

Loughton Athletic Club AGM 21st March 2011 at the Loughton Club Minutes

Present

John Cash, Duncan Rayney, Lorna Gaffney, Gay Shillaker, Jean Hobbs, David Hobbs, Paulette Regan, Barbara Higgins, Michaela Davis, Jim Harrison, Joanne Harrison, Julie Ryan, John Ryan, Doris de Souza Brady, Sean de Souza Brady, Gavin Harper, Linda Cox, Françoise Fernandez, Peter Cassidy, Rob Sergeant, Tony Babbs, Scott Hurley, Mick Higgins, Ted Martin, John Hart, Anne Heeks, George Richardson, Brian Chapman, Tony Maycraft

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Amie Harrison, Pauline Wilson, Mary Knapman, Paul Regan, Lara Regan, Terry Casey, Cliff Warren, Helen Real, Tania Blundy, Matthew Blundy Michelle Hurley and Joanne Ryan

Minutes of 2010 AGM

The minutes were distributed at the meeting and were signed as being an accurate record.

Matters Arising

- Mayor's Fun Run. Loughton had assisted with the organization of the run on 12th April. This year's run has been arranged for 10th April 2011.
- An EGM had been arranged in November 2010 to address the issues around the poor turnout at league fixtures.
- Flooding. Thames Water had installed a non-return valve to attempt to prevent the clubhouse flooding in heavy rain. There had been no problems since.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to do the trophies (*see AOB*)

Treasurer's Report

Brian Chapman distributed details of the accounts. Points that he highlighted were:

- The deficit was less than last year
- The issues with EDF Energy had been resolved – although Brian felt that congratulations may be premature!

The meeting agreed a vote of thanks to Brian

Election of Officers

Chairman:	George Richardson	proposed by Tony Maycraft seconded by Lorna Gaffney carried unanimously
Correspondence Secretary:	Gavin Harper	proposed by Jean Hobbs seconded by Gay Shillaker. carried unanimously
Meetings Secretary:	Tony Maycraft	proposed by Jean Hobbs seconded by Doris de Souza Brady carried unanimously
Treasurer:	Brian Chapman	proposed by Doris de Souza Brady seconded by Peter Cassidy carried unanimously

Issues Related to the All Weather Surface

David Hobbs summarized the position and issues surrounding the laying of an all-weather track on the tennis courts. All progress had been stalled by issues to do with the lease. There is currently no prospect of these being resolved quickly and most of the funding that had been arranged from various sources had now lapsed and another application would have to be made. In the current economic climate this funding may be very difficult to obtain. One of the main issues is, therefore, what we should do with the money collected from club members to this purpose.

Sportsperson of the Year 2010

After the secret ballot of those attending, the Sportsperson of the Year was awarded to Gay Shillaker.

Other Business

Barry Edwards: addressed the meeting. As well as saying how pleased he was to see everybody there he also announced that he was to be getting married again soon – at the age of 80!

- John Cash: said he would be attending the Essex League AGM. Would the club be promoting a fixture this year. It was reported that the committee had decided that we would not stage a league cross-country fixture this year.
- Duncan Rayney: volunteered to take on the organization of the Trophies.
- Anne Heeks: Amie Harrison was to take on the role of co-ordinator for the Jack Petchey Awards.
- David Hobbs: Loughton Lines had been re-launched. Thanks to Peter Cassidy for his previous efforts and to Mary Knapman and Tony Maycraft for the new publication.
Registration of athletes for England Athletics and UKA is much stricter now. UKA numbers were likely to be required for many races and especially for county, regional and national championships.
Thanks to Gavin, John C and John H for taking training sessions.
- Barry Edwards: Very pleased to see Loughton Lines back.
Are we going to have a membership push in 2012?
- Peter Cassidy: Loughton Lines is very good.
Everyone should be encouraged to become graded officials.
- Gavin Harper: Needs some more support in the Southern Men's League.
- Tony Babbs: The first EVAC match is only 6 weeks away. Loughton is hosting a fixture on 1st June.
- John Ryan: Had attended a presentation by the council on the refurbishment of "Colditz". We would have to rent the facilities if we wanted to use them. They would also be re-surfacing the car park.
- Doris de Souza: The day trip to France had been cancelled.

Meeting closed at 20:51