

Minutes of Billericay Striders Committee Meeting held on 4th December 2002 @ Hannakins Farm Community Centre, Billericay.

Present: Pete Chown, Dave Sweet, Jan Pardon, Vic Pridmore, Sue Wood, Dave Godfrey, Ian Grant, Dave Anderson, John Halliday, Keith Walker, Elaine Walker, and Laurence Harrison.

Apologies: Brian Cowling and Kevin Jacob.

The Minutes were agreed and then the Action Points were addressed.

Action Points from last meeting

Thank you letters to be sent to Hannakins, Howard Williams and residents of Linda Gardens and Cherry Close - **JP actioned.**

Council to be contacted re condition of track/lane at end of Linda Gardens – **outstanding, DS to action, but situation has developed further (see later on in minutes).**

Brian Hart Treasurer of ECAAA to be written to re Subscription reminders – **DS actioned and reply received.**

Cram Tags and SEAA County event details to be put in November Newsletter – **KJ actioned.**
IG to respond in Newsletter to Press report re our 10k that was misinterpreted – **IG actioned.**

Chairman: The club were sad to hear of the death of Peter Murray (Solicitors). A floral tribute and condolences were sent to his family.

In the first X-Country meet of the season, the Striders were placed 2nd behind Havering. The Club has received notification from Basildon Council of a complaint they have received from a resident of Linda Gardens concerning our 10k road race held on November 4th. The resident had initially complained by phone to the Police and had since spoken to PC explaining that he would write to both Council and Police. – **DS to gather all the facts, including conversations with Police etc and respond to council.** It is hoped we can use this complaint to support our case for the condition of the lane at Linda Gardens to be improved.

The first subject on the Agenda was the proposed schedule for the Presentation Evening. It was discussed what trophies should be awarded and should replicas also be presented. The musical content was also discussed and IG and PC were asked for their assistance in providing some Tapes/CD's. PC added that, as it was JP's show, whatever she suggested was fine by us.

The next subject on the Agenda was the Format of, and the Races to be considered for the 2003 Club Championships. It was agreed that the format would remain the same, i.e.. **All events to score.** The Races will be discussed at the next committee meeting on the 8th January, when it is hoped a few more County event dates would be known.

This lead to the format of the Cross Country Plate being discussed. As it stands no one can win it twice, but this it could be argued, is not rewarding the best in the club. DA suggested this be put to the vote at the next AGM.

Round the Table: -

Secretary: See above re letter from the Council.

Response received from Brian Hart, Treasurer of ECAAA, who apologised for the club receiving a Subscription chase up letter.

DS had received a reply to his e-mail to the Adidas 26.2 Road Show team. DS to contact them in the New Year to fix date for a possible visit on a club evening.

DS and PC went to a UK: Athletics presentation concerning development of Athletics in the County and how it can benefit all types of clubs. DS apologised for not taking this on board

much earlier, thinking it was not aimed at our type of club. We have now completed Phase 1, which will at least get us on the map. **DS to issue to committee copies of documentation relating to Phase 2 (leading to application for grants), for their information.** We will then reconvene, possibly with Gwyn Potts of UK: Athletics to discuss how we can apply for a grant. DS to put an initial order in for 12 Cram Tags, although more may be required.

Planning for next years 10k will have to commence in about April or May, as all race information must include the Permit No. This has to applied for 6 months in advance of the race date.

Treasurer: See Report Attached.

Newsletter

Editor: Not present for meeting and nothing forwarded for consideration.

Social

Secretary: See page 1 above.

Press

Secretary: Good coverage of 10k in papers. No further contact from photographer, who reported his camera was broken by the runners.
Article will appear re Cross-Country results.

Membership

Secretary: 113 members, including 2 more new members. SW has had 6 responses to pay or else letters.

Statistics

Secretary: KW not receiving race results in order, and sometimes not at all. Article to be put in Newsletter requesting all race results go through KW for publication.

Kit

Secretary: VP has submitted an article to the Newsletter with details of Sweatshirt prices, for those that are interested in having one with the ship logo.

Ladies

Captain: Nothing to add.

Men's

Captain: JH mentioned how he and KW had attended a UK: Athletics Road Show that was chaired by Dave Moorcroft. JH and KW also established there was benefits the Striders could get from being involved with the UK: Athletics development programme. **JH to produce an article for the Newsletter.**

Brian

Cowling: Not present at meeting but through DS raised the issue of First Aiders for our Cross Country meeting in January. Should we ask St Johns Ambulance or the Red Cross to attend. **PC to contact BC and discuss.**

Laurence

Harrison: Nothing to add.

Dave

Anderson: Nothing to add in addition to his earlier suggestion re the Cross Country Plate.

AOB:

DS suggested that one of the first points of call for these new members we are currently attracting should be the Men's and Ladies captains.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35 p.m. The date for the next meeting, will be Wednesday 8th January 2003 @ 8.00pm, in the meeting room on right through main door at **Hannakins Farm Community Centre**.

Appendix to Billericay Striders Committee Meeting of December 4th 2002.

Treasurers Report

The Striders financial position as at 1st December 2002 was as follows

Alliance Leicester Deposit A/c	£3,026.79
Alliance Leicester Current A/c	£ 504.58
Lloyds TSB Current A/c	£1,040.70