

Todmorden Harriers Committee

Points raised at the July meeting

1. It was agreed that we should send a cheque for £125 to cover the invoice from the Assheton Arms in Downham. Derek has sent a letter to B&S Coaches asking claiming this amount.
2. Those who have not paid their subs for 07/08 are no longer members and will not receive a Torrier.
3. Low turnout at the Carnival race and the demise of the Flowerscar race were discussed. Dave O'Neil asked if they could be linked with the Stoodley Pike race to make a 3-race series. The calendar is almost saturated, so maybe the Hebden race could move to a mid-week slot. It was agreed that Andrew Bibby and Rachel Skinner would be approached to ask what they think.
4. One new member was approved: Kevin Coughlan
5. The resignation of Jon Wright was discussed at some length. Jon wants to move on because he feels there is little commitment to gaining team championship points. The difficulty of Todmorden being able to turn out an 'elite' team for every English Championship race was discussed. It was felt that we need to put more effort into motivating our top runners for team events, but that at the same time we are limited by having a relatively small number of first class runners from which to draw. It was agreed that Mandy and others would get in touch with Jon to try to persuade him to stay on. Derek is to write to him formally.
6. Andrew Horsfall once again pointed out how difficult it can be to get enough marshals for a race. The same loyal people turn out every time for the Noon Stone. It was agreed that we should try to get some of the newer members to marshal, initially perhaps 'shadowing' an experienced marshal.

Points raised at the August meeting

1. Jon Wright has decided, after some consideration, not to leave the club after all. He is hopeful of better things next year.
2. How do we encourage more people to turn out for GP races? Colin suggested organising 'away-days' such as day trips to the lakes.
3. The club website needs updating, including a junior section. Mandy to speak to Keith.
4. At races do we sell ourselves enough? In general do we celebrate our achievements? Do we have membership forms on hand? Colin has offered to produce a poster to take to races.