

Minutes of the Beeston A.C. AGM held at the Crown Inn, Middle Street, Beeston on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010.

Present: John O'Donnell (Chair), Ian Smith (Secretary), Andy Hunter (Fell Race Secretary), Simon Elliott, Rab Acid, Anthony Williamson, Paul Dennis, Dave Evans (Cross Country Secretary), Andy Fearn, Tony Rushton.

Apologies: Mark Rowlson (Road Race Secretary), Peter Rowlatt (Treasurer)

The meeting started at 12:45 pm.

1. The minutes of last year's AGM were ratified.
2. The current club officials were re-elected unopposed; prop. Tony Rushton, sec. Rab Acid.
3. In Peter Rowlatt's absence, John O'Donnell presented the Treasurer's report on the club finances.
  - 3.1. Beeston AC have £9.14 in the bank with the main expenditure this year being on club vests. There are no costs associated with running the club that are drawn from the £9.14. There are twenty one vests currently in stock with a total value of £315.
  - 3.2. The club's main source of income is the Trent 5 race which, due to the flood defence work taking place around the Weir Field, could not be held this year.
  - 3.3. John confirmed that the Trent 5 race did not have a separate account, and that all affiliations and league fees were paid out of the Trent Vale WAC account.
  - 3.4. There are twenty one Beeston AC only members, and approximately fifteen runners who are also gym members.
4. Andy Hunter reported on the Fell Race League.
  - 4.1. Andy won the fell race league and hopes for more competitors next year.
  - 4.2. Andy is putting together next year's calendar in the same vein as this year's.
5. In Mark Rowlson's absence, John O'Donnell presented the Road Race Secretary's report.
  - 5.1. After nineteen of the twenty races have been run, the championship will be decided on the final race which is the Turkey Trot.
  - 5.2. Mark tries to produce a calendar that mixes local races of different distances and terrains which are free or not too expensive to enter; clashes with fell and cross country races are kept to a minimum. There will be a few changes next year that will keep members interested while retaining some of the well-organised favourites.
  - 5.3. The backbone of the road race league is the Notts. AAA Summer League race series. These five races are always well supported by our members and the numbers were up significantly in 2010. Beeston AC's senior men's team finished a creditable 12<sup>th</sup> out of 21 teams. Four members ran in all 5 races. Matt Slater finished an excellent 16<sup>th</sup> overall, Dave Evans finished 37<sup>th</sup>, John O'Donnell finished 42<sup>nd</sup> and Arthur Tyrer finished 58<sup>th</sup> overall.
  - 5.4. Well done to the many runners who have achieved PBs during the year and wish everyone an injury free 2011.
6. Dave Evans reported on the cross country league.
  - 6.1. Overall, during the season, eleven club members were involved, averaging six competitors per event.
  - 6.2. Andy Hunter is the 2010 Cross Country Champion with runners up Mark Hodgson and Rab Acid
  - 6.3. In the East Midlands Cross Country League, the Senior Men's team were placed eighth out of eleven, the Vet Men's team were unable to complete as numbers had to be used to support the Senior team. No Ladies competed.
  - 6.4. In the North Midlands Cross Country League, despite a resurgence in numbers at individual events, we were unable to complete either a Senior or Vet Men's team for the

- series. No Ladies competed.
- 6.5. After an absence of several years, Beeston AC attended both the County and National Cross Country Championships.
  - 6.6. Notts. AAA County Championships – 16 entries, 8 competitors. The dates and venue were rearranged due to snowy conditions at Markeaton Park which led to some unavailability. While we were unable to complete a Senior team, the Vet Men's team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place.
  - 6.7. Notts. AAA County Championships 2011 will be held at Wollaton Park on January 8<sup>th</sup> and the entry deadline to Dave Evans is **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Mystery trip. Senior team = 6, Vet team = 4. We must have a senior team competing to declare a Vet team. Cost is £4.
  - 6.8. Nationals AAA 2010 – 6 entries, 3 competitors. Held at Roundhay Park, Leeds, the team was depleted by injury on the day but a great experience for the individuals who took part.
  - 6.9. Nationals AAA 2011 will be held at Alton Towers on February 19<sup>th</sup> with the entry deadline to Dave Evans by **December 30<sup>th</sup>**. Senior team = 6 to score. Cost is £6.
  - 6.10. Mark Hodgson's involvement has been curtailed this year by injury from which there seems no imminent return. I would like to put on record, recognition and appreciation of his services to the club, notably in the Fell & Cross-Country sections for which he competed throughout 2009/10 season.
  7. As usual, it is the club's intention to attend two overseas races in 2011, John O'Donnell to send out an e-mail asking for suggested destinations. It is envisaged that the first race date will be sometime between January and May, and the second sometime between August and December. Rab Acid suggested a possible tie-in with Craig Taylor's stag do which is in May. Jersey was suggested as a possible destination but it is not club policy to return to previous destinations.
  8. The ballot for the club's guaranteed places in next year's Virgin London marathon took place. The first four out of the hat were: Rab Acid, Matt Slater, Trevor Lespeare, and Mark Rowson. The reserves are: Andy Fearn and Ken Sharp. The position over entry to the club ballot was clarified: you must have applied to enter the actual race and have been rejected if you want to be included in the club ballot.
  9. Trent 5 Race Director Simon Elliot reported on the preparation for next year's race.
    - 9.1. We still had a race permit for this year's cancelled race and this has been transferred to next year. The corresponding date next year is June 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. We're waiting for confirmation of next year's Notts. AAA Road Race League dates but if it's not that date, it will be either the Wednesday before or the Wednesday after.
    - 9.2. Michael Napier has been booked to do the results again.
    - 9.3. Simon ran the course recently and said that he would be surprised if the flood defence work was not finished by next June. He will ring the Environment Agency to confirm. It is unlikely that the work will have changed the course distance.
    - 9.4. Chris Laxton-Kane, the sports development officer for Broxtowe County Council, e-mailed Simon last week asking what the situation with the race was as Broxtowe are keen to have a link-up with us and other events in the area. The Trent 5 is already advertised on the Broxtowe website for June 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - 9.5. The buildings on the Weir Field are council property and they have been offered to us in the past if we're no longer able to use our current venue. It's unclear whether these buildings have power but Mike Napier will bring his own generator.
    - 9.6. If we have to use the Weir Field for changing, the start and finish of the race would have to be moved to be nearer the changing facilities and Simon suggested starting on South Road, running on the road around the pavilion and back onto Canal Side before rejoining the existing course and finishing somewhere on the Weir Field playing field; this would have to be remeasured.

- 9.7. Car parking may be an issue as we don't want to clog the roads up too much.
- 9.8. In light of the credit crunch, prices are to be kept the same as last year; we made a hefty profit.
- 9.9. The first committee meeting is provisionally Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the Crown Inn at 7:30 pm after training.
10. John O'Donnell explained the situation with the club premises. The New Venture Social Club (NVSC) lease the field from HSBC and sublet it to Beeston AC and to Richard who runs the football. Innes England who are HSBC's agents advertised in the Nottingham Evening Post as other people had expressed an interest in taking over the lease. While we know that Richard didn't get the lease and despite asking Innes England, we still don't know who has got it. We stopped the standing order to NVSC as they said they would no longer be subletting to us; subsequently, they have asked us to pay again as the situation has not been resolved. Dave White paid them by cheque.
11. The final point on the agenda was Any Other Business.
- 11.1. John O'Donnell mentioned the trophies for the various leagues. He and Mark Rowson will locate the trophies and bring them up to date to reflect the change from Siemens AC to Beeston AC, and to add the names of the previous winners. Dave Evans suggested that a presentation evening be held once the trophies were in order.
- 11.2. Dave Evans proposed that to be eligible for the ballot for one of the club's guaranteed London marathon places, the member must have represented the club in three of the club-funded races in the prior calendar year. The club-funded races are the nine cross country races and the five Summer League races. Dave pointed out that while these races are free to enter, we struggle to put a team out. Technically, the cross country season spans two calendar years so it is suggested that only the races from the year of the ballot are to be considered. Rab Acid seconded this motion. Some discussion took place to clarify whether a member had to have been rejected from the ballot to be eligible for a club place and it was decided that this was the case to increase the chances of more members getting into the race.
- 11.3. Ian Smith raised the subject of getting new members. We had some interest through the website this year and got four new members. Advertising was suggested but while we're in a period of transition with the pavilion, this wasn't thought to be feasible. This is to be given more thought.
- 11.4. Rab Acid mentioned changing the start times of the club runs. Six o'clock was considered to be the earliest time that most people could make on a Wednesday so the times are to stay the same. Dave Evans suggested that the times were advertised more prominently on the website.

At 1.40 pm the meeting closed with thanks to everyone for attending.