



ENGLISH ROAD RUNNING ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Mike Neighbour

Minutes of ERRA Annual Open Meeting

Hallmark Hotel, Derby, 21st May, 2016 at 10.30am

Present: Mike Neighbour (MN), Bob Brimage (BB), Graham Heeley (GH), Joe Mower (JM), Ian Clarke (IC), Martin Howard (MH), Mike Doyle (MD), Jean Simpson (JS), Steve Gaines (SG)

Apologies: Rita Brownlie, Ken Taylor, Judith Temperton, John How, Arwel Williams

Minutes of 2015 AOM

Minutes of the last meeting were presented and agreed as a true record
Proposed GH Seconded JM

Chairman's Welcome

MN welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Secretaries Report

BB reported that we had fulfilled our constitutional obligation of holding 2 meetings per year with meetings on 20/7/15, and 8/2/16, both at the EA offices at Alexander Stadium and thanked Chris Jones from EA for their hospitality. We had also held 2 Championships at Sutton Park.

The Men's 6 stage, ladies 4 stage and Young Athletes relays were held on 3/10/15. The 12 & 6 stage held on 16/4/16.

BB reported on each of the races and all results are available on Sportsoft website and via a link on ERRA website.

BB thanked Mike Neighbour for his chairmanship, Ian Clarke for his assistance with the race routes, Ken Smith as Championship Secretary and the outgoing committee for their support. Bob also thanked AAA of E for our awards and Start Fitness for supply of numbers and race tape

Accounts

In Ken's absence BB reported a balance of approx. £130,000. Although charges were now being made for the use of Sutton Park by BCC it was thought that this year's championships would at least break even, helped in part by the October event now condensed into 1 day.



There was a discussion regarding the large balance held and GH asked what was being done with the money as the MCAA had requested a grant of £2k to assist with their championships and wondered why they had been turned down. Following a proposal from GH it was agreed to award the 3 areas a £2K grant each year for 3 years towards road running development.

Constitution changes

BB highlighted the minor changes to the constitution - the addition of a Website Manager to the committee, increasing the area reps from 2 to 3 and removing the Tri regional reps, Proposed by GH and seconded by JM

Election of Officers

The following officers of the association were proposed by BB and seconded by AW and were duly elected.

Chair Mike Neighbour

Treasurer Ken Taylor

Secretary Bob Brimage

Representatives from the 3 Area Association were appointed. Judith Temperton & Arwel Williams from the North. Martin Howard & John How from the South. The Midlands will be confirmed after the meeting

Ken Smith was appointed as Championship Secretary

Bill Rogers was re-elected as Auditor

It was agreed that one of the officers would stand down each year but could offer themselves for re-election.

AOB:

Morpeth Harriers had tabled a proposal to allow under 17 athletes to compete as members of their senior team in the 6/12 stage relays. It was agreed to consider the proposal at the next committee meeting

Date of next meeting:

The next open meeting was arranged for Saturday 20th May 2017