

Colworth Striders

Annual General Meeting 2005

Held In The Colworth Club

Friday 11th February 2005 At 18:30

Minutes

Present

Malcolm Holmes	Richard Piron	Steve Hardy	Duncan Talbot
Richard Beard	Alan Wooten	Willie Young	Dave Gore
Tony Dadd	Andy Kemp		

Apologies

Trev Cook	Stuart Marshall	Mike Statham	Dave Sharp
James Bell	Jamie Carter	Kees van Malssen	

Minutes of last AGM

These were accepted as being an accurate record of the proceedings
Proposed Steve Hardy Seconded Alan Wooten
Carried unanimously

Chairman's Address

Warning : Bulls* Alert ... Bulls***Alert... Bulls*** Alert...**

*Well here we are again – into the clubs 24th year we should think about a special commemorative event for next year -- perhaps a weekend in the Yorkshire Dales – running / cycling / kayaking – we went there about 10 years ago most did the 3 Peaks trails others went mountain biking
As a club things have been ticking along nicely – we had an exceptional (3rd) Marathon Challenge in 2004 thanks to the hard work and dedication of many Striders – in particular Steve, Mike, Trev, Dave and of course the main man Tony. There was also huge support from the Beverages and Ice Cream GTC's. The way things are going we could beat all records for the 4th year
Not sure how we are doing for membership since it is now free – there are a lot of people on our books and some loners who might be persuaded to come on board. There will obviously be more active members than those occasional runners but there is a definitely a big increase of new(younger) runners like Olly, Martin, Craig, Dave (Gore). We've lost a few to Vlaardingen - Kees and Stuart but in some respect it has helped forge closer links with our Dutch colleagues. Paul van der Logt is bringing over a team for the MC weekend. Paul Stuart is another newcomer who has done a grand job co-ordinating the London Marathon entries and it is great having him with us even if it is just so we can discuss the finer points of operating the shower
I want to thank Jamie and Kees for looking after the Running and cycling time trials and Trev (the Time Lord) for timekeeping and Tony and Malc for sorting out training schedules
Last years Rotterdam Marathon was another great success for the Striders and we were narrowly beaten by Team Vlaardingen. Its our turn to win OUR trophy back.*

(The meeting woke up again at 19.40....)

Treasurers Report

Apparently we have loadsamoney .. see Striders site on the Colworth Portal
£500 will be used to subsidise the Rotterdam Marathon trip

(begging letters for the rest should be sent to....)

Election of Officers

The current officers were re-elected unanimously

Chairman *(Right On)* Richard Piron

Secretary *(Right Hon)* Malcolm Holmes

Treasurer *(Right One)* Tony Dadd

Everybody else is a committee member

Proposed Steve Hardy Seconded Willy Young

(If only Tony Blair could organise his elections this way ...)

Club Championship

No club champion for 2004 .. *mainly because no-one knows the rules*

Anyway, just to make things absolutely clear this year, the rules are :

You must compete in 4 out of the 6 following Colworth events and you will be awarded points for finishing positions -- 10 points for 1st, 9 points for 2nd etc down to 1 point for 10th.

The events are Mile, Colworth 5, Colworth 8, Cross Country, Colworth Triathlon and Duathlon

The person with the most points wins.

(See simple, who would like to bet that the rules get changed half way through the year so that 00 wins it)

Marathon Challenge 2005

The 2004 Marathon Challenge was again a big success with record numbers competing in the Colworth 5 (360+) and the 2 events Saturday and Sunday. A total number of 150 completed the event and the only "dampener" was the rain which fell at various times over the weekend. It did show, however, the necessity to have the marquee and the portaloos for the event.

There was also large number of campers this year and thanks go to Dave Gore for organising this.

Also thanks go to our main sponsors .. Lipton and Birds Eye Walls for their help

We do need more help this year

Events 2005

Strider Events	External / Non –Strider Events
<p>Colworth Mile**: Wed 11th May 5-Relay: Friday 10th June Marathon Challenge Weekend: Colworth 5**: Friday 17th June Trail Race Saturday 18th June Half Marathon Sunday 19th June Colworth Duathlon**: Friday 1st July (after work) Colworth 8**: Friday 9th September (after work) XC**: 2nd-3rd week of January 2006</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>** Club Championship events</i></p>	<p>Oakley 20: Sunday 20th March Rotterdam Marathon: Sunday 10th April London Marathon: Sunday 17th April Stevington 12K: Sunday 8th May UK Corporate Games: Sat/Sun 11th/12th June Unilever Triathlon: Saturday 16th July Colworth Triathlon**: probably Thursday 1st September</p>

AOB

1. Tony Dadd proposed that Malc, Trev and Steve be made life members because of their contribution to the club over the years. This was seconded by Alan Wooten and carried unanimously

(just when we thought the escape was near, and we had served our time do you know that there are now more life members than ordinary ones .. still if they ever re-introduce annual membership fees we'll be laughing.....and Quids in)

In addition in appreciation of their help to us over the years in the Rotterdam Marathon the following were proposed to be given Life Honorary Membership : Harry van der Hijden , Paul van der Logt, Erwin Tareilus, Koos Blokland and Ger Bijster

Steve will design a certificate to present to them
(let's have a yeee haaaa for the Dutch)

2. Guy Warner has asked for Strider support in a Venture Trail being developed on-site. This will consist of various static / fixed activity equipment (steps/ push ups/ vaults etc) being positioned on parts of the Colworth 5 route (probably). In principle the meeting was in favour of the idea. Tony will ask Guy to put a more formal proposal together.

(can't wait to see if this one gets past the insurance company.....)

3. The Striders are a Colworth club and as such is open to anyone who works on the site ..whether for Unilever or one of the joint ventures

(a hint of desperation creeping in here ????......)

4. Alan Wooten proposed a vote of thanks for the curry, seconded by A.N Other and carried unanimously

(Alan is of a very discerning nature especially when it comes to veggie curries not that i'm biased or anything)

Meeting Closed at approx. 20:00

(the bar closed some time later)