

The Bulletin

March 2014

Apologies once again for the absence of the Bulletin since last October and the change of format. My excuse is that my computer was away being sorted out and when it came back I had lost the Publisher Program which I have been using since October 2006.

However this has given me a good reason for deciding that I will stand down as the Editor at the AGM on 24th March. I think it's high time for a change as I have been the Editor since April 1997 and it badly needs refreshing and changing.

When I took over from Eric Buckle (remember him?) the Bulletin was produced on a typewriter (remember those?) and has been produced in a similar way but using three different computers in the last seventeen years. Until recently it was still photocopied and posted out to all the members. Thankfully now that most members are on the Internet, it is available on line.

However it is not really in the form of an on-line newsletter and I don't have the IT skills necessary to produce it this way. Also with the increasing use of Facebook and other social media it may be time to give it the coup de grace (that's your actual French) at last. I hope someone will be prepared to continue producing the Bulletin in some form as we would otherwise all miss reading about Terry Eves exploits not to mention his poems!

Martin Dean

Editor (1997-2015)



If you ever shop at Sainsbury, Boots, M&S or B&Q, to name just a few, and don't know how to get them to contribute towards your household bills, let us show you.

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HANDY CROSS RUNNERS

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2015

8.30 p.m. at the Judo Centre

Dear Member,

As you can see, from the above, the Club AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th March and the Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Please note that, in accordance with Rule 12 of the Club Rules, no item of "Any Other Business" will be taken unless notice of it has been given to me in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 24th.

Yours sincerely

Chris Gentry,

Club Secretary.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 AGM (minutes attached).
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Report of Club Coach.
6. Social Secretary's Report.
7. Committee Elections (see attached)
8. Any other business (only items of which notice has been given to the Club Secretary will be discussed under this heading).

Agenda Item 7

Committee Elections

The current Club Committee is:-

Chairman	Peter Edington
Secretary	Chris Gentry
Treasurer	Sally White
Membership Secretary	Chris Gentry
Social Secretary	Lucy Couturier
Club Coach	Mike Hickman
Bulletin Editor	Martin Dean
Kit Officer	Linda Weedon

Charlotte Ing and Paul Dineen have also served on the Committee

This year both Mike Hickman and Martin Dean have said that they will be standing down and therefore we will be looking for a new Club Coach and a new Bulletin Editor. If you wish to be considered for one of the posts then please arrange for another club member to propose you at the meeting.

HANDY CROSS RUNNERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Handy Cross Runners held on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at the Judo Centre attended by:-

Peter Edington, Ellen Fulcher, Sally White, Mike Hickman, Chris Gentry, Duncan Kennerson, James Cunnane, Terry Eves, Helen Moseley, Mike Blowing, Lucy Couturier, Paul Dineen, Linda Weedon, Peter Astles, Margaret Moody, Keith Round, Des Mannion, Jacqueline Ing, Charlotte Ing, Vernon Martin, Steve Roberts, Howard Taylor, Martin Dean, Nick Martin, Mike Hollis, Chris Lansdown, Frank Fulcher, Liz Davey, Darren Thorley, Michelle Booth, Joanne Knights, Jessica Barrell, Phil Hutchby, Dan Charleston, Darren Wakefield, Paul Joel, Michael Clare, Stephen Knock, Colin Meads and Vikki Portwin.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Brian Sinclair, Imelda Robinson, David Riddington, Dave Nash, Nigel Cairns, Elaine Brewster, Martin Brewster, Russell Dean, Mike Handley, Debbie Ridout, Rachael Cullen-Heighway, Gareth Morris and Amanda Peyton.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2013 AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2013 AGM.

3. Chairman's Report

Peter started by thanking the members of the club committee and the races committee who had given up their time freely to ensure the smooth running of the club and the races and he especially thanked Paul Dineen and Charlotte Ing.

Peter went on to mention that there had been a series of Thursday night runs through the summer from various locations and thanked everyone who had helped to organise these. It was also noted that the club 5k and cross country had gone well.

Peter then reported that the Marlow 5, the Wycombe Half Marathon and the Wycombe 10k had gone well last year and had been well supported by everyone. He mentioned that David Riddington had, this year, stepped down from his role as Course Director for these races and thanked him for all of the work he had put into the role over many years.

Finally Peter mentioned that the club had 175 paid up members and this was a record.

4. Treasurer's Report

Sally presented the accounts and it was noted that the club was in a healthy financial position carrying forward a balance of £2,665.72 to the next financial year. It was also noted that there was in the region of £3,000 to be transferred from the race accounts so the carry forward was nearer £6,000 although the Judo Centre had yet to be paid. The accounts for the Marlow 5 and the Wycombe Half/10k were also noted by the meeting and it was mentioned that these accounts were in the process of being merged.

Following this it was agreed that the club subscriptions for 2014/2015 would remain at £43 for single members and £65 for couples. It was noted that renewal forms will be emailed out to members and that subscriptions can be paid direct to the club bank account if people wanted to do so.

5. Report of Club Coach

Mike had prepared a written report which he read to the meeting. In it he said:-

- with a record number of club members he hoped that it wouldn't be so difficult to get people to marshal the club races in the future;

- a lot of the new members of the club had joined through taking part in the beginners groups which had been organised since 2010 and he thanked everyone who had helped with these groups;
- he has four people to help with graduates from the beginners group to the improvers group but needs more;
- he thanked Helen Moseley for being his “legs” on a Wednesday evening to lead the beginners group;
- the new club website was a big factor in attracting newcomers to the club and he thanked Trevor Hunter for doing it;
- we still struggled to get enough people to take part in the Saturday and Sunday Cross County leagues. However the club did manage to finish 14th out of 18 in the Chiltern League and 13th out of 15 in the Thames Valley League;
- we had 358 runners for the club cross country in December and 212 runners took part in our 5k event in July; and
- 21 club members had taken part in the Gerry Grosse Trophy in September which was won by Steve Batham and Chris Lansdowne had won the Alex Johnson Memorial Trophy

Finally Mike thanked everyone for being involved in the club.

6. Social Secretary's Report

Lucy reported on all of the social events that had taken place during the year and it was noted that they had all been successful. She also mentioned that there was the possibility of a Hog Roast being organised during the year.

She finished with a plea for club members to come forward with suggestions for social events.

7. Committee Elections

After some discussion it was agreed that the following will be the Club Committee for the forthcoming year:-

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Social Secretary
Club Coach
Bulletin Editor
Kit Officer

Peter Edington
Chris Gentry
Sally White
Ellen Fulcher
Lucy Couturier
Mike Hickman
Martin Dean
Linda Weedon

8. Club League

There was a vote on which race should replace the Wokingham Half Marathon which had been cancelled and the winner was the Burnham Half Marathon.

Terry Eves proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Committee and this was agreed by the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.05 p.m.