

AGM Minutes of Meeting

Date: 14 March 2019

Venue: Huntingdon Town Hall.

Agenda

- Apologies (Juliet Corby, Simon Lumley, Claire Ashton, Jez Bottley, Sophie Etheridge, Karen Charman, Andy Ellam)
- Welcome and approval of previous AGM minutes
- Junior captains' report
- Treasurer's report
- Membership report
- Chairman's report
- Committee renewal (led by Gilles)
- Charity
- Marathon talk
- George Cant award
- Other business

<u>Introduction</u>	
David Thomas welcomed the members to the AGM, Gilles read the apologies.	
<u>Approval of the minutes of the last AGM meeting</u>	
David Newton proposed, and Geoff Hopcraft seconded the approval of last year's minutes.	
<u>Junior Captains' report</u>	
Due to a communication breakdown the Junior Officer did not have a report. David Thomas lauded the enthusiasm displayed by the junior members, stating it is a real joy to see the juniors and coaches working together. James Orrel is a prime example of an excellent work of the juniors transitioning successfully to the Seniors.	
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	
Ian Shipley delivered the budget report, the club broke even. The bank account is healthy with £16k. The absence of the Ouse Valley way is one of the reasons why the excedent was lower than usual.	

<p><u>Membership report</u></p> <p>Alice Noyes presented the membership report. 93 first claim Juniors and 215 first claim seniors. Adding the second claim and non-England Athletics members we come to a total of 434. Next year we are going to move to an online system to manage membership. The system will automatically send email reminders for renewing the membership. The licence fee is £60 per year. The system was tested with the beginners programme and it went well.</p>	
<p><u>Chairman's report</u></p> <p>David Thomas reflected on his first year as chairman. David has quickly felt a strong attachment to the club because of its approach. The low point of this first year was having to cancel the Ouse Valley Way marathon, the high is seeing that the coaching community is growing very well and the reviving of the OVW marathon as well as the BRJ Charity race. David thanked the committee for delivering the work. The introduction of the Strength & Conditioning sessions has been a welcome broadening of the training options provided to club members. David Thomas is very pleased to see club members perform so well quoting not only David Hudson but also all the other club members that bring in PB after PB. David welcomes the goodwill of volunteers and encouraged members to join the committee.</p>	
<p><u>Committee renewal</u></p> <p><i>Chairman</i> David Thomas Proposed by Alice Noyes, seconded by Roz</p> <p><i>Deputy Chair</i> Karen Charman Proposed by Ian Wilson, seconded by David Thomas</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Gilles Corby Proposed by Cy Gearing, seconded by Alan Hannibal</p> <p><i>Club Captain</i> Alan Hannibal Proposed by Gilles Corby, seconded by Sue Yendley</p>	

Treasurer

Ian Shipley

Proposed by Paul Mitton, seconded by Paulus Maukonen

Social Secretary

Kathryn & Jo Muff

Proposed by Roz, seconded by David Newton

Communications Officer

David Newton & Shelley Duffy

Proposed by Paul Homewood, seconded by Paulus Maukonen

Kit Officer

Kate Ruddock

Proposed by Geoff Hopcraft, seconded by Emma Figures

Results coordinator

Left vacant, Mike Gullis will continue keep the results

Membership Secretary

Alice Noyes

Proposed by Ian Wilson, seconded by Sue Yendley

Fund raising Officer

Filled later in the meeting – see agreed charity

Junior Representative

Paul Mitton

Proposed by Gilles Corby, seconded by Emma Stevens

Triathlon Coordinator

Paulus Maukonen

Proposed by David Newton, seconded by Emma Figures

Welfare Officer

Emma Stevens

Proposed by Melanie Gearing, seconded by Kat Heath

Multi sports championship

This post was seen as so similar to the triathlon coordinators that it was agreed to combine the roles. Paulus agreed to take on the new combined role.

Frostbite Liaison

Claire Few

Proposed by Cy Gearing, seconded by Michelle Casperz

Training Coordinator cycle

Andy Ellams

Proposed by Paulus Maukonen, seconded by Emma Figures

Training Coordinator Run

Post remained unfilled

Volunteer Coordinator

Kat Heath & Jo Muff, as Social officers

It was agreed for this year to combine the post with that of Social Officer.

Running Club Championship Coord

For Seniors Jane Roberts & Alison Orrell for Junior

Proposed by David Thomas, seconded by David Newton

David Thomas proposed to create a new role of Coach Development Coordinator. Ian Shipley seconded the proposition.

David Newton will fill this role

Charity

Arctic One

Sophie Etheridge sent a document that David Thomas read. Arctic One provides funding to help people with disabilities take part in sport.

Beat

Mel Gearing & Sabrina Crothall proposed Beat. Mel presented the charity aiming to help people fight eating disorder. ED affects a wide range of people, including sports people trying to optimise their performance by losing weight. Beat provides support to ED sufferers and help people who care for ED sufferers, this includes raising awareness of the early signs.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

David Newton asked Martine and her guide dog April to present the charity that gave Martine her confidence back by providing her first guide dog. It takes 2 years and it costs a significant amount to train a guide dog. In the UK there are about 2m people with visual impairment, many take part in sporting activities.

Sue Ryder

Emma Figures presented Sue Ryder after having extolled the qualities of the other three charities in contention. Emma has been working in Health Care for 17 years and has recently been working in a hospice and could see first-hand the difference that Sue Ryder does for people reaching the end of their life as well as for their family.

<p>37 members voted, 1 vote was void (2 ticks). Beat gained 20 votes, followed by Guide Dogs with 9 votes, Arctic One with 4 votes and Sue Ryder with 3 votes. The vote count by Gilles Corby was verified by Geoff Hopcraft.</p> <p>Beat is the 2019/20 financial year club charity and the Fundraising Officers are Mel Gearing and Sabrina Crothall. Emma Figures offered to assist and her help was welcomed.</p>	
<p><u>Marathon talk</u></p> <p>Sam Healy and Sarah Marsh presented their journey from sofa to Scotland, running the Loch Ness Marathon. They lauded the contribution and amazing coaching support from Sue Yendley. Awards were given to Sue, Sam and Sarah.</p>	
<p><u>George Cant award</u></p> <p>The George Cant award was given by the committee to Annette Newton for her dedication for organising club events.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>David Thomas mentioned the lack of run leaders on Mondays and opened a discussion on how we could increase the pool of run leaders. David Thomas and David Newton reassured Cy Gearing that qualified run leaders are covered by the club insurance.</p> <p>David Newton suggested introducing a rota to ensure that qualified run leaders share the runs evenly.</p> <p>Sam Healy said how much she appreciates the way Monday runs are organised and would like to help, however she is concerned that her knowledge of the geography of Huntingdon is a limitation factor.</p> <p>Kate Ruddock said she would like to take inspiration from the success of the 30th anniversary activities and revive a social agenda.</p> <p>On the communication front David Thomas that the Committee aims to improve the club website and is looking for WordPress talent. Jane Roberts suggested that we make better use of the existing Instagram account. The twitter account needs to be re-created.</p> <p>Mike Gullis said that events could be advertised earlier.</p> <p>David Newton said that Tony Farrow is looking at organising the BRJ Pentathlon this year again.</p> <p>Paulus Maukonen is looking at more inclusive triathlon training sessions.</p> <p>David Newton suggested to initiate the programme with a workshop to explain to participants the content and aims of the programme.</p> <p>The Ouse Valley Way Marathon entries are now open, Annette reminded that the BRJ Charity race entries are also open.</p> <p>The Duathlon entries will open in the coming days.</p>	