

Loughton Athletic Club AGM

19th March 2012 at the Loughton Club

Minutes

Present

Tony Maycraft, Brian Chapman, Barry Edwards, Pauline Wilson, Barbara Higgins, Michael Higgins, Jim Harrison, Joanne Harrison, Françoise Fernandez, Duncan Rayney, Paul Gilbert, John Cash, Ted Martin, Gay Shillaker, Lorna Gaffney, Doris de Souza Brady, Sean de Souza Brady, Julia Ryan, Joanne Ryan, John Ryan, David Hobbs, Jean Hobbs, Peter Cassidy, Terry Casey, Gavin Harper

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from George Richardson, Amie Harrison, Mary Knapman, Ted Cash, John Hart, Anne Heeks,

In the absence of George Richardson, David Hobbs was proposed as temporary Chairman. This was agreed.

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 will again be held this year on the 15th April. Tony M is liaising the Town Council and will be looking for helpers to help set and marshal the course.
- Flooding. There had been no further flooding since the installation of a non-return valve. This seems to have sorted the problem.
- All-Weather Surface. The lease document is now close to completion. This will be a 12 year lease (dating from 2004). We are now in a position to re-address the issue of the All-Weather Surface. David Hobbs had obtained a quote which is similar to that obtained 4-5 years ago.
- Should we put out a stall to promote the club at the Mayor's Fun Run? Doris was to liaise with Tony M.

Treasurer's Report

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

- We had a surplus of £875 compared with a deficit last year
- Everything was very much as one would expect for an organization of this size

Peter Cassidy praised the clarity of the accounts.

The meeting agreed a vote of thanks to Brian.

Election of Officers

Peter Cassidy proposed that Chairman: George Richardson, Correspondence Secretary: Gavin Harper, Meetings Secretary: Tony Maycraft, Treasurer: Brian Chapman should be elected en-bloc. This was seconded by Doris de Souza Brady and carried unanimously.

Issues Related to the Winter Leagues

Tony Maycraft expressed the view that since:

- a) The number of people participating in the winter leagues (Chingford and Essex) was very small
- b) The committee had felt that it was incumbent on the club to put on a league fixture if we are to compete in the leagues
- c) Staging a league fixture required a large organisational effort.

that the club should consider withdrawing from the one of the leagues and concentrate its organisational efforts on putting on small scale informal races – possibly at other times than a Saturday afternoon – to try to encourage greater participation.

There followed a discussion of the issues but no decision has been reached.

Sportsperson of the Year 2010

After the secret ballot of those attending, the Sportsperson of the Year was awarded to Helen Real.

Other Business

Club Rules: Barry Edwards had indicated that he should stand down as the club president. The committee proposed that he should be created and Honorary Life President. This was approved.

Barry then delivered a short address to the meeting.

It was necessary to change the club rules on the club trustees. The proposal was that these would now be The Treasurer plus 3 others appointed by the committee. The change was proposed by Terry Casey and seconded by Pauline Wilson. IT was carried unanimously.

Peter Cassidy: Is the club doing anything for the Olympics?

Ted Martin had attended meetings organized by the Town Council but nothing had come from them so far. Sean and Doris are considering an introductory athletics meeting for the Young Athletes in the sessions that they run, at Lee Valley to build on interest generated by the games.

David Hobbs: Club coaches need to keep their qualifications up to date. Sean and Doris will need help with the younger children over the summer.

We are looking at registering with HMRC as a Community Amateur Sports Club. This may be worth re-visiting in order to take advantage of gift aid.

Meeting closed at 20:48