

Minutes of 34th Annual General Meeting, Nidd Valley Road Runners

Harrogate Hockey Club, Ainsty Road, Harrogate, HG1 4AP

Thursday 21st February 2019

Attendees: Dan Eagling, Jane Evans, Dave Seaman, Sarah Hughan, Christine Jones, Sam Fugill, Sarah Chalmers, Ian McLeod, Brian Hainsworth, Kevin Dalton, Matthew Wilkinson, Paul Manning, AJ Greenberg, Jane Hill, Michelle Dinsdale, Mike Deacon, Luke Wakelin, Sylvia Morten, Graham Hyde, Rosemary Thomson, Lynsey Barraclough, Nadene Wilkinson, Debbie Gibson, Michelle Smith, Emma Kettlewell, Rachel Prince, Fiona Deacon, Phil Ventress, Sarah Crawshaw, Jim Cook, Yvonne Skelton, Martin Weeks, Christina Taylor, Jamie Dilasser, Fiona Cunningham, Edoardo Piano, Martin Lofthouse, Sarah Lofthouse, Jonathan Easton, Sue Simpson, Fiona Robinson, Phil Robinson, Moira McTague, Catherine Barber, Matt Rickard, Alan Harby, Robert Hill, Kevin Nicholas, Rob Snow, Jenny Manning,

Apologies: Michelle Howe, Simon Staiano, Emma Kicks, Nicky Smith, Nick Smith, Jeff Walker, Bec Carmen.

- 1. Minutes from previous AGM** – proposed by Sam Fugill seconded Mike Deacon
- 2. Chairs Report:** Reflecting back over the last 2 years, how can I apply my day job back into the role of chair, did we need to grow club? Not really as we managed to break through the 200 mark without much of a strategy, at work though they developed a set of values to follow for who they take on, induction shows them vision and how business works. As a club we don't need to do this or have values as we know what it's about from the off. When I joined my induction was that I was introduced to Alan, had a chat and went running, I soon found out about evening league races, championships, intervals, bed race London marathon ballot. The most important bit is that we are friendly and don't leave anyone behind. We are welcoming. We are lucky we only attract friendly people or we welcome them in the right way, it's the second of those. We want to be friendly and inclusive doesn't matter about ability.
There isn't a plan, it's our culture that makes it a success.
Highlights from my time as Chair. 2016 -69 members in road champs – this year 143 – we have Captains Martin and Michelle to thank and Michelle is stepping down. 72 of that figure were ladies so there were more ladies than men taking part this year, well done to Michelle especially for that.
XC champs last year members taking part we had 73 this year up from 52 last year.
Investment, we have spent £900 on coaching and leaders, emphasising our commitment to reinvesting in our members to the benefit of the whole club.
Re investment into EA fees and we got EA funded coaching over the summer – thanks Sarah H for that.
Dan presents Sarah with gift and thanks for her support.

3. Membership report – Michelle Dinsdale.

A bumper year we have grown from 158 to 212 this year with 4 pending. Took on the job 2 years ago with 114 membership and in 2 years we have seen an 86% increase. Hopes next incumbent sees the same. She says it's been an honour and it's the happiest running club in Yorkshire.

4. Treasurer's report - Edoardo

Club Accounts slide with highlights demonstrated – explained that we had slightly overspent to £2-£3 more per head than income. So we have slight deficit we have slightly overspent and have vests in stock. See attached.

Dan then explained that as the membership continued to grow there will be less profit made on GF10 and we tried to reinvest in the club where we could. There was a high amount in the bank 2 years ago that we wanted to get down. It's now reduced, so time to look at if that level of spending is sustainable or do we need to get a little more income, at £37 for membership per year our subs are the cheapest in the area. We propose to raise the level of subs going forward to £40 per member. This went to a vote and was carried unanimously.

5. Junior Club Committee and Junior Treasurer's report. Michelle Smith.

Lee Dalton moved to Dubai so big changes in Junior club, thanks to Lee in setting up the Juniors and giving up his time so we have the club. Michelle Smith is the lead EA coach and Debbie Gibson is Welfare officer for the Juniors.

Last September Younger juniors came to the first earlier session and older ones later. Needed different coaches to manage those groups. Younger group is full with a waiting list space freed up when they move up to older group. Who is involved in Junior Club now. Team of coaches on Monday are Jon Easton, Lynsey Barraclough, John Beaumont, Nicky Smith, and longer standing, Jane Hill Debbie Gibson, Liam Marwood who was a Junior member himself and now coaches, Martin Lofthouse, Phil Fernyhough, Tim Harvey, and Phil and Rebecca Ventress. Rebecca Ventress was also thanked for her work and time as Membership secretary. Vanessa as Junior secretary and Debbie Gibson.

Fees are £65 for a full year and held at the same, so very good value compared to other clubs. Every new junior has received a new vest when they become a member and hoodies are subsidised for £20. Largest outgoing is premises and EA membership, invested in trophies and awards and wants to invest in new coaches continually.

Range of athletics events are held for the Juniors. The summer race champs linked to senior events where possible, last year was the first time summer races were included, the winter race series took place as always, and thanks to wider club for cheering them on, 2 athletes to rep Yorks in U12 XC event. 3 are in NY schools XC finals in March.

For the first time ever we got Juniors to go the Yorkshire, Northern and Nationals XC championships. So really good for the club. In the summer they had an athletics competition for all the juniors - winning team won Nidd Valley buffs.

Michelle passed on thanks to all who helped at events, juniors, parents and especially coaches and helpers.

Junior Treasurer's report and accounts - on behalf of Tim Harvey.

Breakdown, they are covering costs with money coming in at £65 per membership including paying for extra things like vests and hoodies, bought a leaving gift for Lee, money to PECO fees, Claro orienteering came and did a session as well. End of July 2018 they had £6k in the bank, money coming in covers annual costs and that £6000 can be reinvested.

Phil Ventress – highlighted to those at the meeting that Michelle Smith puts loads into Juniors and after Lee left she has to be there every session and really they need to have a second person if someone wants to come in to do the course so that Michelle could have some well-deserved time off. Thanks passed to Michelle.

6. Election of new committee:

Jeff Walker not continuing as a General Member.

Christine was a General member, not continuing as standing for Chair. Bec Carmen was elected to the position of General Member.

Jonathan Easton - general member not continuing this year– Kevin Dalton was elected as a General Member.

Nadene Wilkinson elected to continue as a General Member

Jane Hill –elected to continue as a General Member

Jane Hill – elected as the Junior officer

Michelle Smith stepping down as Ladies Captain - Sarah Chalmers elected as Ladies Captain.

Martin Lofthouse – elected and will continue as Men's Captain.

Michelle Dinsdale – steps down as membership secretary – Graham Hyde elected.

Deputy Treasurer's – Dave Seaman and Phil Robinson –elected again.

Edoardo Piano –steps down as treasurer – Sylvia Morten elected as Treasurer.

Secretary – Sarah Hughan – steps down - Christina Taylor elected as Secretary.

Chair – Dan Eagling steps down – Christine Jones elected as Chair.

7. Amendments to the constitution

It was proposed to add the welfare officer into the constitution as a member of the committee – it was also decided at the meeting not to vote on each section to change the changes were read out – 3.6 and 3.7 family membership, created as we didn't have a junior membership or club when it started. That is coming out. Social membership is coming out as well as not needed.

Clarification of unwaged. On Means tested benefit, or full time student. A new version of signed constitution will be circulated to the wider club after the AGM.

Question from Debbie Dilasser, who will be welfare officer and how to contact the welfare officer. The welfare officer is to be contacted on the welfare@email. To be set up. Bec Carmen will be looking after welfare within her role as General Member.

The proposal to make the amendments to the constitution was agreed and carried. The constitution was updated and signed at the AGM .

8. Presentations left from Awards night.

Presentation of awards left over. Michelle Smith, medals for participation, Sylvia Morten gold medal, Emma Kettlewell gold medal, Edoardo Piano fell participation trophies, Sue Simpson received various trophies and awards including Cross Country Super Vet female and Road Super Vet female and participation medals. Alex Robinson, Paul Manning, medals for participation.

Michelle Smith - commitment to Ladies captain and what she gives to Juniors, received the Most Meritorious award.

Mike Deacon took Andy Todd's trophies to hand out at parkrun.

Awards for quiz night. 3rd place couples table, 2nd place go fourth and multiply, 1st place J Jems Ceg.

Dan hands out gifts to leaving committee members and thanks them for their hard work and support.

9. AOB

Christine Jones – speech as the new Chair.

Reputation for being the friendliest club in the area now has a high risk club taking me on as Chair.

Thanked members for accepting her as Chair of the club, with the fantastic increase in numbers she realises she is taking a huge challenge on.

Explained that Dan minimises the effort that goes on behind the scenes and has done a great job. Presented Dan with a gift.

Gave thanks to existing committee members for staying on and new members for stepping up and rising to the challenge. Thanks to everyone here, as without you it wouldn't be the successful club it is.

Join together to enjoy another year of successful running and the reputation of being the friendliest running club.