

Minutes of the Standing Committee of Airedale Athletics

at Idle Cricket Club, on Monday 6 October 2008

Present from the Standing Committee: Dave Armstrong, Diane Craven, Simon Forde, Chris Hainsworth, Barney Lerner, Hazel Maddocks, Terry Maddocks, Jack Verity, Paul Watts.

Other members in attendance: Janice Magennis, Jen Willingham.

Apologies for absence: Rory Cunliffe, Brian Elsey, Will Kerr, Mike Moss.

The meeting started at 8.15pm.

1. The previously circulated **minutes of the meeting** on 2 June 2008 were approved.
2. **Matters arising**, not covered elsewhere in the agenda:
 - a. HM reported on a the Partnership being awarded the Yorkshire-Humberside Partnership of the Year award at the England Athletics' regional ceremony at Headingley rugby ground on Saturday, 4 October. She and Sue Birbeck had represented the Partnership at the event.
 - b. SF reported on preliminary discussions with Graeme Tiffany from Pudsey Pacers who was going to present information on joining the Partnership to their committee in November.
3. **Brief reports from the constituent clubs:**
 - a. **Bradford-Airedale:**
 - i. CH reported on the still disappointing performances in the North of England Track-and-Field League, though he welcomed the participation by the "82ers" squad.
 - ii. The club's end-of-season dinner at Shelf would take place on 4 October.
 - iii. The AGM had taken place; they had about 25 paid-up members from fifty 'on the books', and had welcomed several returning former members.
 - b. **Eccleshill:**
 - i. TeM reported that the club had recently held its AGM.
 - ii. The club would not this year be hosting a race in the Peco XC League, and since they no longer were connected to the Thorpe Edge Festival, the summer 10k would now be called the 'Eccleshill Tuff 10'.
 - iii. The junior section was increasing in numbers and the club was planning to introduce Circuit-Training sessions at Hanson School (at 7-8pm for adults and possibly 6-7pm for juniors, in future).
 - c. **St Bede's:**
 - i. JV reported that the Bradford Millennium Way Relay had welcomed 40 Dutch and Belgian visitors teams. With a record 42 teams it had generated a healthy surplus. 17 members had participated in the 'return' annual Belgian summer trip.
 - ii. Membership numbers seemed static.

- iii. The club had resigned from the West Yorkshire Winter League but was encouraging the “82ers” and others to compete in the West Yorkshire (‘Complete Runner’) Cross-Country League. It was agreed that other runners could compete for Eccleshill in the Peco XC League, though only one could be a counting ‘second-claimer’.

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

- a. **Social & Membership:** There had been no meetings of the Committee. However, the following events were noted which were open to all in the Partnership:
 - i. On Sunday, 14 December at 7pm, the traditional post-Calderdale Way Quiz-night (hosted by Roy Wilks) would take place at Idle CC.
 - ii. on Sunday, 21 December at 10.30am (for 11am start) the annual Bradford-Airedale Christmas Handicap, a 4-mile run from Horsfall, would take place – food and drink afterwards would be provided; people are asked to notify CH in advance of their attendance and to bring a prize for the tombola.
 - iii. on Saturday, 18 April 2009 we were invited to a Race-the-Train event at Stadskanaal in the eastern Netherlands, from the club that visited the Greenwood Centre annually for the BMW Relay. This was perhaps a good opportunity for either BAAC or ERR to build a twinning arrangement with a comparable continental club.
- b. **Training & Performance (TAPCOM):** DC summarised a meeting held on 1 September:
 - i. Coaching development: Paul Birrane, Mick Brearley, Will Kerr, Hardy Matamala, Mike Moss and Gareth Wood had recently attended Level 1 coaching courses, the costs of which should be refunded by the Bradford Athletics Development Group. DC talked very enthusiastically about a weekend coaching course at Beckett Park led by Dame Kelly Holmes and recommended this wholeheartedly. Paul Emblow, meanwhile, was taking a Level 3 course to allow him to run sprints and strength training. Jamie Emblow had applied to be a gym instructor at Bradford College and to work with teenagers and young adults. Ray Walker, facilities manager at Horsfall, was a Level 2 track-and-field coach and was likely to want to lead elite groups of 3-6 athletes 2-3 times a week.
 - ii. Collective teams: Jack Verity had entered two teams for the Calderdale Way Relay; pending approval from the event organisers it was hoped that one could be a collective team.
 - iii. Races: a 29-seat minibus had been organised by ERR for a trip to the Bridlington half-marathon and associated races.
 - iv. Training plan: several initiatives had been made to consolidate and improve training, and was reflected in a 3-month training plan (for October-December), in particular:
 - 1. Long runs on Sundays would now alternate between Apperley Bridge and Shipley Green’s, to ease coaching duties and consolidate runners.
 - 2. On Tuesday, 7 October a joint track session would be held under Tony Myers’ leadership at Horsfall, alongside the “82ers” but open to all runners in the partnership.

3. The first-Tuesday of the month sessions at Esholt would offer the opportunity for more intensive training (e.g. 5-minute intervals) and all runners from the partnership were encouraged to come to Esholt on these nights.

c. **Hosted Races:**

- i. Bradford 10k: TeM presented a proposed formal agreement from Epilepsy Action detailing the Partnership's involvement in the 2009 event. The involvement was strictly limited to marshalling duties. It was agreed that we shared an interest in ensuring the event was a success. An online site would be created by TeM where marshals could register and where we and Epilepsy Action could monitor the target of supplying 40 marshals. It was agreed that TeM would approach local clubs for assistance. SF would draft a simplified agreement and TeM would negotiate this with Epilepsy Action.
- ii. John Carrs and BMW Relays: SF repeated that there was always a shortage of marshals for these events, and so a central pool of marshals was an important resource.

d. **Development & Recruitment (DARCOM)**: DA reported on the DARCOM meeting that had taken place immediately prior to this meeting, and in particular on:

- i. Corporate challenge: DA would be filtering corporate contacts to Epilepsy Action, but clubs would contact each workplace team to invite them to lead-up training courses at clubs.
- ii. New members: DA recommended that all clubs should have an information sheet containing temporary membership details for every person who attended a club session. This was partly so that we could stay in contact, but also for health-and-safety reasons. DA would consult TeM and SF about drafting such documents.
- iii. Contacting semi-attached runners: DA would contact all three clubs to suggest that one or more club members become responsible for contacting the 'semi-attached' runners (from the Bradford 10k) by phone or email in the days immediately after the race.
- iv. Feedback from existing members: Helen Freeman had developed a questionnaire for existing club members to elicit feedback, and the costs would be borne by AA.
- v. Lapsed members: DA will liaise with clubs about the means, timing and method of approaching lapsed members.

5. **Brief reports from the Officers:**

- a. **Budget and finance**: PW reported that AA now had a bank account and the current balance was £74, though SF had incurred postage involved in sending newsletters to semi-attached runners who had no email address.
- b. **Membership**: BL had received confirmation of acceptance by England Athletics of AA's application for association status. He was still waiting for detailed spreadsheets on members from St Bede's.
- c. **Teams**: JV reported on the encouraging 7th place by the collective team at the Leeds Country Way Relay on 31 August.

6. **Any other business:**

- a. SF presented proposals for charging 'semi-attached' runners and, after discussion, the following table was approved:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Proposed fee</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Social runner, friend or supporter – with email	£0	On our mailing list; also registered with England Athletics, but no race discount (and data-protection set to "no third party access")
Social runner, friend or supporter – without email	£5	As above – fee covers postage of quarterly newsletters
Competitive runner	£15	Registered with England Athletics, gets race discount
International second-claimer	€10/C\$15	For Commonwealth squad
Squad member	Tbc	- future category

7. **Next meetings:**

Development & Recruitment: Monday, 1 December - Idle CC at 7pm

Board of Oversight: Monday, 1 December - Idle CC at 7pm

Standing Committee: Monday, 1 December - Idle CC at 8pm

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Simon Forde, 24 November 2008.