

# Minutes of the Standing Committee of Airedale Athletics

## at Idle Cricket Club, on Monday 1 December 2008

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

**Other members in attendance:** Mick Brearley, Will Kerr, Hardy Matamala, Jen Willingham, Stephen Wolstenholme, Gareth Wood.

**Apologies for absence:** Rory Cunliffe, Graham Hird, Mike Moss.

The meeting started at 8pm.

1. The previously circulated **minutes of the meeting** on 6 October 2008 were approved.
2. **Matters arising**, not covered elsewhere in the agenda:
  - a. SF reported that Baildon Runners had politely declined to join the partnership for the present.
  - b. SF reported that an exploratory meeting was to be held the next day with John Waterhouse (Bingley) and John Dennis (Keighley & Craven; also chair of Bradford Community Sports Network) towards constructing a funding bid to England Athletics as an “athletics network”. It was agreed that SF should take a lead role in trying to construct a network bid and that all clubs in the area should be invited to work under the auspices of Airedale Athletics in creating such a network.
3. **Brief reports from the constituent clubs:**
  - a. **Bradford-Airedale:**
    - i. The club are inviting all partner runners to take part in the Horsfall-based Christmas Handicap 4-miler at 10.30am on 21 December. Participants should bring a gift for the raffle afterwards in the clubhouse.
  - b. **Eccleshill:**
    - i. The club would host at Idle CC on Sunday, 14 December at 7pm, the traditional post-Calderdale Way Quiz-night (hosted by Roy Wilks), with a pie-and-peas supper.
  - c. **St Bede’s:**
    - i. The club’s AGM was the following day (2 December).
4. **Brief reports from the Joint Committees:**
  - a. **Social & Membership:** no meeting had taken place; there was nothing to report.
  - b. **Training & Performance (TAPCOM):** an interim meeting had taken place prior to and during the Standing Committee meeting.
  - c. **Hosted Races:** TeM was responsible for liaising with Epilepsy Action, and he had created a web-page on the ERR site to list the marshals who had volunteered (forty being required).

- d. **Development & Recruitment (DARCOM):** DA reported on the DARCOM meeting that had taken place immediately prior to this meeting, and in particular on:
  - i. Club reception of new members, and contacting semi-attached runners, and lapsed members: DA had written to all three clubs with the recommendations that people be designated for these specific roles.
  - ii. NHS referrals: Gareth Wood was liaising with NHS specialists about procedures for identifying people with light heart problems (e.g. blood pressure, cholesterol problems) and offering them opportunities to get fit and healthy.
  
- 5. **Brief reports from the Officers:**
  - a. **Budget and finance:** It was agreed that:
    - i. Each club contribute £2 per member as a new float for the partnership, to cover existing postage costs incurred in distributing the quarterly Newsletters, and a supply of 18 new Airedale Athletics vests (of which £90 was a one-off set-up charge, and not all had yet been sold to runners); and
    - ii. PW would present accounts for the calendar year 2008 and a budget forecast for 2009, so that financial planning could take place on a less ad hoc basis.
  - b. **Teams:**
    - i. JV reported on preparations for the composite Airedale team for the Calderdale Way Relay on 14 December
    - ii. DA presented an opportunity for the partnership to enter a composite team in the Yorkshire Vets Grand Prix series. The possibility had taken delicate negotiations, and there were several conditions, if we wished to accept the opportunity:
      - 1. That all members wear one vest, rather than an assortment;
      - 2. That each club continue their registration and affiliation to the YVAA;
      - 3. That the Composite Team only applies to the monthly grand prix series and not to the individual championship races;
      - 4. That it was on a one-year trial basis.This was welcomed, with no dissension, but with the proviso that, since it needed presentation to St Bede's members at their AGM the following day, there would be a short period for consultation with members, before DA accepted the offer.
  - c. **Communications:** due to lack of time this topic was deferred to the next meeting.
  
- 6. **Next meetings:**
  - Standing Committee:** Monday, 2 February 2009, at Idle CC

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

Simon Forde, 27 December 2008.