

## **2009 LARKFIELD ATHLETICS CLUB AGM**

### **Apologies for Absence**

Trevor Walker, Graeme Knott, Kate Hodgkiss, Kevin Ostrehan and Bridget Ostrehan

### **Chairman's Report**

- Dave Dean welcomed everyone to the AGM.
- The minutes from the 2008 AGM were agreed.
- The club now has 136 members and is still growing.
- In February we held our 6<sup>th</sup> Aquathon which was won by Larkfield's Gareth Evans. The Chairman commented that although this race doesn't raise a huge amount of money for the club that we should still try to hold this event next year.
- In April this year Larkfield had a record 27 runners competing in the London Marathon. While some struggled round there were some fantastic performances with Steve Throssell being the first man back in 3.01 and Bridget Ostrehan being the first women back in 3.25.
- In May we ran the 10K event where we had 461 entries of which 412 finished the race.
- The Larkfield AC summer BBQ was held in August and the Chairman thanked Liz and Duncan Scott for allowing us to hold the BBQ at their house and commented that everyone enjoys this event every year.
- The club competed in two mob matches over the summer. The first against Istead and Ifield Harriers at Cascades in Gravesend, which unfortunately we lost. The second was against Paddock Wood AC at Marden. We again lost and the Chairman hoped that we could get a larger team out next year to beat our KFL rivals. The Chairman thanked Rob Bright for finding such a great course and hoped to stage the event again next year.
- The Club decided to use some off the club funds to pay for member's race entries in the Folkstone half marathon and the Thanet marathon. 26 runners from Larkfield competed in the Folkstone half marathon but only 4 people decided to take up the challenge of the Thanet marathon, with Neil Clarke unfortunately having to pull out only a few miles from the finish due to an injury.
- The Chariman commented on the number of trips undertaken this year including to the Harwich Triathlon in June and Alison's trip to the Somme.
- The Chairman thanked Alison for organising the Christmas Party and Cherry for the fantastic job on the club newsletter.
- At the start of the year Mel and Ron Evans started the beginners group which has been a huge success and the Chairman hoped to repeat this with another group in the New Year. The Chairman thanked Mel and Ron for all their hard work.
- The Chairman also thanked Liz Scott and Neil Clarke for all the coaching they have done over the past year.
- In the closing statement the Chairman made reference to our strong men's and women's teams, including Simon Hesketh being the V40 10mile and half marathon champion. Jane Bright being the Kent V55 champion and Nicola Groom who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Kent Champs. The Chairman commented on the 17 club records that have been broken, the last being Steve Groom taking the marathon record from Steve Throssell in the New York Marathon.
- The Chairman's final statement was that he forgot to mention that we are the Kent Fitness League Champions!

### **Triathlon Report**

- Sarah Day started by thanking Liz for helping out this year.
- There were 5 new Ironmen this year Steve Groom, Spencer Lee, Richard Hussey, Scott Rutland and Alex Fairman completing various events in the UK and abroad.
- A special mention was given to new comer George Osbourne who competed in the Junior Elite Sprint event in Hyde Park, the venue for 2012.
- Ron and Michael Evans competed at the European Age Group Championships in Holten, Netherlands.
- Ashley Howes made the longest trip of the year to compete in the World Championship on the Gold Coast in Australia.
- Ron, Michael and Ashley have secured age group selection for 2010 European Championship being held in Athlone, Ireland.
- Ron Evans has been crowned 50 – 60 World Champion in the Biathle Championships held in Monaco.
- The club had 7 Triathletes compete in the Harwich Triathlon.
- In her closing statement Sarah mentioned that club members have competed in over 44 multi discipline events travelling the all over the world and that this was a fantastic achievement.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The club ran a surplus of funds for 2008 mainly due to the success of the 10K .
- The main expenses for 2008 were the affiliation fees, race entries, club kit and social events.
- It was unclear who paid the affiliation fees for the CTT and BTA for 2008 as these had not been reimbursed to whoever paid them.
- It was agreed that the membership fee should remain unchanged. However it was noted that the motion passed at last years AGM that if there are 2 or more members from the same household, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent members would only pay £15 wasn't implemented. The Chairman stated that we were not going to introduce this.

### **Election of Club Officials**

- Steve Groom, Chris Neale and Sarah Day were not seeking re-election and the Chairman thanked them for their contribution to the club.
- The entire committee stood down and the Chairman asked if anyone was interested in standing for any of the positions on the committee.
- David Dean re-elected Chairman.
- Robert Day re-elected Club Secretary.
- Jane Bright re-elected Club Treasurer.
- James Colledge was elected Membership Secretary.
- Alison Gaunt re-elected Social Secretary.
- Rob Bright re-elected Route Master.
- Mark Weber re-elected Webmaster & 10K .
- Sally Beeby re-elected Club Kit Secretary.
- Claire Saunders re-elected Ladies Captain.
- Steven Throssell re-elected Men's Captain.
- Richard Hussey was elected Triathlon Secretary.
- Events Organiser position left vacant.

### **Events for 2010**

- The 10K is planned for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Mark Weber has agreed to organise this event again. There was some discussion on having a race limit of 450 runners with an aim to get 400 running due to the restricted access on the course and problems with car parking. It was discussed that we should offer prize money in each category.
- It was agreed that we should aim to run the Aquathon again and if necessary use the Triathlon secretary for help.

### **Discussion of Club Funds**

- It was agreed to continue supporting race entries and to target particular races like in 2008 with the Folkstone half marathon and Thanet marathon.
- It was also suggested that this should be done for the Triathlon part of the club and Harwich was suggested as the event to target.
- It was suggested that we should support a local charity and that we could maybe use the local Scouts to help out at the 10K in return for a donation.

### **Other Business**

- Sally Beeby mentioned she had club kit for sale including the new long sleeve tops.
- Alison Gaunt mentioned that there had been a few people pull out the Christmas Party and that we really needed to get the numbers up to 80 if possible.
- Holly Hill challenge will take place on the same day as the Christmas Party Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- Track sessions at Deangate. Clare Saunders has enquired about using Deangate once a month for Thursday night training, however Medway and Maidstone have not moved out yet to their new track at the Black Lion. Until they move we will be unable to use Deangate. Clare has left her contact details with Deangate so they can notify her when the facility will become available.

### **London Marathon draw**

The following members were entered into the draw for the 3 London Marathon places allocated to the club:

Spencer Lee  
Sarah Mooney  
Chris Gower  
Abi Johnson  
Neil Taylor  
Tom Grain  
Andrew Purvis  
Ravi Cautick  
Nathan Chapman

The 3 members drawn out were Abi Johnson, Neil Taylor and Tom Grain.