



Coventry Godiva Harriers Newsheet



Items taken from the Annual General Meeting minutes of July 2011

29 members of the Club were present and apologies were received from 3.

The Chairman, Aaron Bodycote and Secretary, Bill Adcocks presented their reports which are posted on the Club's website

The Treasurer, Charlie Kelly, presented the detailed accounts for the year ending 31st March 2011. The Club showed a surplus over expenditure for the year of £1,650.00. As the Accounts concluded at 31st March, 2011, it was noted that the details of the final expenditure on the Club House would be included in next year's report.

In relation to the Weights Room, for which Club Members pay an additional fee to use, concern was expressed that the facilities were being used by people who haven't paid the appropriate fee and that some equipment had gone missing. Consideration was given to ways of ensuring only fee paying Members use the facilities and to improving the security of equipment. Suggestions included displaying a list of Club Members entitled to use the facilities in the Room, undertaking a full inventory of all equipment and then marking that equipment, together with changing the keys and the alarm code. It was proposed that a Weights Room Co-ordinator be appointed to address these issues.

Gordon Horne, Club House Co-ordinator, reported that sales from the Hungry Harrier had been at a level which had covered the costs of running the Club House. Gordon expressed his sincere thanks to all those people who had helped with the running of the Hungry Harrier and indicated that more volunteers were required.

Zara Hyde Peters, Coaching Co-ordinator, presented her report, a copy of which is on the website as is that of Colin Jacks, Officials Co-ordinator, reported that officials had undertaken their duties even though difficulties had been experienced with fixture dates and that on some weekends, events had had to be covered on both Saturdays and Sundays. The services of two new officials had been secured and a further official would shortly be qualified for field and track. Colin sought the interest of any further volunteers.

Club Officers were elected unanimously as follows:

President:	David Moorcroft
Chairman:	Keith Richards
Vice Chairman:	Aaron Bodycote
Secretary:	Bill Adcocks
Minutes Secretary:	Suzanne Bennett
Treasurer:	Charlie Kelly
Assistant Treasurer:	Julie Beckford

Coaching Coordinator: Zara Hyde Peters
 Officials Co-ordinator: Colin Jacks
 Welfares Officers: Ann Kirkham and
 Mike Cosser
 Internal Auditor (clubhouse): Matthew Horne
 Auditor (external): Carey Brown
 Clubhouse Coordinators: Gordon and Christine Horne
 Volunteer co-ordinator: Christine Horne
 Weights Room Co-ordinator: Charlie Kelly

The new Chairman, Keith Richards, made an acceptance speech, in which he thanked the retiring Chairman, Aaron Bodycote for all of his hard work.

In relation to the retiring Minutes Secretary, Ann Smith, Bill Adcocks placed on record the Club's sincere thanks for all the work undertaken by Ann over the years. Ann thanked everyone for their support during her recent illness.

Noting that additional Members could be co-opted onto the Committee ad hoc, it was unanimously agreed that the Committee for 2011/12 would comprise of:-

Chairman – Keith Richards	Gordon Horne
Vice Chairman – Aaron Bodycote	Roger Medwell
Secretary – Bill Adcocks	Norma Pugh
Minutes Secretary – Suzanne Bennett	Duff Rees
Treasurer – Charlie Kelly	Martin Slevin
Assistant Treasurer – Julie Beckford	
Officials Co-ordinator – Colin Jacks	
Welfare Officers Officers – Ann Kirkham/Mike Cosser	
Coaching Co-ordinator – Zara Hyde Peters	

The Team Managers were confirmed as follows:

Women and Men - Senior (Track and Field) – Mike Peters	-
U17 Boys and Girls	- Chris Hazel
U15 Boys and Girls	- Sally Eldridge
U13 Boys and Girls	- Elaine Minshell
Young Athletes (all year)	- Chris Hazel/John McKeown
Men (Cross Country and Road)	- Pete Banks
Women (Cross Country)	- Ann Kirkham
Walking	- Keith Richards

A vote of thanks was moved for the retiring Women's Senior Coach, Charlie Kelly, for all of the hard work undertaken by him over many years.

In accepting his position as U17 Boys and Girls Coach, Chris Hazel indicated that he would be expecting a level of commitment from athletes prior to their selection. Sally Eldridge confirmed that, whilst the U15's did not experience the same degree of problems, a similar level of commitment would be expected.

Amendments to the Club Rules

A proposal to amend paragraphs 2 and 33 of the Club rules was tabled and these in related to ensuring that the Club benefits from Charity status and to clarify the issue of Club Trustees.

These amendments, subject to a minor wording change proposed at the meeting, were unanimously agreed.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

It was agreed that the EGM, to consider subscription levels for 2011/12, would be held on Tuesday 29th November, 2011.

Track and Field Leagues for 2011/12

In relation to problems experienced by the Club, particularly over the last season, regarding athletes' availability/commitment and concerns regarding clashing fixtures dates, it was agreed to establish a Working Party to address these problems and to consider other competition opportunities, with a view to offering athletes the best competition and encouraging participation. Committee Members were requested to give consideration to this issue, and to make any suggestions to Bill Adcocks prior to the next Committee meeting. Zara Hyde Peters indicated that she would be willing to serve on the Working Party.

Date of Annual Dinner

It was agreed that the Annual Dinner would be held on either 24th or 17th March, 2012. A discussion was held in relation to the Awards made at the Annual Dinner.

Opening of New Club House

It was agreed to consider organising an event to mark the opening of the new Club House at the next August Committee Meeting, and any suggestions were requested to be submitted to Bill Adcocks prior to that meeting.

Date of the Next Committee Meeting

It was noted that the next Committee Meeting would be held at 8.00 p.m. on 9th August in the Club House.