

# Minutes of the Board of Oversight and Standing Committee at the Shipley Catholic Club, on Monday 3 December 2007

## Board of Oversight:

**Apologies for absence:** Brian Elsey, Chris Hainsworth, Mike Moss, Jack Verity.

**Present:** Simon Forde, Hazel Maddocks, Terry Maddocks.

**In attendance:** Rory Cunliffe, Tony Myers.

The meeting started at 7.40pm and the following was agreed:

1. The **minutes of the previous meeting** on 12 September 2007 were approved.
2. Concerning the **membership of the Partnership:**
  - a. Eccleshill Road Runners had voted at their AGM to join the Partnership; SF would prepare the agreement for the representatives of the three clubs (CH, MM and TM) to sign at the February meeting of the Standing Committee.
  - b. For 2008 it was agreed that approaches should be made first to Skyrac to assess their interest in joining the Partnership.
3. The following brief **reports from the clubs** were received:
  - a. Eccleshill's attempt at starting a Family Group had generated four young teenage members; but this was felt to be disappointing. They received regular email enquiries but these had not generated new members. In addition, they had copied St Bede's in introducing a more structured training plan.
  - b. Bradford-Airedale had held their AGM, with the committee having been re-elected, other than Graham Hird replacing Wally Quirk as Treasurer.
  - c. St Bede's had held their AGM on 27 November and the annual report prepared for the AGM was circulated to Board members.
4. **Any other business:**
  - a. The Board invited the Bursar, Paul Watts, to prepare a budget for the Partnership during 2008, including costs of purchase of new kit, and entry fees for events at which the Partnership would enter collective teams (i.e. Millennium and Calderdale Way relays), together with proposed sources of income.

This part of the meeting concluded at 8pm.

The **next meeting** was scheduled for Monday, 2 June 2008, at the Shipley Catholic Club.

## Standing Committee:

**Apologies for absence:** Diane Craven, Chris Hainsworth, Barney Lerner, Mike Moss, Jack Verity.

**Present:** Dave Armstrong, Rory Cunliffe, Simon Forde, Hazel Maddocks, Terry Maddocks, Paul Watts.

**In attendance:** Tony Myers.

The meeting started at 8.10pm and the following was agreed:

1. There were no **previous minutes** for approval, this being the inaugural meeting of a Standing Committee for the Partnership. SF outlined the following aims, personnel, structures and dates:
  - a. **Aims:** to develop and implement plans that will lead the Partnership towards its goal for 2012, namely to be one of the leading half-dozen athletics clubs in West Yorkshire.
  - b. The **membership** of the Standing Committee for 2008 was as follows:
    - i. Executive Officers:
      - Foreman – Simon Forde
      - Club Captain – Jack Verity
      - Bursar – Paul Watts
      - Registrar – Barney Lerner
    - ii. Chairs of Joint Committees:
      - Social & Membership – Chris Hainsworth
      - Training & Performance – Diane Craven
      - Development & Recruitment – Dave Armstrong
      - Hosted Races – Terry Maddocks
    - iii. Representatives of each club's Members Committee
      - Bradford Airedale – Rory Cunliffe
      - Eccleshill – Hazel Maddocks
      - St Bede's – Mike Moss.
  - c. The **Standing Committee would meet** on the first Monday of even months (December, February, April, June and October). The Joint Committees would meet on the first Mondays of the preceding months (or hold equivalent 'virtual' meetings). The Members' Committees of the individual clubs would take place about a fortnight after the Standing Committee, allowing information to pass

along the chain, in that fashion: Joint Committees -> Standing Committee -> the clubs' own Members' Committees and then back to the Joint Committees.

2. **Brief reports from the constituent clubs:**

- a. These reports had been made during the Board of Oversight meeting.

3. **Brief reports from the Joint Committees:**

- a. **Social & Membership:** CH circulated a Year Planner incorporating not only social events but club fixtures. This would be refined and circulated to the entire membership of the Partnership once all dates were finalised. Further, on 1 February, Eccleshill would host an 'Out-and-Back Fun-Run' (followed by a social) from their base at Idle CC, as a way of encouraging members from the various clubs to mix.
- b. **Development & Recruitment (DARCOM):** DA summarised discussions with Green's Fitness Centre in Lower Baildon and his plans for a Corporate Challenge element in the prospective Bradford 10k (and clarified the relationship between Eccleshill and Fitness First, to ensure that the role of Green's did not harm other relationships). He added that the Committee was exploring a trial with the NHS whereby doctors would prescribe programmes of exercise for patients, to be undertaken with our clubs. The '5-Year Plan' (for DARCOM) and an 'Action Plan for 2008' were being prepared and it was agreed that this would be brought to the Standing Committee's next meeting in February for detailed discussion.

4. **Particular matters** for the present meeting:

- a. **Corporate name for the Partnership:** a lengthy discussion was held about a suitable name under which the Partnership could compete and promote itself and whether it should have any place-name element. No conclusion was reached; it was decided (particularly in the light of the number of members absent) that a name would be chosen by an election, conducted by email, of the possibilities suggested.

The results of this election were as follows, with 3 abstentions (3 for 1<sup>st</sup> preferences; 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> preferences and minus 1 for 'unacceptables'):

- 'Airedale Athletic Alliance/Union/Partnership', 'The Airedale Alliance' and 'The Airedales' – 23 votes together
- 'Kestrels' – 4 votes
- 'Aces' – 3 votes (plus 6, minus 3)
- 'Airedale Eagles' and 'The Terriers' – 1 vote each
- 'Athletics4U', 'ASAP' and 'Brads' – positive votes were cancelled out by 'unacceptables'.

Following the election it was agreed that 'Airedale Athletics' represented the core of an overwhelming consensus and was suitably snappy.

- b. **Corporate colours and kit:** a selection of possibilities were presented during the meeting and there was a very clear consensus from those present that the kit should comprise a white background, with three diagonal bands, crimson above, amber in the middle and black below (from the left breast to the right hip).
5. **Detailed Action-Plan of a Joint Committee:** the programme of Social Events for 2008 was approved and the work of the committee commended.
6. **Any other business:**
  - a. SF reported that it seemed likely that a **Bradford 10k**, organised by Epilepsy Action in Yeadon, would go ahead, with council and highways/police support, and that the Partnership would be the host club. This would be a major opportunity to recruit new runners into our network. However, it appeared that about 50-60 volunteers (for marshalling, water-stations, left luggage etc.) would be required. It was agreed that TM would make a census of suitable volunteers for this (and other events), through the Hosted Races Committee.

[Subsequent to the meeting, the official go-ahead was given for the race to take place on Sunday, 20 April 2008 at 9.30, from Centenary Square.]
  - b. The Bradford *Telegraph & Argus* had invited SF to create an **Athletics Portal** within its online newspaper. This would go live early in 2008 and would try and generate an online community for runners and athletes in the area, and (it was to be hoped) entice more of them to become more attached to our clubs.
7. **Next meetings:**

**Joint Committees:** Monday, 7 January 2008; followed by 3 March and 5 May (or virtual meetings thereabouts, as proposed by the committee chair);

**Standing Committee:** Monday, 4 February; followed by 7 April and 2 June

**Clubs' Members Committees** (these 'default dates', or similar dates agreed by the committees themselves):

BAAC – Monday, 11 February; followed by 14 April and 9 June (with interim meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the other months)

St Bede's – Tuesday, 19 February; followed by 22 April and 7 June

Eccleshill – Friday, 22 February; followed by 25 April and 20 June.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.15pm.

Simon Forde, 5 January 2008.