

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 31st APRIL 2011 AT SANDYACRES SPORTS GROUND

PRESENT:

There were 28 members present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Peter Rush, Geoff Juster and Mike Steer.

LAST YEARS MINUTES:

These were proposed by Pat Butler and seconded by Steve Hickman and accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST YEARS MINUTES:

None.

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Acting Chairman gave his thanks to the members who had taken the time to attend the AGM. The committee were also thanked for their support and hard work throughout 2011. The Acting Chairman gave special mention to Dave Edwards the Hon. Treasurer who had expressed a wish to stand down at this years re – election.

The 2010 10k race was voted 7th in the UK top 10 races – a fantastic achievement. The 2011 race had the biggest field ever and has brought significant funds again to the club. Many thanks to those who gave up their time at the weekend of the race and beforehand to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The club will concentrate on providing beneficial service to club members through 2011.

The 10k race had been the most successful yet and we are hopeful that the 2011 event will be bigger and better.

The Acting Chairman looks forward to another successful club year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The accounts for the club were circulated to members; these were a Balance Sheet and a P&L.

The key features of the P&L were explained by the treasurer:

- 10 k race has proved successful in increasing club funds for 2011.
- More events this year for all members.
- Kit has been purchased this in 2010.
- Club administration costs have increased, due to postage of newsletters etc.
- We get extremely good value for money from our Clubhouse.
- £8,326.95 carried forward on the balance sheet.

Rob Wilson was thanked for his review of the accounts.

The accounts were proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the Acting Chairman and accepted unanimously.

ACTING LADIES CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Thanks to all the club members who have made it to the AGM this meeting. I would like to thank those of you that have supported me during my time as ladies captain on a temporary basis and I hope to be able to carry on in a permanent position as ladies captain for the forthcoming year.

It's been a difficult year for many of the ladies in our club, with illness and injury hampering many plans and ambitions for races throughout 2010.

There have however been successes also, with some members achieving personal best times for most distances that are raced.

Vicky, Marion, Alex, Helen and Nina have all had a really good year and should be congratulated on their achievements to date.

I'd also like to thank Molly for continuing her sterling work in the weekly circuits session that some of our club members enjoy so much.

Also I'd like to wish all of our new and older members the very best of luck in their forthcoming marathon attempts, Lisa Chapman especially who has been recovering from surgery in the last few months and will be running London and Marion who travels to Paris at the end of next week. May you all achieve your goals.

Last year's club relays were not as successful as we would have hoped for as we struggled to get the numbers we needed for each session. Relays are a great way of meeting other people from the clubs around Kent and testing your fitness with a series of shorter faster runs. They are also supposed to be fun! If you are able to attend these, please let me know. It would be great if we could put together a team for the forthcoming season which starts soon.

Finally, I'd like to wish all of those injured a speedy recovery and a great running year in 2011.

MEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

This year has been a brilliant year for the men's team. Well done to all the lads. There have been so many excellent results from individual PB's, to a series of wins at 10km and 1/2 M, Marathon. In addition, there were outstanding results over ultra distance.

- Pat Butler showed the lads the way forward with a brilliant run in just over 37 minutes over a tough 10km course in Stelling Minnis. There, Coxie who is fast approaching 50, just managed to stay ahead of Pat.
- Chris Valdus's superb 1 hour 16 minutes for the Maidstone ½ M. I felt this was one of the stand out runs of the year.
- Kevan James series of three 1 hour 19 minute ½ M runs was equally brilliant.
- Gary Sage put in two fantastic runs at the Brighton Marathon. He managed to better this performance of 3 hours and 14 minutes, by 2 minutes a week later in London.
- Rob Butler over the course of the year has shed eight minutes off his ½ M time this year. Rob along with Carl Jones, Rob Carpenter, Chris Valdus and Kevan James have shown how consistent training and regular racing can bring its rewards. This was demonstrated Team wins at 10KM and ½ M.

Faversham 10km September 2010, Chris was 1st, Kevan 3rd and Carl 4th.

Folkestone ½ M in September 2010, Chris was 3rd, Kevan 7th and Rob Carpenter 10th.

Maidstone ½ M in October 2010, Chris was 3rd, Rob Carpenter 7th and Carl 11th in a field of over 800 runners.

- Congratulations to Jason Windle for his PB of 3 hours 27 minutes at the Brighton Marathon and Steve Hickman for completing more than a dozen runs this year, including the Himalayas 100 in 5 days. Bruce Windle completed the 52.4 mile moonlight challenge at the first attempt.

Well done to Mark Goodchild (43 minutes for Club 10km), Tim Warren for his PB of 1hr 40 for the ½ M, as well as, Peter Walkden, Ray Morley, Ray Heath and James Chapman. It was great to see Danny Green and Wayne Vallas representing the club again and running so well.

In addition to some of the guys going for sub 3 hour Marathons at Brighton and London, I would like our main goal to be to put a team forward at each cross country runs this year. A full turn out of men at the x-country would raise the profile of A&DRRC, to another level and attract more runners. This is open to all ages and levels of ability. It is an excellent way to boost your cardiovascular and circulatory systems, as well as, lung function.

Good luck to all those ladies and gentlemen running in the Brighton and London Marathons. I hope you all stay fit, injury free and achieve your goals over the next twelve months.

RE-ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr Ernie Warren was unanimously re-elected as Vice President.

ELECTION OF 2009/10 COMMITTEE:

Of the current Committee, the Hon. Treasurer was standing down, the rest were remaining, there were also some changes to positions.

Re-Standing:

Eddie Rodger - Men's Captain, Clare Jenkins - Social Secretary, Lynne Oliver - Hon. Secretary. Voted by majority vote.

Nominations for committee positions:

Chairman – Steve Hickman

Gill Senior – Ladies Captain

Claire Green – Membership Secretary

Tim Warren – Hon Treasurer

Eddie Rodger – Vice Chairman

There was also a new position suggested at this point by the Acting Chairman (see agenda item rule change – rule 4a – Management. As below.

MANAGEMENT

Rule 4a: The Management of the Club is vested in a Committee of Club Members consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Men's Captain, Ladies Captain, Nominated Coach and Secretaries for Social, Fixtures, Records and Membership ('The Committee'). In addition the Committee may, at its discretion, elect a further four Club Members to the Committee each of whom shall have full voting rights, to serve until the end of the next AGM. Five shall form a quorum. The Committee has the power to fill any vacancy which may arise.

Change to rule 4a

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Thus removing Fixtures Secretary and adding Kit Secretary.

These nominations were collectively put to the membership and this included the rule change as explained by the Acting Chairman.

The nominations and the rule change were agreed by majority vote.

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS:

Rob Wilson was thanked for his fantastic contribution in this role over the years, as he has expressed his regret that he can no longer continue to assist. Therefore the Hon. Treasurer has suggested a Mr Darren Ward as the auditor of the club accounts. This was proposed by Dave Edwards, seconded by Tim Warren and agreed by majority vote.

LIFE MEMBERS

There are no life memberships to report.

RULE CHANGES:

Rule 4a as above.

REMINDERS:

Membership fees were due on 1st April; members were requested to be prompt as details now have to be sent with individual affiliation fees to England Athletics for members to get their competitor card and number.

The Presentation celebration evening is the 6th of May 2011 at the Clubhouse.

Members were reminded to give their 'Club Member of the Year' to the Secretary.

Robert Wilson interjected into the meeting (not given as an agenda item before hand as the rules state) to discuss car parking at the 10k race. This will be taken up in a normal committee meeting and not discussed in great length at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 21.30

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