

MINUTES



Hyde Village Striders Running Club Annual General Meeting

Monday 6 March 2017

Astley Sports College

Attendees: Sharon Toolin, Angela Holland, Elizabeth Mason, Jenny Chapman, Sam Millns, Claire Johnson, Dominic Sexton, Shelley Pascoe, Kim Bennett, Rebecca Whitehouse, Collette Williams, Chris Jones, Carole Rhymes, Maggie Greaves, Jennie Douglas, Gill Littlejohn, Paul Reilly, Sandie Rowland, Gill Westbrook, Floyd Paterson, Kirsty Read, Vicky Wright, Adge Barker, Alan Gibbon, Chris Sagar, Debbie Barras, Rachel Blackburn, Paul Blackburn, Elizabeth Rourke, Rachael Horrocks, Danielle Burns, Sally Gubbins, Mike Gubbins, Mike Mason

Apologies: Danny McDermott, Stacey Holt, Nicola Burton

1. Minutes of 2016 meeting – Dominic recapped on the previous meeting and explained how the AGM works. Issues noted were – Stride through the Woods will be the 26th April; 4 people have now completed the first aid training and Dominic will do a shout out for anyone else who wants to go on it; the feather flag is still outstanding and if anyone has any design ideas they should let us know; we need to encourage people to help marshal the Manchester marathon and the speed sessions were well received.

The minutes were proposed by Dominic and seconded by Sally

Further matters arising from the minutes to be discussed during the appropriate agenda items.

2. Chairman's Report – the club has continued to grow and two issues remain which are parking and clogging up the reception area. Coaches should remind their running groups about both issues. Stride through the Woods is coming up and DS proposed trialling a junior race too. It's good for them to be able to put their vests on and experience a race. Another 12 marshals are needed for the marathon so can everyone encourage their groups to help out.
3. Treasurer's Report – Mike G introduced the accounts and highlighted that it has been the busiest year ever for the treasurer. Marshalling brought in £960 from the marathon and £840 from the half. It brings in a lot of money to the club and makes a big difference. We donated £761 to Willow Wood from the races and £1260 was raised for MIND. We have increased the overall balance of the account by £1600 which allows us to subsidise events such as the ball.

4. Election of Officers – all current officers resigned and the group voted in the new committee as follows:

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Dominic	Angela	Kim
Secretary	Sally	Kim	Caroline
Treasurer	Mike G	Dominic	Collette
Memberships	Alan	Liz	Caroline
Head Coach*	Mike M	Dominic	Angela
Social Secretary	Liz	Sally	Caroline
Welfare Officer	Angela	Kim	Sally

*only level 2 coaches can put themselves forward for the job of Head Coach.

In addition the following put themselves forward as general committee members: Kim, Danny, Elizabeth R, Caroline, Shelley, Adge, Rachael, Chris J, Paul R, Collette

Auditors are Maggie and Caroline

5. Matters of importance to members – various issues were raised as follows:
- Memberships – England Athletics are asking for an additional £1 so we will be sending £14 of the £20 to them per member. If you see consultations from EA then please respond. There were no strong feelings about the fees so suggested that it remained at the current £20 for another year. All agreed that it provides great value for money. Paul R asked if there was a cap on fees and this is not something that we have at the moment but will keep an eye on the need to. A majority vote agreed to keep fees at £20.
 - Alan highlighted that we have 193 members on the system. Some have officially resigned or transferred but 33 members are on the naughty list for not having paid their fees. People need to be reminded to update their email addresses on the system so they get the notifications. He noted that memberships has been a lot easier to manage with the new system.
 - Facebook was highlighted as an issue. It moves so fast that people don't always see the messages. We all need to be mindful of what goes on the page.
 - Astley have offered a board we can use to display notices so we can be more visible.
 - Wendy has asked if we would be able to help out with a race she is looking to organise. In principle we are happy to help – SG to go back and get further details.
 - The transition from Stride Out to the club was discussed. Paul feels that it is working OK at the moment as he takes people from 5k upwards. But the group can be very busy so he should shout if he needs help on a particular night.
 - Floyd thinks it would be good to have some people trained up in first aid. Dominic to look into the courses that are available. Current first aiders are Bex, Caroline and Angela.
 - Mike M to put a message out to all other leaders to let them know when Stride Out is finishing. Elizabeth suggested an integration night following graduation. Sally to send Elizabeth the certificate ready for graduation.
 - Chris suggested using a whiteboard where each leader could set out their distance and speed.

- Constitution – Dominic went through the proposed changes to the constitution. People to come back to him after the meeting with any issues. He clarified the need for a management and general committee for decision making. He also said we need to amend the number of members who can approve the constitution and will look into a reasonable figure. There were no objections in the room to the proposed changes.