



RFRC AGM Minutes

11th April 2014 – The Albermarle Centre

Chair: Mike Nichols (MN)

Apologies: None

1. Chair Report

- i. The ups exceeded the downs and the club continues to grow.
- ii. On the negative side the club lost the Herepath Half race but this will be run again this year in October.
- iii. We also lost some of our top athletes to Taunton Athletic Club.
- iv. We are still struggling to recruit group leaders and more members need to come forward to do this.
- v. Positives are that membership continues to grow and this year we have reached 200 members for the first time in our club's history
- vi. More members are competing in more events ranging from the weekly parkrun to ultras
- vii. The club has had record entries for both the Taunton Half and the Taunton 10k
- viii. Many members marshal for these events which is always appreciated by the race organisers
- ix. Once again the Hestercombe Humdinger was a great success. For the first time we have filled all the marshalling positions at the first attempt. The committee noted its appreciation for the Race Director, John Scanlon's hard work.
- x. Financially, the club has made a profit once again and we are in a healthy financial position
- xi. Other notable achievements include an update of the constitution and a formal complaints procedure. Committee activity has become more open with publication of the committee minutes on the club website.
- xii. The chairman also noted that while Facebook activity on the club page had increased considerably, Facebook is the wrong place for complaints to be made about the club. Also when making posts it's important that facts are accurate!
- xiii. The club is both friendly and supportive and the chairman gave thanks to the committee and best wishes to his successor.

2. Statement of Accounts

- i. The accounts have been simplified because of the amalgamation of the bank accounts with the Humdinger account having been merged with the main club accounts.
- ii. The club has an overall balance of £4160.42 though there are some accounting details still due for the Humdinger. The Herepath still has its own bank account and this has a balance of £105.18

3. Appointment of the Auditor

- The club auditor for the coming year is to be Taylor and Faulkner, a local firm of accountants.

4. Election of Officers

- Geoff Eggleston (chairman), Toni Vernelli (treasurer) and Chris Reah (social organiser) are all standing down. The president thanks all retiring committee members for their hard work.
- Sandra Williams is elected as the new chair unopposed. All other committee posts remain the same
- Malcolm Boon and Chris Saint have expressed their desire to join the committee but this needs to be ratified at the next committee meeting.

5. Constitution Amendments

- The revised constitution has been available on the club website for view since the announcement of the AGM. No comments have been received. The revised constitution was voted for unanimously.

6. The George Hudson Award

This year we had a total of 29 votes for the George Hudson award. The winner was Tanya Lewis. The AGM recognised her outstanding contribution to the club for her efforts in training at the Monday track sessions and individual coaching for specific club members.

7. AOB

- Pete Williams ask about whether the club could donate some of its funds to charity. This point will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Helen Philips queried the donations from the Hestercombe Humdinger to Hestercombe House. It was also pointed out that since the club underwrites both its races that we have to have enough cash flow to be do this. The club also needs cash for other large purchases such as club kit and it makes sense to have a reasonable reserve balance to allow us to operate without needing bank loans or an overdraft.
- Dave Porter queried the fact that a lot of members of the club Facebook page are not members of the club. It was pointed out that our Facebook page is not exclusive to club members and indeed members of other local clubs often join to keep in touch.
- Kate Mackenzie mentioned the fact that the club now has a Twitter account and mentioned that keeping Twitter updated should be considered as a specific committee role.
- Dawn Mahoney thanked the committee for their work over the previous year.

8. The incoming chair, Sandra Williams made a short introductory speech:

- She has lots of ideas about the future of the club and where it needs to go
- She will concentrate on training

- There is a strong possibility that the club could get a new base with the forthcoming development of a new centre in French Weir Park
- There are many other things to achieve and it will be a busy year!