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NEWSLETTER

May 2004

AWARDS DINNER



Another packed house for the Annual Awards Dinner with Guests of Honour Deputy

Mayor Bryan Hedley and his wife Jane, and Linda Cook from the Rugby Football Union, plus David and Sonia Wilson representing BMW Altwood. Aply MC'd by Bob Barlow, food, as usual, by Jan and Susan of Taste of Perfection, and superbly organised by our Administrator Liz Hornby, a tremendous evening was had by all.

Chairman Phil Jones, spoke of a success of 2003, both in the sporting field and in fundraising, and praised the effects of all who were involved in any way. In a short - JJ please note - resumé of what had happened in a packed year, Phil particularly thanked all the coaches, volunteers and committee members who are the backbone of the club, and without whom WAMDSAD would not operate.

After the presentation of the awards, Councillor Hedley spoke passionately of his regard for WAMDSAD - for its objectives, achievements and success in providing such opportunities for the disabled to enjoy sport from grass roots to Paralympic standards - success the RBWM is justifiably proud of.

AGM - 2 April 2004

Whilst there were no great surprises at the AGM this year, other than how few people turned up, it was nevertheless noteworthy in two respects. Firstly, Eric Smallbone surrendered the post of Secretary to the Association after a mere 21 years and was presented with a hip flask engraved with his initials and half bottle of whisky to go with it to mark the occasion. Secondly, last year was hugely successful in its fundraising, and ended with very acceptable results for both WAMDSAD Ltd and WAMDSAD Enterprises Ltd.

Chaired by Phil Jones, the meeting heard reports from himself as Chairman, Treasurers Ian Donovan and Jean Schaffer, Operations Director Mike Davis and Director of Sport Ray Fields. The Directors for both companies were re-elected en-bloc and Liz Hornby, the Club Administrator, was appointed as Company Secretary, replacing Eric Smallbone who remains on the Board of both Companies.

The Vice Presidents were similarly elected en-bloc and needless to say, John Jenkins voted in as President for a further year. In his closing remarks, JJ congratulated the club, its sportsmen and women, volunteers, helpers and staff amongst others for an excellent year and wished those involved all success for the Paralympics in Athens later this year, BUT WHERE WERE ALL THE MEMBERS.....?



Your Club Needs You

On Saturday 15 May there is a Street Collection in Windsor. We need you to help. Obviously the more people helping - the better - and the more money for WAMDSAD. As you know, these collections are our 'bread and butter' so please, if you can spare an hour or so on 15 May let either John Jenkins or the office know. Many thanks.

Baric Golf Day

There are still some spaces for teams or individuals at the Baric Golf Day on Tuesday 18 May being held at Mill Ride Golf Club, Ascot. Price is £59 per head which includes bacon butty on arrival, green fees, and a meal in the evening. If you are interested, please contact the office for further details and application form. Time is running out, and it's first come first served.

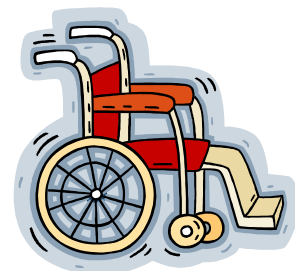


WAMDSAD Games

You will find enclosed with this newsletter details of the WAMDSAD Games to be held on Saturday 5 June. Please fill in the relevant information and return to Mick Mitcham at the Clubhouse.

Wheelchair Push

Good Grief is it that time of year again I hear you ask!!? It certainly is I reply. Please could you let the office (or John Jenkins) know if you are available on that day, either by putting in a team or wanting to be pushed.



Maidenhead Carnival 12 June



The Carnival this year promises to be a bigger and better one than before we are told. So we have entered a float, or more precisely, a large lorry with trailer, on which we shall display

WAMDSAD talents and sports to the public at large.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Maidenhead, the procession starts at midday and proceeds through the town ending at Bridge Avenue. Last year over 600 people took part and they raised over £18,000 for local charities.

Our organiser and team leader is our intrepid Club Steward, Trevor Montague, whom you should contact if you want to be involved. Sounds great fun and well worth doing!

Items For Sale



Items donated to us which we cannot use - a sensible donation to the club will acquire any of them, all sold as found of course, no guarantee, no money back - talk to "Del Boy" Montague!

- Electric Scooter - secondhand
- Electric Wheelchair - secondhand
- Adult tricycle with basket
- Table Tennis table - virtually brand new, not disabled friendly! **SOLD**

Friday Fun

It is with great sadness that Val Jones has decided to stand down as organizer of the Friday Fun Sports that is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in each month. Obviously we don't want to see the Friday Fun stop completely, so we're on the lookout for someone to take over the reins. Val is happy to hand over to someone willing to take this on and will stay on until Friday 16 July. For those of you who attend Friday Fun - kids and volunteers - you know what a happy and thriving group with is. So please, don't let this group fold, if someone would come forward to take over from Val, we would all be exceedingly grateful. If you are interested, please let either the office or Val know direct.

Website Latest

By the time you receive and read this newsletter, the new look website will be 'live'. There is lots of information on there along with a Forum section. Please visit www.wamdsad.co.uk and see for yourselves. A lot of hard work has gone into the site, and to our minds it's been well worth it!

Our Next Newsletter

If anyone has any item for the next newsletter which is due to be published at the end of July, then please get it to the office by Friday 16 July. Many thanks.

Charity Ball

WAMDSAD's fundraising committee has decided that as last year's Charity ball was so successful we should do another one. This year's is on Friday 15 October and will be held at the Madejski stadium in Reading, with the theme as 'Moulin Rouge!' Plans are now afoot, and what we really need at the moment is tombola prizes. If anyone can offer us anything in tombola category we shall be most grateful. Please let the office know. Watch this space for publicity material as it appears!! As happened last year when the shared the proceeds with the British Paralympic Association, this year they will be shared between WAMDSAD and the SIA (Spinal Injuries Association).



Thank You Eric

We would all like to say a very large Thank You to Eric Smallbone who stood down as Company Secretary at the AGM, a position he held for 21 years - no mean feat! Obviously he has seen the club grow from a small group of people with a big idea, to the realisation of that dream and beyond! He has agreed to stay on as a Board member and can still be seen on his 'high speed velocipede' on his way to the club!

Our Cupboard is Bare!!

Do you still have those unwanted Christmas presents hanging around in your cupboard? If you have, then WAMDSAD will be pleased to take them off your hands to put into *our* very own raffle cupboard!!!



Paralympian News - Watch This Space

To date Kathy Smith has qualified for Athens this year. Jeanette Chippington will find out in the next month or so if she has qualified. Watch this space for more information as and when we get it! To the best of our knowledge, WAMDSAD has been represented at each Paralympic Games since we were formed. What a wonderful, versatile club we are and we should take pride in these achievements!

