



# WREKIN ROAD RUNNERS

HQ:Telford Ice Rink

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## Annual General Meeting - MINUTES

**Friday 14th March 2008 7.30pm at the Staggar Inn, Telford Ice Rink**

An excellent turn out of 24 members + youngsters.

1. Apologies: Wendy, Pat, Tom, Ivor & Rob Pearce.
2. Chairman's report: Tony thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to an open & friendly meeting. Special thanks to Committee Members, Kathy for the Brewery Run, Marek for printing, Members (new & old) for marshalling duties and other jobs giving up their Sundays to help, Paul Ward, Wendy, Kim(s), Denzil, Ian, Jon, Sarah(s) also Lyndon, John Leonard & work colleagues and family, thanks to runners representing Wrekin home and abroad, also race sponsors. The shugborough relays saw 13 teams entered by Wrekin, the "A" team were 4<sup>th</sup>. Ladies were 9<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. At the Shropshire Cross Country Champs the ladies vets were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. An excellent turnout to meals after each sexarathon race series, with Mr Daves swamped. The New Year Bash went well apart from too much champagne! It has been a challenging year and an enjoyable experience and very proud of all who worked and run so hard for the Club.
3. Vice Chair report: Ian mentioned the club's growth to nearly 90 members, also increased members on training nights. Thanks to Committee members, race organisers, members/friends/family, we could not stage these events without your support, including members handing out race forms at races. A big thank you to everyone. We broke the 30 entrant mark in 1 of the sexarathon series races and had high 20's runners in most other races in the series. After the Madeley 5k we took no less than 8 categories, Whizzo taking 1<sup>st</sup> overall for the third time in 5 years, other winners were Tom, Paul Williams, Ivor, and the ladies Kath Berry, Kim Brown, Pat and Kathy. It's worth running these races for the social meal/drink afterwards! Ian also mentioned the successful Caen trip with the ladies taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5K, also the Shropshire Cross Country vet ladies with a third placing, followed by a few beers at the severn valley station pub. Lastly the Curry night & also Xmas bash was well supported. The wreckers managed to hold on to their reputation until the chairman disappeared to the Throne in the Gents and fell asleep and captain whizzo was called in to rescue him. A good night was had by all.
4. Secretary's report: Rob gave the usual thanks to everyone who have helped/supported the Club. England Athletics took over from MCAA in the registration field and last year our fees were £3 per member. This year they are increasing to £5 per member (First Claim only). England Athletics are a professional body and now EMPLOY people to do the necessary paperwork. We should all be in possession of a registration card, called a competition licence. Relay fees for Shugborough are quite high, last year £13 per team of 4. We entered 13 teams at the Club's expense, costing nothing to our members. Do we continue to fund this event? Profits are given to local Stafford Children's special schools. It was agreed to continue funding the race with club funds as this year the fee per team of 4 is £12.
5. Treasurer's report: Tony handed out the expenses sheets showing a closing balance of £1534.99 as at 25.2.08. It was a slight increase in funds from last year (£1472.90). There were no queries.
6. Membership Sec report: Denzil reported 87 members & it was a really good year for membership.
7. Club kit sec report: Pat sent her apologies for her absence and reported some kit still in stock available for purchase. Denzil requested that we look into having the WRR name printed on the back of the vest as well

- as the front. Kim reported that the kit was not comfortable for the ladies and had spoken to other lady members who had similar views. It was decided to ask Pat to look into this with Kim, and report back at the next meeting.
8. Web Site Sec report: Tom has been too busy and Jon Aston will take over when the access codes are passed on. It was generally felt this only needed a phone call and it was a shame that the web site has been fairly inactive for some considerable time. Denzil reported he still could not access the site using Apple Mac. Tony to speak to Darren ASAP. Ian offered to help if he could with the web site but as his computer was 30 years old it seemed unlikely!
  9. Social Sec report: Tony (& Kathy/Wendy) advised that the Hobson's Brewery trip was booked for Tues April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the day before the first Sexarathon series race at Lilleshall. Cost around £10, minibus will be at the Cock Hotel at 7pm, returning around 1am. Denzil invited everyone to his hot tub party after the Ice Rink 5 miler on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Bring food and booze. Many runners go for a meal after the Telford series races.
  10. Publicity Sec report: Wendy wished to stand down and Tony managed to persuade Kim B to take over. Ian offered his assistance. Everyone advised to email Kim B with times and details of races run. Wendy would assist if necessary in the near future.
  11. Race Sec reports: Ennstone 7 – John reported an excellent entry with funds of £2790.13. Sponsorship for next year agreed at the usual rate of £750. Thanks to everyone who helped. John queried the fees for using the Ice Rink as they were expensive – Sarah H stated the showers needed upgrading - Tony to meet & agree a fee with the Ice Rink for the year if possible. Denzil/Paul requested all entrants needed to be mailed their number prior to the race (76 on line entries). Kathy felt strongly the age categories could be increased & it was agreed. Crown Classic 10k – 2009 will be the last year due to the landlord leaving, £200 sponsorship agreed for Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008, the old treasurer had not produced the accounts and Kathy (new treasurer) to look into. Dawley day which is normally in July is awaiting an exact date. £125 normally given to us to stage the run, with Ian/John to personally be presented an additional £125 for the club at a date in the near future. Ice Rink 5 has a healthy balance of £1238.33, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 = race day, marshals & assistance required. The 2007 Lets Get Physical event was marshalled by WRR, a date of 29.6.08 was mentioned but Ian to advise in due course.
  12. Election of Officers for 2008/2009: Chairman Tony, Vice Chair Ian, Secretary Rob, Treasurer Tony, Membership Sec Denzil, Club Kit sec Pat with assistance from Kim D, Web Site= Jon Aston, Social Sec= Tony & Kathy L, publicity sec = Kim B: Election of Committee Members = Jason, Kath Berry, Kim D, Jan Pugh, Sarah H, Paul Williams, Wardy, Mark Evans.
  13. Club constitution (inc code of conduct/Child protection policy). Sarah Hodgson spoke about the need of a Child Protection Policy for WRR and produced a 3 page handout to all members present at the meeting. It was agreed that Sarah had talked herself into the role of WRR Child Protection Officer. Many thanks for her hard work in producing the necessary documents. Sarah H also spoke about the need of enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau for perhaps some WRR Officers. It was pointed out that Rob, Ian & John L had already applied through the official channels of UK Athletics and have Technical Licences issued to them. This cost zero to the club. Further discussion on this matter could be made at the next meeting if required.
  14. Membership fees were decided as £15 1<sup>st</sup> Claim, £10 2<sup>nd</sup> Claim, £3 social member. Membership starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March – with no refunds for part of year etc. Cross Country and Shugborough Relay fees to be met in full by club.
  15. 2008 Club races/proposed trips: For Caen trip on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June see Ian. The Humberside race and Stroud race was suggested as excellent races.
  16. Any Other Business: John L mentioned a donation to Bully's charity had been made by the sponsor Ennstone. A 10% discount was available from Seaton Sports, Up & Running, Blacks, and Bourne Sports. See Tony if you require a membership card. Ian requested that a poster advertising WRR needed updating. Ian also proposed committee meetings needed to be every 2 months instead of 3. It was agreed. Kath mentioned the Sport Relief run in Drayton.
  17. Set date/time of next meeting: Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May 8.30pm. Cresda Bar.
  18. The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.