

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALMOSTS ATHLETES, HELD AT THE WHEATSHEAFS
PUB OLD BATH ROAD CHELTENHAM ON THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM

Graham Fletcher (Club Chairman) formally opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking all for attending. 79 members signed in on arrival.

- 1 Apologies
10 apologies had been received.
- 2 Minutes of the 2011 AGM
The Minutes of the 2011 AGM had been published on the club website for members to Peruse at their leisure. Graham requested proposer & seconder for approval of the minutes
Minutes were accepted and signed off. Ian Gill and Paul Turner
- 3 Chairman's report
Graham started off by encouraging members to tell us of their achievements so they can be published on the club website or sent in to the echo for printing.
He spoke about the new website which is presently being worked on by a local web Developer. A few slides were shown to show members of the progress so far.
Thanks were given to Dave Elliott for his past and continuing efforts in keeping the club website up to date. Graham gave his thanks to all the members and reported that there are now 300+ members. He went on to mention the Christmas Party which was a great success thanks to the hard work of Jenny Norris and Ray & Coz Pearson for supplying the music. Rob Hume was thanked for taking some great club photos. Dale Midwinter was thanked for providing trophies and to Sandra Stuart for donating a cup. All committee members were thanked individually.
7th July 2012 has been set for this years DCC.
- 4 Charities of the Year
Karen Galpin & June Franks presented a cheque to James Clay from Sue Ryder for £1294. James said this would go to In Patient Care and thanked the club for their efforts. He also thanked club member James Gregory for raising £200.
- 5 Treasurers Report
Printed finance report was available for members to look at and ask questions.
June explained what was meant by Races & Training and where £500 donation was paid.
June mentioned the club held a large stock of club clothing and would need to get rid of it.
The accounts were accepted. Proposer Gail Beddis & seconded by Rob Hume.
- 6 Election of committee 2012
Current Committee were re elected. There were no other nominations received.
Proposer Colin Watkins & seconded by Catherine Owers.
- 7 Subscription fee for 2012
£15 was set with no objections. Proposer Mark Conway & seconded Ian Coggin
- 8 AOB
Rob Hume asked if anyone would be interested in watching the ladies marathon on August 5th.

Graham mentioned sweepers for groups and asked for members thoughts.
Ian Gill suggested sweepers should be asked for on the night so never the same.
Sweepers to have bibs.
Runners at the back to be aware and inform group leader of any slow runners in difficulty.
Group leader to ask for volunteer.
Colin Watkins said don't look for sweeper just have 2 group leaders who would swop during the run.
Be stricter and make people sweep and lead. Mobiles must be available during a run.
All these suggestions will be taken to committee and discussed further.

A vote was given to members for this years charity. Sue Ryder, maggies, Cotswold Care Hospice and Cheltenham Animal Shelter were put to the vote. Claire Cook counted the votes Sue Ryder and Maggies have been voted as this years club charities.

9 Life Membership

Claire Cook stood up and said there were 2 awards this year and handed over to Nick Lewis Who made the presentation. He said both these members had given up lots of their time And said lots go on behind the scenes which doesn't get seen but has to be done to maintain The success of the club. Nick presented Karen Galpin and Graham Fletcher with Life Membership certificates.

10. Runner of the Year

Sandra Stuart presented a cup to winner Alison Hume
Dale Midwinter presented a cup to winner Nick Spice.

Graham finally handed over to Jamie Richards who spoke about 'What you know about food'
All details will be on website

Graham thanked Jamie and said Good Bye.