



FAIRLANDS VALLEY

SPARTANS

Affiliated to the Association of Running Clubs (ARC)
and UK Athletics through England Athletics (EA)

13th November 2009

UPDATED INFORMATION

Dear Spartan

Please find enclosed the following information for the Club's AGM which is to be held on 27th November 09, at the Ellen Terry Room, Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre, Stevenage, at 7.30pm.

1. Changes to the Constitution & Other Motions
2. Nominations received to-date for the Committee
3. Proposed Subscription Rates

All members are encouraged to attend in support of the Club.

Changes to the Constitution and Other Motions

The following Motions have been received for discussion and vote at the AGM. In line with the Constitution, no other Motions will now be considered.

The following Motions are being proposed by the current Committee:

1. The Membership year of the Club to run from April 1st to March 31st (instead of the current 1st January to 31st December) in order to simplify the administration of affiliations with UKA whose membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st. To accommodate this change, subscriptions paid after 1st November 2009 will entitle the member to membership until 31st March 2011. In addition, this will require the following modifications to the Constitution, which will come into effect on 1st April 2010:
 - a. Clause 8 to be amended to read 1st April, instead of 1st January
 - b. Clause 8.1 to be amended to read 1st April instead of 1st January
 - c. Clause 8.2 to be amended to read 30th April instead of 31st January in the first sentence, 1st May instead of 1st February in the second sentence, March 31st instead of 31st December in the second sentence, and 30th April instead of 31st January in the third sentence.
 - d. Clause 8.3 to be amended to read 1st April and 30th September instead of 1st January and 30th June in sentence (a)
 - e. Clause 8.3 to be amended to read 1st October and 31st January instead of 1st July and 31st October in sentence (b)
 - f. Clause 8.3 to be amended to read 1st February and 31st March instead of 1st November and 31st December in sentence (c)

PROPOSED BY: KATRINA DOYLE

SECONDED BY: MARK GLADING

2. New Clause 3.4 to be added to the Constitution to read:
The Officers of the Club (Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer) may not serve as an Officer for more than 3 consecutive years. Following such a 3 year consecutive period, that member may not be re-elected to be an Officer of the Club for a period of 2 years.

PROPOSED BY: MARK GLADING SECONDED BY: CHRISTINE KING

3. New class of membership to be available (termed "Social Membership") for those members who wish to be associated with the Club, but do not wish to train or compete. This class of membership will carry no subscription fee. Constitution to be amended at Clause 7.3 with new paragraph (f) to read "Social Members. Pay no subscription. Not entitled to compete for or train with the Club. Not entitled to vote at General Meetings."

PROPOSED BY: MARK GLADING SECONDED BY: RICHARD SIDLIN

The following Motions are have been received:

4. The minimum age for membership of the Club to be lowered from 18 to 16 (or 17). This will require the following modifications to the Constitution:
- a. Clause 6 to be amended from 18 to 16 (or 17)
 - b. Clause 7.3 e) to be amended from 18 to 16 (or 17)

PROPOSED BY: SEAN THOMPSON SECONDED BY: BEN COLLIER

Election of Management Committee

For your information, the following Officers of the Club are standing for re-election:

- Chairman: Mark Glading

For your information, the following Officers of the Club are NOT standing for re-election:

- Secretary: Christine King
- Treasurer: Tony Osborne

Nominations are invited for all of the above positions. These can be submitted prior to, or at, the AGM.

The following nominations have been received to date:

- Secretary: Sara O'Callaghan (Proposed by Christine King, Seconded by Mark Glading)
- Treasurer: Sean Thompson (Proposed by Katrina Doyle, Seconded by Richard Sidlin)

The following Committee Members are standing for re-election:

- Graham Blackburn
- Katrina Doyle
- Steve Smithson
- Tessa Stephenson
- Joan Ridger
- Richard Sidlin
- Tony Osborne
- Sue Leigh (Team Captain)
- Richie Bate (Team Captain)
- Tracy Pez
- Paul Holgate

The following Committee Members are not standing for re-election:

- Christine King
- Tony Willson
- Mark Collins

The following members have been nominated for election to the Committee:

- Chris Leigh (Proposed by Mark Glading, Seconded by Richard Sidlin)
- Ian Larman (Proposed by Katrina Doyle, Seconded by Mark Glading)
- Rob Shaw (Proposed by Mark Glading, Seconded by Chris King)
- Marie Colucci (Proposed by Tracy Pez, Seconded by Richard Sidlin)
- Sarah O'Bryan (Proposed by Katrina Doyle, Seconded by Mark Glading)

Additional nominations are invited for Committee Members. These can be submitted prior to, or at, the AGM. Additional Committee Members are urgently required. If you wish to be nominated, please contact one of the Committee as soon as possible

Proposed Subscription Rates

The Committee is proposing the following subscription rates for 2010/11:
Rates to stay the same as 2009 and run for 15 months (until 31st March 2011) – to bring in line with UKA Affiliation year – effectively a 25% reduction in rates from 2009:

- Full Membership - £25.00 (includes 2010/11 UKA affiliation fee)
- 2nd Claim Membership - £15.00
- Full time Student/OAP/Unemployed - £15.00 (includes 2010/11 UKA affiliation fee)
- Life Member – No fee (unless the Life Member wishes to affiliate with UKA for 2010/11 in which case a fee of £5 will apply)
- Junior Member - £10.00 (includes 2010/11 UKA affiliation fee)

Members will be able to “opt-out” of UKA Affiliation when completing their 2010/11 Membership Form and thus reduce their subscription fee by £5. However, the Committee strongly advises all Members to take up UKA Affiliation due to the benefits of being covered by UKA insurance, as well as reduced rates for entering races.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM.

Yours sincerely

Chris King
General Secretary