

Orwell Panthers AGM

4th November 2009
Northgate sixth form centre.

The meeting opened at 6.40 with a minute silence in memory of Jerry Everett who died this year. Jerry was vice chairman and coach with Orwell Panthers.

Present:

Members - Stephen Foulger, Michael Davis, Andrew Davis, Matthew Foulger, Becky Page, Paul Davis, Kevin Curtis, Margaret Nicholls, Tony Cheatham, Mike Oakley, Lis Henderson, Jessica Lake, Luke Hindle, Olivia Abbott, Anita Abbott, Daniel Amass, Harry Fuller, Colin Hindle, Sue Hindle, Chevaughn Richardson, Paul Mitchell, Luke Di Benga, Ruth di Begna, Mitzi read, Andrew Brookes, Cathy Brookes, Doreen Mitchell, Amanda di Benga, Ann Stannard, Ann Negus, Paul Rutter, Bill Cox, Jean Cox, Mark Lake, Max Lake, Lorraine Lake, Chris Longhurst, Craig Longhurst, Aaron Squirrell, Nathan Bruce, Lee Austin, Caroline Austin, Ryan Storey, Oliver Minns, Kim Minns

Non members - Sarah Swallow, Alice Carter Swallow, A D Negus, D Gray, R Gray

Apologies - Justin Read, Katie Dixon, Frankie Dixon, Sue Dixon, Celia Foulger, Ellen Howard, Rachel Oakley, Charlotte Nicholls, Keith Nicholls, Grace Wellfare, Ellen Wellfare.

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were adopted and signed (Proposed by Doreen, Seconded Colin)

The Chairman's report was read and adopted. Mike praised the hard work of the athletes throughout the year, highlighted the success the club had had in various competitions and paid tribute to Jerry Everett. (proposed by Ann, seconded by Matthew)

The secretary's report was read and adopted. Margaret again praised the athletes but also highlighted the constant support of parents, coaches and Chairman Mike Oakley. Coaches were presented with a certificate to mark the work they have put in this year. The club is now part of the athletics network for the area, and coaches part of the national coaching network. (Proposed Matthew, seconded Michael)

The financial report was read. The club currently has a balance of 314,487.33. The biggest expenditure is hiring facilities and the club tries to ensure this is met through the annual subs. Tony Cheatham answered questions re the financial report, in particular the advertising budget. Special thanks were paid to Ann Negus and her tireless work to secure sponsorship and funding for events and equipment. (Proposed Ruth, seconded Becky)

It was proposed that the level of annual subscription 2009/10 be raised by £2 as follows

Annual Membership 2008/9 - £18.00 Proposed membership 2009/10 - £20.00

The Associate Membership would remain at £3 and weekly subs £1

Raising the subscription will help ensure track hire is covered for the year.

The changes were agreed (proposed Chevaughn, seconded Paul)

The following people were nominated and duly elected to serve on the committee:

President - Kevin Curtis
Chairperson - Mike Oakley
Vice Chair - Paul Hamblin
Honorary Secretary - Margaret Nicholls
Honorary Treasurer - Tony Cheatham
Membership Secretary - Colin Hindle
Child protection Officer (male) - Paul Davis
Child protection officer (female) - this position will be filled by committee members for the immediate future
Coaching secretary - this position will be filled by members of the committee for the immediate future
Publicity officer - Ann Negus
Minutes secretary - Lis Henderson

The above nominations were proposed by Stephen and seconded by Luke Hindle. Parents and helpers were asked to consider getting involved with the committee and other aspects of the club where possible.

The following six people were elected to the committee:
Celia Foulger, Lis Henderson, Sue Hindle, Mitzi Read, Danny Thorrington, Anita Abbott. They were proposed by Cathy and seconded by Stephen.

Oliver Minns was nominated as Captain for the 2009/10 season
Harry Fuller was nominated as vice captain for the 2009/10 season
Harry was thanked for his hard work as captain this year. He has served the club extremely well, supporting athletes at competition and training, and has set a high standard for future captains.

The following awards were presented;
Captain's medal - Harry Fuller
Negus cup for Athlete of the year - most improved athlete - Matthew Foulger
Negus cup for Club member of the year - services to the club - Paul Rutter
N & P Cross country cup - male - Lee Austin
N & P cross country cup - female - Celia Foulger
The Coombe Challenge cup - achievement and progression - Olivia Abbott
The Panther shield - Outstanding endeavour - Andrew Brooks
The Nicholls Award - best track and field performance - Oliver Minns
The Sandra Cheatham Shield - most promising new member - male - Andrew Davis
The Sandra Cheatham Shield - most promising new member - female - Becky Page
The Jerry Everett Memorial Trophy - Sportsmanship award - Stephen Foulger
Mike again thanked the athletes and parents for their efforts for the club this year.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm