



**Telford Harriers Running Club**  
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18 November 2008

## 1. Present & Apologies

| Present | Absent | Apology | Name           | Position                                      |
|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---|
| √       |        |         | John Strange   | Chair   |
| √       |        |         | Alan Jenkins   | Vice Chair                                    |
|         |        | √       | Carole Bremner | Treasurer                                     |
| √       |        |         | Lisa Watkins   | Club Kit Secretary                            |
|         |        | √       | Pete Hough     | Cross Country Secretary, Club Rep at the SAAA |
| √       |        |         | Grace Hough    | Club Rep at SAAA                              |
| √       |        |         | Alison Larwood | Membership Secretary                          |
|         |        | √       | Sue Williams   | Social Secretary                              |
|         |        | √       | Deb Hugh       | Social Secretary                              |
|         |        | √       | Jane Staite    | Committee                                     |
| √       |        |         | Lisa Yeomans   | Ironbridge Half Marathon Race Director        |
| √       |        |         | Jeff Wright    | Committee                                     |
| √       |        |         | Tim Smith      | Committee                                     |
| √       |        |         | Steve Bajic    | General Member Guest                          |
| √       |        |         | Lynn Strange   | General Member Guest                          |

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- **2.1 Vets T & F League** – GH confirmed that Telford Harriers have been welcomed into this league. The first meeting will be at Telford. AJ asked for help in organising teams for the 4 meetings. TS asked if any of the dates clashed with the Sexarathon series. GH will confirm the dates at a later committee meeting.
- **2.2 Brit Burn-up** – JW informed the meeting that this event has been cancelled. It will be replaced by the Spring Village Sprint, a race of approximately 2 miles. HQ will be at Horsehay Golf Centre. JS will notify the staff there. The Christmas social run will still go ahead as planned – 11.30 am from Ironbridge and JW will make some posters advertising these events.
- **2.3 Car Stickers** – LY said she is having trouble finding a supplier, but has had one quote of £145 plus VAT for 250 stickers.

## 3. Race Organisers

- The committee agreed that the club should participate in the following team events next year:
  - **Shugborough Relays** (June 2009) – GH and Jane to organise
  - **Midland 6 and 12 Stage Relays** (April 2009) – GH and LW to organise ladies for 6 stage
  - **Ladies 4 stage/Mens 6 stage Relays** (October 2009) – JS and LY to organise
  - **Vets T & F League** – dates to be confirmed. JW/AJ/GH/JS offered to help
  - **Welsh Castles** (June 2009) – the club needs to be accepted before we can start putting together a team
  - **Tour of Telford/Club Handicap**
  - **Cross Country Championships: Midland Champs** – AJ to enter teams, **County Champs** – Mike Sprason has offered to enter the teams, **National Champs** at Parliament Hill – GH to enter teams

## 4. Ironbridge Half

- LY asked for suggestions for goody bags. She has had a quote from a printers for £30 for 2000 entry forms. To date, between 50 and 60 entries have been received.

## 5. Any Other Business

- **5.1 Shropshire AA AGM** – GH attended this meeting last week. A representative from Shropshire County Council informed the AGM that England Athletics will be replaced by 3 national regions. She has offered to come to one of our meetings to talk about the changes. JS suggested that she comes to the next committee meeting and GH will arrange this.

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- **5.2 Notice Board** – The new board is not being utilised. AJ suggested contacting Telford and Wrekin Council and requesting help in getting a permanent notice board at Horsehay.
- **5.3 Christmas Opening at Horsehay** – JW informed the meeting that the bar at Horsehay will be closed on Tuesday 23 December until 6 January 2009. They will be open on 30 December but it was agreed that the club would not train from Horsehay during this period.
- **5.4 New Members** – AL informed the meeting that the following people had joined as new members and the committee accepted them into the club: Sharonlee Young, Sarah Turner, Mark Painter and Kevin Storah.
- **5.5 New Starters** – There was some lengthy discussion about new starters joining groups that are not suitable to their needs. LS suggested that we take it in turns to take new runners out and it was generally agreed that front runners should be encouraged to run back for slower people. JS suggested starting shuttle runs again.
- **5.6 Shropshire AA Affiliation Fees** – LW told the meeting that the fees were due and the cost would be £40 for the year to cover all disciplines.
- **5.7 Training Organisation** – AJ said he had been sorting things whilst JS has been away from the club. He is happy to continue with this but would appreciate it if other members could go round and ask who is doing what before we go out. JS suggested going back to the numbers system. AJ said he would put a list of regular group members on the notice board.
- **5.8 Club Awards** – AJ said these need to reflect changes in the club. GH suggested a team award.
- **5.9 Coaching** – There are rumours that faster members are talking about leaving Telford Harriers. It was agreed that training sessions need to be tailored to accommodate their needs. The current system seems to be working well at present. JS is to carry on with the beginners speedwork sessions from next week. GH/AJ agreed to split the speedwork into two groups.
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## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will take place on 16 December 2008.

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○ **Any items for the Club Committee meetings please pass them on to John Strange.**