

**1. Apologies for absence. Received from E&H, SBH (Simon Keene) SMRAC.**

**2. Presentations of end of Season Trophies 2015-16.** Were awarded to Herts P (U13B), TVH (U13G), Highate (U17/15B), SBH (U15/17G) London H( Vet Women Div 1), Serpentine (Vet Men Div 1), Trent Park (Div 3 Men) Hillingdon (Div 3 Women) SBH Howard Williams Trophy for juniors.

**3. Honourary League Administrators Report.** League Administrator Report 2015-16 Season Update from June 2015.

We opened a league account, appointed a treasurer Major, and Paul took on what I think is the most challenging of jobs as the results secretary.

From leads provided to us by Ian of Serpentine for a potential sponsor Martin from Hillingdon started the negotiations and we ended up with a fantastic sponsorship package £4200 prize money, 9000 race numbers, tape, banners, and discounts on items bought from More Mile or Start Fitness.

My summer months were spent in putting together a whole new data from scratch and preparing for the first race. There were moments when I doubted myself – had I taken on too much? But slowly everything came together

The first race day came and thank God it was warm and sunny. Everything started off well and seemed to be ok but there were definite areas where things could be improved on.

Race 2 I'd bought a fancy digital stopwatch which enabled us to record all the senior men's times, and then upload those times straight into an excel spreadsheet thus saving Paul having to input up to 500 races times. Success

Race 3 I'd bought another stopwatch which then meant we could record the times for all the races. A digital voice recorder was also used to record the men's finish positions.

Race 4 There was problems with number distribution but by Race 5 everything ran like clockwork!

For this forth coming season I will be looking to improve the finish area of the race by having a more standard lay out of how things are set out and improving the timekeeping and number recoding side of things. I'm hoping to have my own marquee /tent as Race HQ at the start area of every race

Everyone has been really helpful at making the league a success this year and I hope as we go into the 50<sup>th</sup> year we can improve and have another successful year.

Thank you.

**4. Honourary Web Administrators Report** – Nothing to report

**5. Honourary Treasurer's Report.**

After 2 previous seasons which each had a small surplus of just under £300, the 2015/16 ended up with a deficit of £296.

After reviewing the amount the hosting clubs were incurring, it was obvious that some were incurring expenditure way above the league reimbursement of £200. Going into the next season, its suggested we reimburse each host with the actual costs, subject to a maximum of £500.

Assuming that no other costs change dramatically and with a balance of £5500 in hand (adequate to run the league for a full year) to cover the additional host costs I suggest we raise club subs to something like £125 with an even out of tiers.

**6. Honourary Results Secretary's Report**

My first year as results secretary has been a big learning curve.

Thank you to team managers and funnel officials for their support in providing data to enable me to produce results.

And thank you to Jan for her support, assistance and patience, and also to Martin for his support in putting the results on-line.

I am keen to make results available as soon as possible following fixtures and the earlier clubs can provide information on names of runners and their dates-of-birth helps enormously in making this possible.

I will be requesting updated files ahead of 2016/17 fixtures and continued support in providing data will be much appreciated.

## **7.Election of Officers**

- v. **League Administrator - Janice Bowman**
- v. **Web Administrator - Martin Bateman**
- v. **Treasurer - Major Carr**
- v. **Results Secretary - Paul Holgate**
- vi. **Officials Secretary – Vacant**

**8. Voting** – The following was agreed and added to the rules. No amendment or alteration to the constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting and requires a minimum of two-thirds majority of the members present.

Members who want to propose an amendment to the rules must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary together with particulars of the proposed amendment (duly proposed and seconded) at least fourteen days before the General Meeting.

**9. Affiliation Fees** . Subs set for the forth coming season. £100 Tier A (Under 30 competitors during previous season) £150 Tier B (Under 80 but 30 or over competitors during previous season) £200 Tier C (80 or over competitors during previous season)10.

**10. URN Numbers.** Compulsory Athlete Registration will be required for the forth coming season. Paul will start to update these on the declaration sheets with as much info as we can obtain within the next month and then declaration sheets will be sent out to clubs a bit earlier to update and fill in any blanks.

**11.League Fixture Dates** Dates for the Forth coming season.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October WGEL – Claybury

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Herts P – Venue TBC

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December TVH – Wormwood Scubs

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Barnet&District – Trent Park

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February London Heathside – Alexander Palace with End of Season

Presentation.

**12.Proposal from LH and Serpentine**

(a)Increase women's race to 8 K: 2 in favour 12 against, 3 abstentions Proposal Declined.

(b) To increase in Division 1 Women's the teams placements from 6 to 8 to score: 1 in favour 15 against 1 abstention. Proposal Declined

**13. Proposal from Herts Phoenix.**

Under 11 age group

Competitors shall be aged at least 9 and under 11 on 31st August prior to the start of the competition year which extends from 1st October to 30th September in the following year. An athlete can race in the Under 11's once they have reached 9.

All in favour. Proposal Passed.

**14. Race Start Times.** Revised for the forthcoming season.

12.45 1.5km Under 11's (over 9 mixed race)

12.55 3Km Under 13 Boys

1.20 3Km Under 13 Girls

Not before 1.40 4Km Under 17 Men/Under 15 Boys

Not before 1.45 4Km Under 17 Women/Under 15 Girls

Not before 1.55 6Km Women/Veteran Women

Not before 2.35 8Km Men/Veteran Men

**15. New Clubs Joining**

Cookham Juniors 16 in favour, 1 against. Accepted.

Fulham Running Club, 6 in favour, 7 against, 4 abstentions. Declined

Hayes & Harlington road Runners 6 in favour, 7 against, 4 abstentions. Declined

**16. Hosting Clubs Fees.**

It was proposed that any club hosting a fixture should be reimbursed upon proof of receipts up to £500.

All in favour.

**17. Sponsorship.** Start Fitness sponsored the league for the last season and provided us with a total of £4200 in prize money. £800 was used from club funds to fund the Under 20 prizes. For the forthcoming season Jan to ask if we can have an increase of £800 to £5000, or the main 7 cash prizes will need to be reduced.

**18. Race Numbers.** It was agreed by all to simplify the race numbers and just have plain white for the men and pink for the women

**19. Juniors Shields.** It was agreed by all to give a shield to the overall individual winners in all the juniors age groups.

**20. Discs.** It was agreed that we would try to run Fixture 1 without the use of discs as they slow the finish funnels down. If not a success then we will revert back for Fixture 2. It was felt that its time for the league to look at Chip Timing. Martin Bateman will look into this.

**21. 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations.** It was felt that to put on a celebration race would be impracticable with a very busy race calendar already in place. It was agreed to get something commemorative to give out at the last race and maybe to have some food at the last fixture if we can obtain some funding. Jan to look into.

**22. AOB**

**Herts P.** Suggested that at each fixture clubs who didn't host offered 1 person to help out at the finish or marshal on the course.

**TVH** Gave a vote of thanks to the League Administrator for her efforts in the last year.

It was suggested that we try to have a Vet Team Shield for the Division 2&3 winners, Men and Women B&D and SBH to see if they have any spare shields to donate.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 and there were 23 members/guests present.