

Minutes of the Beeston A.C. AGM held at the Crown Inn, Middle Street, Beeston on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011.

Present: John O'Donnell (Chair), Ian Smith (Secretary), Simon Elliott, Rab Acid, Anthony Williamson, Mark Rowilson (Road Race Secretary), Ron George, Ken Sharp, Caroline Waterhouse, Tony Rushton.

Apologies: Dave Evans (Cross Country Secretary), Peter Rowlatt (Treasurer)

The meeting started at 7:40 pm.

1. The minutes of last year's AGM were ratified.
2. Ian Smith stood down as the club secretary and Anthony Williamson was elected in his place. Dave Evans is standing down as the cross country secretary at the end of this season; Rab Acid was elected in his place. The other club officials were re-elected unopposed. Dave and Ian received a vote of thanks.
3. In Peter Rowlatt's absence, John O'Donnell presented the Treasurer's report on the club finances.
  - 3.1. Beeston AC have £124.38 in the bank including income from the Trent 5 race. The club vests currently in stock have a total value of £345.
4. Andy Hunter wasn't present to report on the Fell Race League.
  - 4.1. Simon Elliott suggested that if there were races which people wanted to do, they should let Andy Hunter know with a view to adding them to next year's calendar.
  - 4.2. I've had word from Andy subsequently and he reports that he was the only Beeston AC competitor in the first two races of the year but he hasn't done any since then. Perhaps we can kick start the fell race league in the new year.
5. Mark Rowilson reported on the road race league.
  - 5.1. With nineteen of the twenty races run, Dave Smith is the champion this year with Ken Sharp the runner up. Third place will go to either Anthony Williamson or Arthur Tyrer depending on the outcome of the final race, which is the Turkey Trot. This shows that the best eleven from twenty league format works well and keeps the competition alive until the end of the year.
  - 5.2. The summer league races seem as popular as ever. Andy Fearn competed in all five races and finished a very creditable 29<sup>th</sup> overall. The Belvoir Half Marathon, the Long Eaton 5 and Heckington 10 were not popular with Beeston AC runners this year so will not be on the 2012 calendar. There will be a few changes this year that will keep members interested but will include the usual well-organised favourites such as the Robin Hood, Jagermeister 10K and Turkey Trot although some members expressed a concern that entries for the Turkey Trot usually sold out quickly.
  - 5.3. Well done to the many runners who have achieved PBs during the year and wish everyone an injury free 2012.
6. In Dave Evans' absence, Rab Acid presented the cross country secretary's report.
  - 6.1. Overall, during the 2010/2011 season, 13 club members were involved, averaging 5 competitors per event. This represents very similar attendance from the previous year.
  - 6.2. Dave Evans is the 2010/11 cross-country champion with Rab Acid in second and Andy Hunter in third place.
  - 6.3. In the East Midlands Cross Country League, for the overall series, no Senior Men's team result, but the Vet Men's team were doing well in 4<sup>th</sup>, until the Colwick event when heavy snow overnight made transport impractical and the final position slipped to 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 as the Cranwell event was not attended.
  - 6.5. For two years running, we have maintained entries to both the County & National Championships.
  - 6.6. Notts. AAA County Championships – 10 entries, 10 competitors. Senior team, made up mainly of Vets, finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place.
  - 6.7. Notts. AAA County Championships – 5 entries, 5 competitors. Held at Alton Towers, Staffs; a heavy downpour the night before led to atrocious conditions on the day but you really had to be there to understand!
  - 6.8. Support for the races in the 2011/12 season is down with only 7 members having competed so far.
  - 6.9. Notts AAA 2012 will be held at Markeaton Park on JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>. Entries to Dave Evans by **NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**. Senior team = 6, Vet team = 4, Must have a senior team competing to

- declare a Vet team; cost is £4. The opinion was expressed that smaller clubs like ours were disadvantaged by having to put out a full senior team before a vet team could be declared and it was suggested that this be taken up with the Notts AAA representative.
- 6.10. Nationals AAA 2012 will be held at Parliament Hill on FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>. Entries to Dave Evans by **JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**. Senior team = 6 to score; cost is £6.
7. Overseas races.
- 7.1. This year the club raced in Istanbul; Rab Acid is to ask Paul Dennis if the photos from the trip could be put up on his website.
- 7.2. Suggestions were invited for next year's overseas races. The Paris Marathon has already been put forward – it's two weeks before the London Marathon. Other suggestions were Madrid, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Poland, Scandinavia (too expensive?) If there's enough interest, we may be prepared to revisit a previous destination if the race was good. Please e-mail suggestions to Rab Acid or John O'Donnell.
8. The ballot for the club's guaranteed place in next year's Virgin London marathon took place. We only have one place this year as the gym members are no longer counted as running club members. The clarification of the rules at last year's AGM (must have entered the ballot and been rejected, and have competed in at least three of the races that the club has paid for i.e. Summer League or cross country) meant that only three members were eligible for the place: Rab Acid, Ken Sharp and Anthony Williamson. Ken Sharp was the first out of the hat.
9. Trent 5 Race Director Simon Elliot reported on the preparation for next year's race.
- 9.1. The provisional date for next year's race is Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. This is the day after the Diamond Jubilee bank holiday.
- 9.2. Broxtowe Council have already offered their support, use of the Weir Field changing rooms, and online entry facilities. It's already on their website.
- 9.3. Sponsorship was discussed – Reality Brewery was mentioned with a bottle of specially brewed beer for each finisher; Broxtowe Council were OK with this but they'd want to make sure about the position with the licensing laws.
- 9.4. Ian Smith is to stand down as chief marshal but agreed to help out whoever takes over. Otherwise, everyone else agreed to keep the same roles as last time.
- 9.5. Ron George suggested that spot prizes were scrapped; it seems that people who weren't lucky enough to receive one were coming back to ask for theirs.
- 9.6. Simon Elliot will call the first committee meeting early in the new year, as usual.
10. John O'Donnell explained the current situation with the club premises. It's not a place that we can use as a base to grow the club and John O'Donnell has been to speak to the manager at Chilwell Olympia. There's an affiliation fee of £37 a year, and a raft of rules and regulations to agree to. We would require male and female changing and showering facilities for which he wanted to charge us £1.60 for a shower; John asked if we could arrange a package as we wanted to use the facilities twice a week for which he suggested £13 a week. John said that we were prepared to pay £100 a year which seemed acceptable to both sides but would be reviewed after a year. The manager asked if we would change our name but John said that we'd only changed it a couple of years ago. The overall cost would be £137 a year which seemed very reasonable. We'd want a notice board and Chilwell Olympia want an information sheet to hand out to anyone who enquires – health and safety, kit, contact details, set of standard routes, etc. There needs to be some commitment to attend the training sessions and that someone has to be prepared to run with newcomers. The suggested start time for both Wednesday and Friday evenings is 6:30 pm. It was proposed that membership remained at £15 a year. Suggested move date was the start of next year. The move was put to the vote and carried unanimously.
11. The final point on the agenda was Any Other Business.
- 11.1. Ian Smith raised the subject of the trophies for the various leagues. John O'Donnell and Mark Rowson have located them and brought them up to date to reflect the change from Siemens AC to Beeston AC, and added the names of the previous winners. Simon Elliott suggested that we hold a presentation evening and that we try to invite all the past winners.

At 9.00 pm the meeting closed with thanks to everyone for attending.