

**MINUTES OF
THE 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
STOWMARKET STRIDERS RUNNING CLUB
25th JANUARY 1999**

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Steward, Jan Starmer, Gail Sparkes, Heidi Bingham.

MINUTES OF THE 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes. As none were raised he proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was accepted by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported another successful year for the club with 78 paid-up members. For the first time all members are now covered by an accident insurance scheme.

A summary of race achievements during 1998 were given which included a win in the Summer Grand Prix and also the Suffolk Cross Country Championships.

A record contingent of 24 Striders took part in the London Marathon. Thanks were expressed to Phil Rampley for organising two coaches and to members for the huge sum of £11,000 raised for various charities.

The club gave its support to other functions during the year, namely the Stowmarket Carnival and MSLC Triathlon.

During the year the club also successfully staged four races and the Chairman thanked the club's sponsors for their continued support.

The club tour to the Solent Half Marathon was attended by 16 members and partners, the Chairman thanked Bernard Debney for organising the trip. Also there was good attendance at the annual barbecue and Christmas party, the Chairman thanked all those who organised and attended these events.

Nick Stephens and Tamara Jordan were voted Striders of the Year at the Christmas party.

The Chairman announced that Tamara and Nick had also won the club championships and presented them with their trophies.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all the outgoing committee for their hard work and support throughout the year.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached report.

The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the accounts.

Chris Starmer asked if a donation to charity had been made from the Joe Cox.
Chris Chaplin replied that no donation had been made as yet but there would be one.

Chris Starmer asked why there appeared to be no income from the sale of club clothing.

Rod Allen explained that the expenditure figure showed the balance of income and expenditure.

Bernard Debney added that the 1998 balance of expenditure was greater than in 1997 due to an increase in the new members receiving £3.00 T-shirts.

Richard Fellingham asked what the £245 on insurance was for.

The Chairman explained that this was the club's accident insurance which was now in place.

Richard Fellingham asked when and how this policy had been taken out.

The Chairman explained that the committee had decided to take out the policy for club members (as agreed at the previous AGM) and it had been in place since July.

Richard asked that details be fully publicised in the next newsletter.

The Secretary confirmed that this would be done.

Chris Starmer asked what made up the £237.22 expenditure on Race Sponsorship.

Rod explained that this was for races where the club paid the entry fee - Nowton Park, Hadleigh Relays and for T-shirts for the Stowmarket Series.

Richard Fellingham asked if the Joe Cox would be in debt if a donation was made to charity.

The Chairman confirmed that the donation would be about £200, the current profit on the race.

The Chairman asked if the accounts could now be accepted

Chris Starmer proposed and Richard Fellingham seconded that the accounts be accepted.

Chris Starmer asked if they had been audited.

The Chairman confirmed they were still to be audited they were accepted, subject to audit.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE DULY ELECTED:

CHAIRMAN	Chris Chaplin	Proposed Seconded	Peter Tricker Robert Smith
VICE CHAIRMAN	Richard Fellingham	Proposed Seconded	Anne Fish Chris Chaplin
SECRETARY	Chris Gladwell	Proposed Seconded	Peter Tricker Phil Rampley
TREASURER	Stuart Green	Proposed Seconded	Linda Steward Michael Jones
MEN'S CAPTAIN	Michael Nelhams	Proposed Seconded	Chris Chaplin Phil Rampley
LADY'S CAPTAIN	Anne Fellingham	Proposed Seconded	Linda Steward Maria Reynolds
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Anne Fish	Proposed Seconded	Chris Chaplin Anne Fellingham
EDITOR	Michael Jones	Proposed Seconded	Stuart Green Paul Sparkes
MINUTES SECRETARY	Heidi Bingham	Proposed Seconded	Anne Fellingham Richard Fellingham
GENERAL COMMITTEE	Bernard Debney	Proposed Seconded	Richard Fellingham Chris Chaplin
	Richard Denwood	Proposed Seconded	Richard Fellingham George Leggett
	Graham Fish	Proposed Seconded	Richard Fellingham Richard Denwood
	Jim King	Proposed Seconded	Gordon Slack Phil Rampley

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Linda Steward asked that the committee provide members with new membership cards.

The Secretary confirmed that they would be issued as soon as possible.

Richard Fellingham asked why the Scenic 7 was to be dropped in 1999 and was this to be permanent.

Peter Tricker explained that it was dropped because it was poorly supported and only just broke even.

Richard felt it had been poorly publicised.

Peter said that entry forms were circulated to all local clubs as normal and as the race had been poorly supported in the past the committee decided that the club should put its efforts into the Friday night 5.

Chris Chaplin explained that the club had put on seven races in the last thirteen months and helped with the Carnival and Triathlon, this was too much for a small club. He felt that in future the club should consider running only two races per year from the 10k, Joe Cox and Friday 5. He also said that the Scenic 7 could be reinstated if anyone else would like to be the race director.

Linda Steward suggested that the Scenic 7 was an easier race to run and marshal.

Peter agreed but said that the 10k was a recognised distance and more profitable.

Chris Starmer asked what the membership subscription would be for 1999.

Peter confirmed they would remain at £10.00. Chris Chaplin reminded everyone that they were now due.

Roger Sparkes then paid his subs and left the meeting.

Richard Fellingham asked if there was any progress on the club getting a trophy cabinet.

Peter Tricker explained that this was an ongoing issue and the Secretary agreed to write to the Leisure Centre to ask if one could be housed there.

George Leggett asked that club nights start on time and that everyone stretched properly before running.

Peter Tricker supported these views but explained that in practice it was difficult to actually organise. He added that announcements had to be made so that everyone knew what was going on. He then wished Chris Chaplin the best of luck in starting club nights on time.

It was agreed that Mike Nelhams would continue to collect runners' race times and pass them to the Secretary for inclusion in the newsletter.

Mike Nelhams reminded all members that the National Cross-Country Championships would take place in Leicester and this year he hoped the club would support the event - unlike last year.

Linda Steward complimented the committee on the decision to keep the Bridget Paine Memorial trophy within the club.

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Peter Tricker announced the Club Champions and awarded trophies to the winners:

Female:	1st	Tamara Jordan	Male:	1st	Nick Stephens
	2nd	Anne Fellingham		2nd	Malcolm Rendall
	3rd	Denise Naughton		3rd	Peter Tricker

Peter thanked the outgoing committee for their work and support during the last year and after thanking all those who attended, closed the meeting at 8.45pm