

Running Forever Running Club AGM

Date: 28 April 2017

Venue: The Albemarle Centre

Chair: Sandra Williams

Present: Sandra Williams, Peter Hall, Nadine Prouse, Malcolm Boon, Eliza Brodie, Kris Saint, Scott Weetch, Ben Timpson, 30-40 other club members

1. Apologies

Brian Brown, Matt Bentley, Amanda Smith, Gill Taunton, Hannah Taunton, Val Perigo, Marina Tomsett, Phil Wilson

2. Review of the Previous AGM

- Marketing – still an issue for the club but some improvements had been made, particularly with the Humdinger (thanks to Nadine).
- Age -related prizes in the Humdinger – this was resolved
- Float in accounts – club funds have been healthy this year, accounts above suggested levels
- Bank balance in accounts – now included
- Raising money through races – money raised for charity at both races
- Track hire costs

3. Constitution Changes

All changes to the constitution were agreed

4. Treasurer's Report

As per accounts. There are still invoices missing from the Humdinger and a couple of payments to charity to go out.

5. Chair Report

- Membership figures – end of December 239, 129 female/110 male, 167 affiliated/72 non-affiliated.
- Humdinger and Herepath both successful – thanks to the teams behind them lead by Phil and Peter. Thank you to all the marshals and other help behind the scenes.
- Lots of members taking part in ultras
- Wednesday and Sunday groups seem to be stable now, new beginners group working well, track sessions underway
- Time trials ceased
- Club championship revived thanks to Ben
- Thank you to all members – very special club, supportive and welcoming with a wealth of knowledge

6. Committee

- Phil Wilson, Nadine Prouse and Ron Foord have decided to step down from the committee. **Thank you to all of them for their fantastic work!!!** This leaves Sandra Williams, Peter Hall, Scott Weetch, Malcolm Boon, Eliza Brodie, Ben Timpson, Kris Saint

- New committee members were voted in and welcomed – Iain Elliott, Linda Forsyth, Lesley Farley, Dave Marshall, Nic Saint
- Officer positions proposed, seconded and voted in – Peter Hall (Chair), Scott Weetch (Vice), Sandra Williams (Club Sec.), Iain Elliott (Treasurer)
- Other roles to be discussed at the first committee meeting immediately after the AGM **ACTION**

7. Awards

- The George Hudson award went to Dave Porter for his contribution to the groups and encouragement of other runners.
- A cheque for £100 was presented to the Stephen Sampson of the Explorer Scouts for their help with the Humdinger.
- Mike Nicholls was presented with 'Lifetime Membership' for the many years of service he has given to the club and its members.

8. Q & A

- Track sessions were explained to interested members
- The COACH facility was queried and whether we were still looking for a club base. An online poll will be used to gauge whether club members still want this or not. **ACTION**
- Members asked if the trail sessions could be made more inclusive to those who don't run as far. Eliza and Sandra both offered to take shorter routes. **ACTION**
- Members asked how we can attract more beginners/less speedy runners. Marketing through social media (Fb, Twitter, web) will be improved. **ACTION**. It was felt that beginners' groups are large enough though.
- ID tags – these were offered last year for free and were difficult to distribute.
- Mission statement – the website will be improved and include information regarding the purpose of the club. **ACTION**
- A member asked if the club name should be changed to include 'Taunton'. Many people felt that this was unnecessary and would not be right to change the name after all these years.

9. AOB

Statement from the new chair

Peter thanked the outgoing chair for the last three years. He gave a brief description of his running history. He welcomed the new committee and outlined his proposals for the new year as follows:-

- There will be more emphasis on coaching and improving performance at all levels
- It will be important to publicise our successes
- Participation in events should be actively encouraged, particularly entering teams into races and organising transport
- New committee roles to include coaching co-ordinator, club journalist and a men's and women's captain