

BRJ Run and Tri

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

23rd March 2023

Present:

Claire Ashton, Samantha Ahern, Felicity Baillie, Anna Best Clive Best, Chris Brown, Adrian Cragg, Rachael Dent, Alice Edwards, Sophie Etheridge, Claire Few, Ruth Foster, Tony Foster, Mike Gullis, Alan Hannibal, Geoff Hopcroft, Karen James, Simon Lumley, Nigel Maggs, Paul Mitton, Annette Newton, David Newton, Alice Noyes, Alison Orrell, Richard Orrell, Tim Phillips, Gerry Pye, Kate Ruddock, Lisa Shacklock, Ian Shipley, Kerry Surkitt, Ian Wilson, Sue Yendley.

Apologies:

John Batchelor, Gilles Corby, Juliet Corby, Carol Hall, Tim Hall, Heledd Marshall- Roberts, Nicki McMahon, Phil Pearsons, Sue Ray, Amanda Roland- Convey, Natalie Smith, Adrian Smith.

1. Welcome

Claire Ashton welcomed members to the AGM.

2. Minutes of the AGM 31st March 2022

Minutes approved

3. Chair's Report

Claire Ashton outlined the activities of the club, (presentation attached). The club was established in 1988, this year is the 35th anniversary of the club and we will plan celebration events.

Membership

Total membership is 296 with 63 juniors, 209 seniors, 6 beginners membership, and 18 over 65s, life and associate membership. It was noted that membership has reduced and fewer members are registered with England Athletics. This has reduced the number of London Marathon club places allocated to BRJ. Members are encouraged to register with EA, which has member benefits including reduced race fees, and benefits to the club.

Club renewals will be managed via Clubpal this year, and members will be sent emails with the link to Clubpal if they have not opted for automatic renewal.

Charity Report

Gerry Pye thanked members for their support in fundraising for Cancer Research. A cheque for £2,325 has been presented to the charity. This exceeded the initial target of £2,000. Fundraising events included a very successful raffle at the Christmas party.

Frostbite League

Claire thanked Claire Few for her work with the Frostbite League, and organizing the BRJ race with Kate Ruddock and Alice Edwards. Thanks also to the club members who raced and volunteered to make the Frostbite a success. The seniors finished 8th overall and the juniors 7th overall.

Members voted for the Frostbite runners of the series. The awards were;

Junior Boy- Henry Reeves

Junior Girl- Katie Lassiter

Senior Man- Paul Mitton

Senior Woman- Alison Orrell and Heledd Marshall-Roberts, who had the same number of votes

4. Treasurer's Report

Ian Shipley presented the club accounts for the period ended 28th February 2023. He summarized the income and expenditure, highlighting the club activities and main areas of expenditure. The overall position is similar to previous years.

The meeting thanked Ian for his work. He can be contacted if there are further questions.

5. Fees approval

It was agreed to retain the current fees. This is £20 for seniors. The EA registration fee is £17. The junior fee covers all the junior sessions including track and the sports hall.

6. Resolution:

To amend section 18.1 of the constitution updating the list of Committee Officers to be consistent with the requirements of England Athletics and the roles required to fulfil the business of the club.

'18.1 There shall be at least six Officers of the Club, but unless otherwise determined in a General Meeting, there shall be no maximum. The Committee shall consist of the following Officers, (these include some roles with specific defined functions that report to the Committee as required)'

The resolution was approved. The Committee Officers are listed below.

7. Renewal of Committee Roles

Claire paid tribute to Alan Hannibal a founding member of the club, who has supported the club throughout, taking many roles and giving huge support and encouragement to members. He has accepted a new role as Club President and was unanimously endorsed by members. Claire presented Alan with the president's polo shirt in club colours.

Club President	Alan Hannibal	Unanimously endorsed	
Core Roles for EA Standards		Nominated by	Seconded
Chair	Claire Ashton	Geoff Hopcraft	Alan Hannibal
Secretary	Annette Newton	Sam Ahern	Simon Lumley
Treasurer	Ian Shipley	Adrian Cragg	Richard Orrell
Membership Secretary	Nicki McMahon	Ian Wilson	Gerry Pye
Lead Welfare Officer	Emma Stevens	Alice Noyes	Alice Edwards
Welfare Officer	Heledd Marshall-Roberts	David Newton	Kate Ruddock
Additional Roles			
Club Captain Men's	Paul Mitton	Nigel Maggs	Geoff Hopcraft
Club Captain Women's	Felicity Baillie	Alison Orrell	Ian Wilson
Communications Officer	Sophie Etheridge	Alice Noyes	Karen James
Kit Officer	Anna Best	Sue Yendley	Sam Ahern
Results Coordinator	Mike Gullis	Gerry Pye	Nigel Maggs
Frostbite Officer	Claire Few	David Newton	Kate Ruddock
Fundraising Officer	Kate Ruddock	Claire Few	Annette Newton
Social Secretary	Lisa Shacklock	Simon Lumley	Felicity Baillie

Coaching Coordinator (running)	Paul Mitton	Alan Hannibal	Richard Orrell
Triathlon Coordinator	Sam Ahern and Tim Phillips	Alice Noyes	Chris Brown
Website Officer	Clive Best	Simon Lumley	Paul Mitton
Head Junior Coach	David Newton	Ian Wilson	Gerry Pye
Inclusion Officer	Sophie Etheridge	Alice Noyes	Karen James

8.Charity Nominations

The following charity nominations were presented;

- Get Kids Going- Kate Ruddock
- HighGround- Sara Graham-Clare

The meeting voted for Get Kids Going

9.Presentation; ‘Musings from the top of the world’- Gerry Pye

Gerry described his trip to Africa to climb Kilimanjaro, with photos illustrating the journey. He kept a diary and has written a book. He talked of the physical challenges, the intensity of the experience and the friendship and support of others on the expedition. He reflected on the friendship and support he also experiences within BRJ, and proudly wore the club T shirt on the summit of Kilimanjaro.

Gerry was thanked for his inspiring account.

10.Looking to the Future

Claire thanked the committee and members for their support and encouragement over the year. She welcomed the new committee and looked ahead to planning the 35th anniversary year.

Members were asked to contribute their ideas on ‘traffic light’ sheets, ie;

- Things we should stop doing
- Things we should start doing
- Things we should continue doing

The ideas will be collated and reviewed by the committee, with feedback to members and further plans.

Awards

George Cant Award

Presented annually in honour of George Cant who was a member of the St John’s Ambulance organisation, and provided medical cover to the Frostbite Friendly League over many years. It is awarded by the committee to a member who has given particular commitment volunteering and supporting the club.

The George Cant award for 2022 was presented to Claire Few for her work as Frostbite Officer, liaising with other clubs, organising the BRJ Frostbite race, and coordinating and collating the BRJ entries and results at each event.

Most Senior Running PBs Award

Mike Gullis established the most PBs awards to encourage competition and acknowledge the progress of athletes. The awards for 2022 were presented;

Position	Women	Number of PBs	Men	Number of PBs
1st	Kerry Surkitt	12	Jonathon Harding	14

2nd	Marcela Gracova	9	Paul Mitton	10
3rd	Caroline Tiller	7	Tim Legge	9

Senior Running Championships Awards

Mike Gullis was thanked for his work in collecting and collating race results each week for seniors and juniors, and for collating the age grade scores for the running championships.

There are 12 nominated events within the annual senior running championships and one marathon result can also be included. Members must complete four of the events. The result is converted to an age grade score and the best three scores are used for the championships.

The senior running championships awards for 2022 were presented;

Age Category Winners;

Category	Men	Score	Women	Score
U20	Keelan Duffy	230.28	Not awarded	
20-34	Not awarded		Not awarded	
35-39	Not awarded		Marcela Gracova	238.96
40-44	Jonathon Harding	217.72	Not awarded	
45-49	Paul Mitton	222.57	Amanda Roland-Convey	199.56
50-54	Not awarded		Lisa Shacklock	195.82
55-59	Richard Orrell	207.75	Ruth Foster	231.44
60-64	Anthony Foster	193.24	Not awarded	
65+	David Newton	233.61	Annette Newton	263.83

Overall Winners;

	Men	Women
1 st	David Newton (Platinum)	Annette Newton (Diamond)
2 nd	Keelan Duffy (Platinum)	Marcela Gracova (Platinum)
3 rd	Paul Mitton (Gold)	Ruth Foster (Platinum)

Junior Running Championship Awards

The Junior Running Championships awards 2022 were presented by Claire Ashton at a Junior awards event on 22nd March. Results have been circulated to members.