Minutes of AGM 2011 – Glossopdale Harriers

The 2011 AGM took place on 21st March at The Wheatsheaf, Old Glossop at 8.30pm

Those Attending

Becky Thompson, John Hewitt, Julien Minshull, Andy Wilkins, Carl Buckley, Beryl Buckley, Jeroen Peters, Andy Burnett, Andy Oliver, Ian Oates, Adele Metcalfe, Chris Jackson, John Stevenson, Nev McGraw, Neil McGraw, Alison Holt, Charlie Eaton, Phil Swan, Paul Stitt

Apologies for Absence

Gordon Cooper, Darren Ashworth, Sue Clapham, John Barber, Rod Holt, Dez Mitchell

Minutes of 2010 were read and approved

Officers’ Reports

Chairperson’s Report: John congratulated those that had achieved their targets in 2010 and sympathy for those who had incurred injuries over the year. Mentioned in particular were Mark Ollerenshaw for winning the Bullock Smithy twice, Kirsty Johnson who came 5th in the SE Lancs Cross Country. He also commented that Sue Clapham had done well. Congratulations were made also to those that had taken part in both relays, solid performances from both teams. He urged people to come forward for the relays this year that are in Kettlewell. Also mentioned was that GDH had come11th overall in the Fell open and V40 mens English Championships.

John also thanked Gordon and Sandra for organising the Shelf Moor race 2010 that was in the English Championships, and also to Andy Wilkins for organising the Herod Farm race 2010.

John also mentioned that the club had made a special award to Bill Buckley for outstanding commitment and the club had presented him with a picture by Rod Holt as a way of showing appreciation for all he has done. Thanks also to Phil Swan for organising the Club weekend away last November at Pen-y-Pass.

Secretary’s Report:

Becky reported that meetings have been more frequent this year and attendance has been good. She thanked Jeroen for the speed sessions he has organised and noted that they had been a great success. Becky also commented that the Ladies Championship had been much healthier this year.

Thanks were also made to the guys that have kept the winter runs going on the fells over the winter. Thanks also to Dave H for organising the week away in July and Phil for the Snowdon trip last year and all the previous weekends away he had organised.

The club constitution was to be worked on over the next 12 months as it is a little out of date. Becky also requested that members put ideas forward for social (non running) events.

Treasurer’s Report: Phil reported that they had eventually managed to change the bank account and club signatories, which were now Phil and Charlie, and they are looking to add Julien in the future. He had no statements from the bank yet. Bill Buckley continues to pay subs into the account and the Shelf Moor money, Phil passed his thanks onto Bill for continuing to do this. He thanked Gordon and Andy W for providing such accurate accounts of and there is now a period surplus of £1025. Current account figures £1000 for signature increase. There is no means in the constitution to say who decides/agrees on what is spent. Gordon also thanked Gordon who had subbed for the club race from his own funds. Membership for the YHA wasn’t paid last year but Phil was able to negotiate a group price for the trip to Snowdon.

Phil also noted that club members who are not working, only pay £3, as of the AGM there were 78 members and 46 had paid.

Action – Charlie to contact Carl re information to be put on GDH website regarding paying fees by direct debit.

Membership Secretary’s Report: Carl Buckley said that membership forms need amending and he also commented that new club vests are now available.

Herod Farm Race Organiser’s Report: Andy Wilkins said that the 2010 race had been a popular one and 139 runners had taken part. He commented that he was very grateful to John Barber for continuing to fund the prizes for the race and that most of the money raised was profit other then paying for the numbers. The Drovers was used for the last time and has now been turned into a private house. The Reliance Garage further down the road was going to be the venue and base for the race which was to be 29th April. He also requested more offers for marshals for the race.

Shelf Moor Race Organiser’s Report: Gordon was absent but he passed on comments that the race had been well attended and there had been one major incident that had was dealt with successfully, thanks to Andy Wilkins for remaining with the injured lady and to Mountain Rescue.

It was noted that there had been fantastic participation in both championships for 2010 the only glitch was that the Marsden to Edale race was cancelled due to the weather.

It was proposed that there should be a smaller committee to decide on which races were to be in the Mid Week and Main Championships in future. Ian Oates was currently in the lead.

As Phil has resigned as Club Weekend Away organiser there was a position open for someone to take responsibility to organise this – Adele Metcalfe offered to do this and it was unanimously decided that she should take this position.

It was also proposed that there should be a new position for Training Coordinator – unanimous decision that it should be Jeroen Peters, he accepted this position.

There was then a block vote that all persons that should continue in their present positions – all agreed.

There was a unanimous vote to not automatically affiliate every member to England Athletics.

It was noted that affiliated members could use the huts owned by the British Mountaineering Council.

It was suggested that a team be put together for road relays, entry fees were approximately £50 - £60 per team. It was approved and agreed that the club would pay for these relay entries.

The costs of consumables for each race were raised and Andy W keeps a float from one year to the next to avoid using his own funds. Accounts to be produced for each race and covering expenditure. Race Organisers to request a float prior to race for the committee to agree. Expenditure for prizes to also be agreed by the committee.

A question was raised regarding Jeroen being funded for coaching and how the committee agree to pay for similar things – it was proposed that there would be a selected group of 5 officers and that 4 out of 5 had to agree for such things to be passed. It was proposed that the constitution be amended in the interim basis to include this until it has been redone.

Jeroen proposed there should be 9 committee members to agree this and items could be approved by email or in a meeting. Proposed members, Charlie, John S, Jeroen, Paul S, with a quorum of 5 to agree out of the 9. This was put to the vote and the result was 12 for and 4 against whilst 1 abstained.

New meeting needs to be set for EGM and an agenda needs to be agreed for this.

It was agreed that purchases for new equipment was to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was suggested that in future the Championships should be agreed by a smaller group and that members could canvass for races they wanted to be included but that they would not have to attend the meeting. It was discussed whether a small committee should agree or the committee – the committee can create a sub committee. A vote took place and 2 of the total members present were against this. Therefore it was agreed that a committee could be formed to decide on the races for the club Championships.

AOB. Formal decision to make Bill Buckley an honorary member, Carl Buckley commented that Bill still wished to pay membership and this was accepted.

Chris had been approached by someone to see if he wishes to take over the organising of the Padfield Plum Fair Fell Race. It was agreed that the club did not want to take this on.

Paul Stitt proposed that we make a donation to Mountain Rescue it was unanimously agreed that we donate £100.

It was suggested that there would be an idea to have a BBQ to give out the Mid Week Championship prizes sometime in August. Sikobe has offered to host this.

Julien was asked if he would do another evening of navigation instruction and he agreed and will also give a tour of the Mountain Rescue base at the same time.

A summer camping trip for the club was also suggested as a social activity.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery was mentioned for Neil Shuttleworth.