**ASHFORD AND DISTRICT ROAD RUNNING CLUB**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th June 2014 8.45pm**

Present: Eddie Rodger, Robin Butler, Sandi Starling, Dean Bracken, Jo Faux, Lucy Cresser, Neil Buckley

Apologies: Steve Hickman, Clare Jenkins, Gill Pragnell

**Last meeting Minutes:**

Minutes need to be amended to show Jo Faux was in attendance.

Proposed by Eddie Rodger seconded by Jo Faux

**Awards Night**

The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and the committee would like to thank Clare Jenkins for all the hard work that went into the night.

The venue was ok but having to be outside wasn’t preferable. New venue ideas needed for next year. It was a better set up in the pub than at the club because the club is too big for the amount of people who attend. After the presentations it was nice to be able to move into the bar if you wanted to.

The race information is now being entered by Phil as the results come in so hopefully there will be no mix ups in future.

It was suggested that the captains meet with Phil a month before the AGM to discuss the results which will help them plan their speeches.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Phil Hamilton proposed that Allan Crawley should be given Life Membership as he is the only founding member of the club remaining. This was seconded by Eddie Rodger. After a discussion a vote was held and unanimously agreed. Jo will send Allan a letter to let him know of our decision.

**MATS FOR CIRCUITS**

The current mats are 27mm thick and 2 x 3ft in size. Dean has a price of £450 but they are for larger mats than 2 x 3. Phil had done some research but it was agreed we need to maintain the thickness of 27mm.

Dean will ask for a price for the 2 x 3 size and come back to the committee. It was agreed that £400 was the most we would be prepared to pay.

It was also agreed that once new mats are purchased we will ask members to bring a towel to lay over the mats to ensure they last longer and don’t smell.

The mats will be stored in the ladies changing room as far as we know.

**COACHES**

The cost of coaches to Lenham and Chilham is getting high and it was proposed that in future we use and share cars for these runs.

We will still run coaches to and from Brighton and London Marathons and Hardelot.

**FINANCE**

Bank balance is £3,805.98 with £900 still due to clear out of this account. Robin has spoken to Dave and Mick who have agreed that they will get together to close the account with the balance of £941.86. Robin pointed out that using cars rather than coaches for Chilham and Lenham will save us £160.00.

It was also mentioned that members do receive a lot for their £30.00 annual fee. £10.00 of which goes directly to UK Athletics.

**CONTAINER**

The bench and straw have now gone. Nice Works have offered to store the cones. It was mentioned that Martin may use the cones for his own races, but this is doubtful as he has his own – in which case will he charge us for the storage?

We are unsure as to where the signs will be stored. Pod Plus has asked to borrow them and Jo will organise meeting with them.

The committee members present were unsure how many of the signs stored in the container were actually used on race day?

We have some weights in the container and Sandi has agreed to try to sell these to raise funds for the club.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Lenham/Chilham Proposed Dates**

Lenham 10th July. Chilham 7th August. Both to be checked with Claire Jenkins and Steve Hickman.

**Committee position interest**

Mark Attenborough has agreed to come to a meeting as he may be interested in taking over as Hon. Secretary. Julie Foster has shown an interest in participating on the committee and Jo will speak to her as there are no other positions that we know are becoming vacant at the moment.

**Members**

54 members have paid and 14 have not, who have been chased.

**Flyers**

Jo suggested that we should have a flyer to hand out at things like the Park Run saying “new members welcome”. Lucy said she is able to design this and Neil can print so there will be no charge to the club for this. It is suggested that we get them ready for August/September.

Sandi also mentioned that she thinks the flags should be taken out more often but no-one at the meeting had any idea where they were.

**Kit**

Dean is looking for a new kit person – Sandi has a contact that she will forward to him who is based in Tenterden and is recommended.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

DONM: Thursday 3rd July at 8.30pm