rick) and asked that:

1 Considering the events of the last few weeks the Newsletter be vetted by committee as the written word is very powerful, in order that a right of reply by Committee can be made in that issue of Newsletter..

2 Members should have the courtesy when writing to press to discuss personal comments (which could be thought attributable to club) with committee prior to print.

a) Rick replied that these two points will be discussed at new committee and will be on the first Agenda.

The following annual awards were then presented by Dave Heather:

Juniors	Female	Male
Field Athlete of Year	Kim Silk	George Bedford
Distance Athlete of Year	Louise Pointer	Darryl Bloomfield
Speed Athlete of Year	Catherine Holdsworth	James Cox
Racewalker of Year		Dominic King
Achiever of Year		Daniel & Dominic King
Most Improved Junior	Laura Wilde	
Young Athlete of Year	Catherine Holdsworth	Darryl Bloomfield

Athlete of Month (club T-shirts awarded)

May	Catherine Holdsworth	James Cox
June	Anna Bennington	Jason Reeve
July	Lauren Holland	Guy French
August	Kim Silk	George Bedford
September	Laura Wilde	Darryl Bloomfield

Seniors

Field Athlete of Year	Nicola Wheat & Carole Bacon	Jim Pike
Track Athlete of Year	Helen Stuart	Neil Wilkinson
Road Athlete of Year	Jenny Hieatt-Smith	Adrian Mussett
Cross Country Athlete of Year	Denise Morley	Richard Gaine
Trail Racer of Year		Jack Fryer
Racewalker of Year		Alan Ellam

Coach of Year (a new trophy)
Chairman's Cup

Steve Garnham
Rick Thompson

Results of Voting:

Club Person of Year	Linda Garnham
Club Athlete of Year	Adrian Mussett
Committee Proposal	91 votes cast, 65 for the proposal

Club standard certificates were available for collection.

A last point was made by Chris and that was to thank Rachel Abbott for her work as Social Secretary.

Meeting closed 9.30pm, followed by disco.