

Colworth Striders Annual General Meeting 2009

Colworth Club
Friday 6th March 2009

MINUTES

Present:

Mark Tinkler: Chairman
Trev Cook: Secretary
Tony Dadd: Treasurer
Richard Piron: President
Allan Davies: Vice President

Stuart Marshall, Richard Beard, Andrew Evans, Anna Townley, Steve Kidd, Mike Statham, John Bassett, Bronwyn Elliott, Alan Wooton, Andy Kemp, Paul Stuart, Willie Young, Neil Loader, Stuart Trevallion, Richard Ogborne, Ashley Greenman, Gurcharan Cheema, Duncan Talbot, Bill Shingleton.

An excellent turn out! I'm bound to have missed someone, so sorry to you. If your on the list but were not there, why not, you missed a bloody good curry.

Apologies: Steve Hardy, Karen Stigter, Elliot Kirk, Kevin Shelton-Smith

Note, as well as being the secretary to the Club and Events (nothing like building your part, is there?) Trev was also the Chief (well, only) Barman, therefore minutes were taken by Bill. Well there is only so far us blokes can take multi-tasking.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and widely accepted as a real masterpiece.

Proposed by Oggie and seconded by Willie.

Chairman's Address?

(Many thanks to whoever reminded us it was Rushden, we'd all thought he'd emigrated).

Thank you all for attending this AGM
2008 has been another momentous year for the Striders with more retired ex-Chairmen about than you can shake a stick at
.....and also thanks in arranging this AGM at a time when I'm in the country
....and also thanks for giving me the Frisbee Award in my absence last year

We had all our main events which were all well attended
Cross Country Race, Colworth Mile, Colworth 5 Relay, Colworth 8
Also many participated in the Colworth Triathlon

The popularity of the Time Trial Handicap seems to be increasing each time it is run to which we must thank our Time Lord Trev and yourselves for participating. It's a good measure of how the trainings going and some peoples times have improved very impressively.

We put out a 'pure' Colworth Striders Team in the Bedford Harriers 10K Club invitation race in September and I think we came 3rd overall. This reminds me of the old days when the Colworth Striders were feared and ran like 'Bats out of Hell' – although this may have had something to do with the knitted Kit in those days ?

We again sent a squad to the Rotterdam Marathon in April and had usual the fantastic hospitality from our Dutch colleagues with their Orang-utan appeal. A good number of PB's were achieved this year

The Colworth Marathon Challenge Weekend was again well attended and organised and extremely very well set out I thought. Last year we had 7 people who have completed all 6 challenges so far. Thanks to Oggie, Tony, Della, Trev, Bill, Mike, Andrew, Chris Wright, Chris Capps and Bedford Harriers for use of their kit and everyone who help out over the weekend.

The amount for charity raised over the Weekend is fantastic and one of the good causes that we were able to sponsor was the Race Across America team including Andy, Richard, Andy, Bronwyn, Malc, Allan – raising money for Cancerbackup. So well done - you've all done very well.

Thank you Mr Chairman, safe and steady, safe and steady. (Despite the barracking from the floor).

Treasurer's Report.

It balances well!

Accounts are available at on the Striders UniWiki Site

<http://wiki.colworth.unilever.com/uniwiki/578>

"You're welcome to propose a new treasurer if you want....." says the current treasurer, ".....but, it's getting quite a big job now". Err, no thanks Tony, you're doing just fine.

Key to the fine accounting situation was the central funding of the Marathon Challenge Weekend. £10,000 from site (drawn from all the Unilever Business Units). Essentially site takes the financial risk out of running the event, The weekend would break even without site funding, but would dramatically limit the amount donated to good causes.

A whopping £6,887.50 was donated to Charity.

Good profit out of the Marathon Challenge Weekend now in the Striders coffers.

Tighter control of food sales, enabled the Colworth Charities Committee make a profit for the weekend.
Congratulations to Oggie who's leadership was a big part of the success of the 2008 Marathon Challenge.

Andy Kemp: Does the club had a target for amount of money sat in the account?
Treasurer: Idea is to run the account down to between £500 and £1000 by subsidising Str1ders events.
Chairman: There is also the Club Charities list we can donate too.

Proposed by a host of people, but I think the loudest voice was Andy Kemp.
Seconded by a host of people, which included chairman.

Election of Officers.

Unanimous agreement that there should be absolutely no change to the current order – result!

2009 Events

Rotterdam / London Marathons, April
Mile, May
Colworth 5 Relay, Early June

MCW (Supremo for 2009 is Oggie again as he did it so well last year) –
19th to 21st June.

Bar staff are required to help over the weekend, if you fancy a stint please contact Linda Wainwright (x8054). No previous experience needed, full on-the-job training will be given, Trev hopes to secure some fantastic ale AND you'll get paid!

On a similar vein, we can always do with more help with marshalling, if you can help out for any of the three races please contact Bill Shingleton.

Colworth 8 (September)
Colworth Triathlon (September) all encouraged to enter, a really good event to have a go at your 1st triathlon.
Chip Butty Run (December)
Cross Country Race (January 2010)

Club Awards.

Club Champion: Calculated by our one and only Time Lord, Trev Cook, from all sorts of events that Str1ders participate in over the year.

The 2008 Club Champion is Bill Shingleton.

Striders Strider of the Year: Nominations this year were:

- Richard Ogborne for taking on the organisation of the 2008 Marathon Challenge Weekend and doing a damn fine job.
- Andy Griffin for the RAAM.
- Mark Tinkler for his efforts in preparing for and running the Marathon Challenge Weekend.

This year's winner (by a huge majority of one vote) is Richard Ogborne.

Most Improved Strider: Niteen Sawant, and very well deserved it is too.

Multisporter of the Year: A new award, appropriately won by Richard Piron.

The Alan Wooton Frisbee Award: Three contenders:

- Andrew Evans: For doing one of his mountain marathons but then getting stuck goom up a hill in the Lake District in the p*ssing rain and making it onto the 10 o'clock news!
- Bill Shingleton: For the various reasons he dropped out of the Rotterdam Marathon (all quite valid, I must point out).
- Richard Ogborne: For attempting to come out of retirement and run another Marathon.

There could only be one, spectacular winner: Andrew Evans.

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Very good curry, thank you to Divindra Bains for a fantastic meal.

Inspector Gadget has the AV gear to 'dispose of' from the BusIT store. Striders happy to find a suitable home for it.