

COLWORTH STRIDERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Colworth Club

TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2008 18:30pm

Minutes

Present

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| Malcolm Holmes | Chairman | |
| Tony Dadd | Treasurer | |
| Richard Piron | President | |
| Allan Davies | Vice-President | |
| Steve Hardy | Bronwyn Elliot | Russel Best |
| Elliot Kirk | Bill Singleton | Stuart Trevallion |
| Andy Kemp | Martin Vaughan | Paul Stuart |
| Giles Rigarfsford | Richard Beard | Trev Cook |
| Alan Wooten | Willie Young | Heidi Wright |
| Trannum Rahim | Andrew Evans | Richard Ogborne |

Apologies

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| Mike Statham | Mark Tinkler | Karen Stigter | Dave Sharp |
| Paul Pudney | Geoff Hodges | Dave Gore | Juliet Mortimer |

Note: As Tinkie is away ski-ing (again) muggins here is doing the minutes ..., and you all thought being Chairman was easy. Thank god for cut and paste .. any resemblance between these minutes and last years is entirely deliberate.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM

These were accepted as a true record, except for Oggie who insisted he was present at the 2007 AGM but listed as an apology.. so we all apologised to him and to everyone else After that the minutes were accepted .. Proposed by Oggie Seconded by Allan

(Sorry !!! .. while we are here we might as well apologise for everything everyone has ever done anything bad to anyone .. except when I did that thing to that person the other day ... he or she deserved it)

Chairman's Address (brilliant)

Thank you all for attending the AGM.

~~2006~~ whoops, 2007, has been another successful year for the Striders

We had all our main events which were all well attended Cross Country Race, Colworth Mile, Colworth 5 Relay +Colworth 8 Also many participated in the Colworth Triathlon

And of course during the year the numbers running in the Handicap seem to be increasing each time it is run. Well done to everyone who took part in them

The 2 big striders events are :

Rotterdam 2007. It was f*cking hot; Malc decided beer was a better rehydration tool at 30K; Willie discovered that "death or glory" in 34 degrees actually means death; Tony very nearly got beaten in a sprint by a 4 yr-old offering him a piece of orange at 35K; notable performances included Andy Kemp and Paul Stuart who both achieved PBs, and Oggie who finished (finished with the marathon that is). Also a very good debut from Bill. And the night ferry home was entertaining courtesy of Lucy and Sarah.

Marathon Challenge 2007. It was f*cking wet. Our 6th year. Turnover was about 16K and we donated £6K directly and £1K through other activities (eg food, children's activities, raffle and tombola etc.). We had a lot of support from Unilever Units on site (about £7K in fact, so the event itself is just about self-supporting). The Str1ders took £1K out of the event to support club funds. We had record numbers of finishers in the Trail (167) and Half (182) and overall (126), and a near record in the 5 (388). The children's races and new fun run for older children seemed to work very well. The entertainment was excellent including Kevin's band Easyplay who went down a treat. The weather was crap but everyone? enjoyed the mud on the Trail run. Thanks to everyone who helped in whatever way in 2007. Let's have a successful 2008 under our new coordinated delegator Dr.Ogborne.

There are several people I have to thank

Trev for his sterling work in doing the timekeeping and organising the handicaps.

Jon Hunt for organising the Colworth Ttriathlon so well

Tony for being the driving force behind the Marathon Challenge weekend

and while we are on the subject .. the others who make the weekend run smoothly .. Dave, Trev Steve, Richard, Mike, Mark and a special thanks to The Bedford Harriers for their support during the MCW

and Tony again for organising the Rotterdam weekend so well and our Dutch colleagues for their great hospitality (and a special thanks from me, to Allan for that beer .. it was heaven)

And finally, thanks to everyone who takes part in these events without whom they would not happen.

On a more personal note as I am stepping down from the Chair in due course (more about this later) I would just like to say how glad I am that I was able to bring a sense of decorum and sensibility to the role which of course is very serious one taken very seriously.

Without being too modest, I think I can honestly say that I have been the best Chairman since Richard stepped down

(Note to self ... hmm! you've also been the worst chairman since Richard .. but the jokes were better than his)

Treasurers Report

We've had loadsamoney but the treasurer gave it all away to charity (well most of it anyway) .. see the report on the Colworth Forum.

(Nice holiday last year Tony????)

Election Of Officers

The following were proposed and seconded and several people in the meeting (Allan, Stuart, Richard, Alan, Oggie, Trev. , etc.)

Chairman Malcolm Holmes to be replaced by Mark Tinkler during the year

Club Secretary Mark Tinkler

Events Secretary Trev Cook

Treasurer Tony Dadd

All carried unanimously by the meeting.

(Do I mean unanimously or anonymously ?

Note to Tony/ Trev ..Another year where we got away with it .. they still haven't sussed that we carved it up between us before the meetin, phew! Good job Tinkie was away .. we gave him all the hard stuff to do)

Oh and yes, Chairman Malc (me) was proposed by Tony and seconded by Allan to be another Vice - President for life, which was also carried unanimously.

(I look forward to enjoying the privileges that brings, like free membership, and being able to run around Colworth ... are there any more?

If you commit murder you only get about 14 yearsso just how long is Life in this case?)

Club Awards

Striders Strider of the Year

The nominations were

Mark Tinkler

Trev Cook

Andy Griffin

Chairman Ma7c

And the winner is ... **Trev Cook**

(Well deserved, thanks to everyone who voted, except for the one who said he/she would vote for me only if I stopped sending the jokes out)

The Alan Wooten Frisbee Award

A few contenders ...

Willie Young for his Death or Glory comment in the Rotterdam Marathon .. which brought him closer to death than to glory.

Andy Kemp for ignoring all advice and who drank copious amounts of alcohol before the Rotterdam Marathon but still produced a pb (how do you do that Andy?)

Chairman ma7c for strategically placing Allan at 30k in the Rotterdam Marathon with a pint of beer ready, (thanks Allan)

But the best one we have heard is .. and the citation reads:

For spitting in the face of danger by going ski-ing not once not twice but three times during marathon training and heroically practising the can- can (yes the can-can) during a training course (he swears) and managing to injure himself .. this year the award goes to **Mark Tinkler**

(he is available for birthdays and bar mitzvas at the weekend)

Most improved beginner

Although we have seen some improvements in runners this year the one person who has impressed the most is of course Willie Young. He is now only half the man he used to be (this is a compliment by the way) and has been putting in very good times / pb's for his races.

(Well done Willie .. your prize is a dozen Mars bars donated by Mike I think something was mumbled about fat bastard but I didn't hear properly)

Club Champion

Trev has done his usual calculations and jottings and by a suitable application of the good ole fiidle factor,

This year the Club Champion is Jon Hunt

(Jon (a good Essex lad) wasn't at the meeting to receive his award but if he had been his speech would have been something along the like ..

"Cor blimey guv'nor this is a right to do alright .. I'm bleedin gobsmacked I am. I aint never wun anyfink before . My bruvver and muvver and farver aint half gonna be prard o' me they are., When I goes darn sarf to see 'em we'll awl have a good larf abart it. Fanks ")

2008 Events (for your diaries)

Time Trials (Running) First Tuesday in each Month

Rotterdam / London Marathons Sunday 13th April

Mile Friday 2nd May

Colworth 5 Relay Friday 13th June

Marathon Challenge Weekend

Colworth 5 Friday 20 June 7:00pm

Trail race Saturday 21 June 12 noon

Half Marathon Sunday 22 June 10:30am

Colworth 8 Early September TBA

Colworth Triathlon September TBA

Chip Butty Run December TBA

Cross Country TBA

Note. dates are subject to change

AOB

Heidi / Trannum suggested we have a Orienteering event during the year and Steve agreed to investigate the possibilities. Chairman Ma7c suggested Saturday July 5 in the afternoon, as part of some other celebrations to be held in the evening, and Steve agreed to it .. I hope.

(I feel another megatastic party coming on .. make a note .. be prepared to camp over)

Meeting closed around 8.30

And finally .. the last time I did the minutes I said it was just that .. the last time .. just shows how wrong you can be.

However this is definitely the last time probably

So it's goodbye from him.

And a Merry Christmas to my reader