

**ASHFORD & DISTRICT ROAD RUNNING CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012**

**SANDYACRES SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

**Present:-**There were 22 members present at the meeting.

**Apologies for absence:-**There were apologies from Ann and John Fidge, Gary Sage and Lynne Peacock.

**Last year's minutes:-**These were proposed by Clare Jenkins and seconded by Steve Hickman and agreed unanimously.

**Matters arising from last year's minutes:-**None.

**Chairperson's Report:**

The Chair welcomed all members to the AGM and as there were some new members referred them to the agenda and confirmed that only matters on the agenda would be discussed at the meeting. All members had the opportunity for items to be added to the agenda but none were forthcoming.

The 10k race this year proved again to be a success despite the postponement of the race due to bad weather. Whilst this meant a reduction in the field of runners, the event still proved extremely popular. The Chair expressed concern regard the lack of members putting themselves forward to assist on race weekend and stated that there were many non members, friends and family who gave up their time to help. The income from the race is vital to the club as the club would not survive on subscription fees alone. The club has continued to be able to offer members benefits such as coaches to races, presentation and awards and if we are unable to continue to make the race successful these are at risk. Unless we are able to gain enough volunteer marshals the race is at risk and will certainly be less profitable if outside marshals are required, as they have to be paid.

The Chair then went on to state that the committee will propose a change the rules regarding qualification for entry into the ballot for the Club Marathon Place, details which will be discussed later under Item 12. This rule change is in line with many other clubs i.e. Folkestone.

Finally the Chair congratulated Carl Jones on a spectacular achievement breaking the longstanding marathon club record held by Danny Green at this year's London Marathon, in a time of 2 hrs 38 minutes.

**Treasurers Report:**

The accounts for the club were circulated to members; comprising a Balance Sheet and a P&L. The key features of the P&L were explained by the treasurer:-

- More events this year for all members. Trip to France, coaches to Brighton, London, Hastings.
- Club administration costs are stable.
- Expenditure on replacing trophies as a one off cost.
- Closing balance of £8,036.60.

The accounts were proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Clare Jenkins and accepted unanimously.

#### **Ladies Captain Report:**

Thank you to all of those members who have attended the AGM this evening. I am very happy to be in the role of Ladies Captain and I thank you all for your support.

Many thanks to Mollie for her continued circuits class, I know many members appreciate it.

I'd like to congratulate all of the ladies who took part in the recent Brighton and London Marathons and in particular Helen Weeden for her marathon debut and to Clare Jenkins for completing the London Marathon with only 3 weeks of training! I look forward to seeing you at events both running and social in the near future!

#### **Men's Captain Report:**

I would like to thank fellow runners and the Committee for their continued support. A special thanks to Pat Butler for preparing sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Welcome to all new male members.

This year has seen a number of excellent performances from the Men's Team including:-

- Carl Jones, who has gone from strength-to-strength since his first marathon in Faversham, where he came third in just over 3 hours. In 2011, Carl followed this up by completing Brighton brilliantly in a time of 2 hours 53 minutes. Carl ran two phenomenal races, namely the Lydd Half Marathon in 1 hour 14 minutes and London in 2 hours 38 minutes and 41 seconds, a new club record,
- Chris Valdus, who took second place recently, in his first marathon, which was over a very difficult and hilly Sussex Course, which was equally brilliant. Chris finished in a little over 3 hours and then a few weeks later completed the London Marathon in 2 hours 54 minutes,
- Kevan James completed the Brighton Marathon in 2 hours 58 minutes. This was remarkable as he has only recently returned to training after foot surgery,
- Robin Butler has been one of A&D's best and most consistent runners this year and should be proud of his 3 hours and 14 minutes in London,
- Well done to Mark Goodchild for his PB at Brighton, Rob Carpenter, Steve Hickman and all other members of the men's team for turning out to represent A&D at the relays, other races and to support both the Men's and Ladies Teams.

In season 2011 to 2012, male members and runners contributed well as part of the committee and promoting a positive image at many events at home and abroad. Well done to everyone. I hope both female and male runners have a successful and injury free season from 2012 to 2013.

In May, June and July 2012 Road Relays take place in Folkestone, Margate, Ashford, Deal and Canterbury:-

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ Old Rotunda in Folkestone. Starts 7.15pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May @ Minnis Bay. Starts 7.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June @ Victoria Park, Ashford. Starts 7.30pm. Runners and marshals needed

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ Samphire Hoe, Dover. Starts 7.30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July @ Canterbury, Invicta EK Track. Starts 7.30pm

**Re-election of Vice President:**

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

**Election of 2011/2012 Committee:**

All positions were re standing for the forthcoming year. Nina Davies had stepped down as Records Secretary.

**Nomination for committee positions:**

Helen Weeden was nominated for the post of Records Secretary by Zara Maynard, seconded by Clare Jenkins and unanimously agreed.

**Other committee positions:-**

Chairperson – Steve Hickman

Hon. Secretary – Lynne Oliver

Hon. Treasurer – Robin Butler

Ladies Captain – Gill Pragnell (prev. Gill Senior)

Men's Captain – Eddie Rodger

Vice Chairman – Eddie Rodger

Membership Secretary – Zara Maynard

All were unanimously agreed.

**Auditor of Accounts:** Darren Ward was confirmed as Auditor of Accounts.

**Life members:**

Danny Crew was proposed by Clare Jenkins, seconded by Lynne Oliver and unanimously agreed.

**Rule changes:**

The Chair and Committee proposed the following rule changes:-

**London Marathon**

Addition to rule:-

e. Entry into the Club Draw will only be permitted if the Club Member has made a contribution to the Club in the year of the Marathon Draw, by:-

1. taking part in the planning of the Club's Annual 10k Race,
2. marshalling at the Club's 10k Race either on the course or at Race HQ.

Special dispensation may be made for illness or another valid reason, to be given to the Chairperson at the time of application.

**Club subscriptions:**

Non competing Members to pay a reduced subscription of £22.50 per annum.

**Reminders:**

Club Fees are due.

Club vests to be worn at all required road races.

Relays are organised for the coming weeks, marshals are required for the relay in Ashford, which A&DRRC will host.

The meeting closed at 21.15

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