

MINUTES



Hyde Village Striders Running Club Annual General Meeting

Monday 1st April 2019

Astley Sports College

Attendees: Floyd Paterson, Gail Johnson, Jackie Whalley, Pam Brereton, Russell Chesney, Marie Chesney, Natalie Mekloufi, Lorna Bates, Wendy Hirst, Claire Johnson, Trina Bradbury, Brian Johnson, Sudam Gamage, Justin Johnson, Lindsay Smith, Debbie Barras, Tony Barras, Charlotte Upsall, Rachael Horrocks, Jo Egerton, Andy Charlesworth, Julie Inker, Sue Walsh, Katy Edwards, Susan Royal, Michael Taylor, Ray Howarth, Mike Gubbins, Sally Gubbins, Dominic Sexton, Elizabeth Mason, Mike Mason, Elizabeth Rourke, Kath Hadley-Grummett, Alan Gibbon, Sam Millns, Matt Dickinson, Laura Council, Vicky Wright, Kirsty Read, James Fairfield, Debbie Smith, Keith Halligan

Apologies: Angela Holland, Paul Blackburn, James Whalley, Kim Bennett, Claire Rourke, Katie Kay, Adge Barker, Alan Jones

Dominic opened the meeting at 7:35

1. Minutes of 2018 meeting – Dominic recapped on the previous meeting and explained how the AGM works. Issues noted were that we will have a similar debate about fees in the course of the meeting, there was little interest in becoming a member of Northern Athletics, Stride through the Woods was successful again, pace groups were a recurring issue and we concluded that Stride Out would be run twice a year.

The minutes were proposed by Sally and seconded by Mike

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

2. Chairman's Report – Dominic reported that the membership hasn't grown much over the year. The committee had become aware that people were leaving but were not aware of the reasons why so did a survey. All members should have had an email setting out the results from the survey and the actions that the committee put in place to address them. Hopefully members will have seen some improvements now. There was an issue raised around politics and how we interact with other groups in the area and it has been reported that people have been shunned. This is sad as we have a shared love of running. If members hear rumours like this they should try to dispel them. We should set the example of how to behave and always be supportive of other runners. Regarding the management of the club,

hopefully we have managed to address the issues too and get a more interactive atmosphere going.

3. Treasurer's Report – copies of the accounts were shared and Mike G noted that the balance of club funds has again increased. One of the changes implemented during the last year was to transfer responsibility for the sale of vests to RNW. Charity donations to Willow Wood was £750 from the races and £670 to Sandwich Angels which made a big difference. We made £1500 from Manchester marshalling which allows us to subsidise the ball and gives us the ability to improve the club – pay for coaches etc. MG then went on to explain the reason for the large surplus in the accounts. We used to run from the Village but when we outgrew it, we were lucky to find Astley which allows us to run free of charge but should we need to find another venue, the club has funds behind it which could pay for the move. Dominic reiterated the need to be considerate to our hosts regarding parking and meeting up.
4. Membership secretary's report – we had 222 paid up members and 70 sat on the database. We now have 204 paid up members and 41 on the database. If we know of anyone who has left, let Alan know so they can be taken off. This is important under GDPR. Members agreed that the best course of action would be to remove the 41 and then they can rejoin in future should they wish to. Alan highlighted that of the membership fee, UKA will take £15 which is unchanged from the previous year. It was agreed that the membership fee would remain at £22 given the level of reserves and the unchanged fee to UKA.
5. Election of Officers – all current officers resigned and the group voted in the new committee as follows:

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Floyd	Dominic	Brian
Secretary	Gail With Sally as support	Justin	Rachael
Treasurer	Sudam	James	Sally
Memberships	Alan	Liz	Mike G
Head Coach*	Mike M	Sally	Dominic
Social Secretary	Liz With Jackie W as support	Wendy	Gail
Welfare Officer	Angela	Sally	Liz

*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: Rachael H, Pam B, Claire Johnson, Mike G, Sam Millns, Debbie B, Marie Chesney, Ray Howarth, Justin Johnson (**new position: social media secretary**), Elizabeth R, Kath H.G, James W, Adge, Caroline S, Jo Egerton

Auditors are Tony Barras and James Fairfield

Thank you to all the outgoing committee members for their hard work over the past year and welcome to the new committee!

6. Matters of importance to members – various issues were raised as follows:
 - Facebook – Justin mentioned the possibility of having a FB page just for members. Dominic highlighted the potential issues with this and how it would be policed. Someone would need to take responsibility for checking all new requests. Justin volunteered and a new post of Social Media Secretary was created
 - SG raised the issue of job descriptions. The committee members have been in place a long time and know what they are responsible for but there is nothing written down in the constitution for new members. Agreed to bring JDs to the first meeting of the new committee.

Dominic thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and participating in the meeting. He noted how positive the club is currently and hopes it will continue. There is lots of good stuff going on at the moment.