

MINUTES



Hyde Village Striders Running Club Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Astley Sports College

Attendees: Jackie Hibbert, Tony Hibbert, Claire Severn, Raymond Howarth, Elizabeth Rourke, Kath Hadley-Grummett, Dannielle Burns, Claire Johnson, Paul Blackburn, Sarah Hirst, Mike Mason, Liz Mason, Angela Holland, Mike Gubbins, Sally Gubbins, Collette Williams, Caroline Sorriento, Kim Bennett, Rachael Horrocks, Isobel Mann, Mike Gubbins, Alan Gibbon, Sam Millns, Gareth Hurfurt, Vicky Wright, Kirsty Read, Paul Reilly, Tony Barras, Debbie Barras, Lee Younis, Sue Walsh, Jane Lancashire, Floyd Paterson, Gail Johnson, Gill Szafranski, Sandie Rowland, Sudam Gamage, Justin Johnson

Apologies: Clare Fitzpatrick, Adge Barker

1. Minutes of 2017 meeting – Dominic recapped on the previous meeting and explained how the AGM works. Issues noted were – the need to be mindful of parking and the reception area; the membership fee for the coming year which will be discussed later in the meeting and the Facebook issue that occurred and the need to be mindful of what we post both on our own pages and those of events / others. The board to display notices hasn't been available so Liz to talk to Mark about the possibility. Dominic also highlighted that people have been trained in first aid across the groups and the groups have been reorganised by pace to try and help people to find the group for them.

The minutes were proposed by Angela and seconded by Collette

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

2. Chairman's Report – the club has continued to grow. We have a turnover of members but don't always know why people leave as they don't put detail on their transfer request. The pitch at Astley is nearly finished so we should be able to park round the back soon. Dominic proposed that Stride through the Woods is put back until the 16th May to better fit into the race calendar. Regarding the vests and t-shirts, Dom advised that he has run out of a lot of sizes. He is talking to Run North West about the possibility of them stocking them for us so club members can go in and try for size.
3. Treasurer's Report – Mike G introduced the accounts and highlighted that it has been a busy year for the accounts with £9k going in and out of the bank account. £1400 came in from

marshalling the Manchester marathon and half which allows us to put people through coaching and first aid courses and subsidise the ball. Through the Santa run and races we have been able to donate over £2k to charity. The club has assets of around £6k. We are lucky that we don't have to pay to use Astley but could have to pay for a home in future. All members are welcome to view the accounts.

4. Membership secretary's report – 222 members are currently paid up. There are 70 names on the list of outstanding membership payments. Some members have left but others still turn up and run regularly. 1st week in April members will get an email and once the fee has been paid the membership will get enabled again. The payment to UKA will increase to £15 so we need to discuss the annual fee later in the agenda.
5. Election of Officers – all current officers resigned and the group voted in the new committee as follows:

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

*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: Sam, Rachael, Kim, Paul R, Elizabeth, Debbie, Collette, Claire, Floyd, Spike, Jackie, Kath, Adge

Auditors are Sudam and Jackie H

6. Matters of importance to members – various issues were raised as follows:
 - Memberships – Alan highlighted that UKA will be taking £15 per member this year plus we will need to take card fees into account when setting the fee. Gareth asked if the expenditure is likely to be the same and Mike said that it is. We aren't anticipating any large costs. Tony asked what other clubs do and the group had a debate about how unworkable having a weekly fee / cost per run would be. Floyd highlighted that the current fee is 40p per week. Suggested that we could round up to £22. The group voted and agreed.
 - Northern Athletics – Dominic advised the group that Northern Athletics used to get funding from EA but it is being reduced. It is a regional body there to support clubs and put on cross country and other events. The events generally make a loss apart from road running. Less than 10 people in the club have taken part in their events so it wouldn't be in our best interests to contribute at the moment.
 - Stride through the Woods – Dominic has approached the landowner. Likely that the date will be the 16th May. A call will go out for volunteers.
 - Pace groups – a question was received about what will happen with the pace groups now that marathon training is coming to an end. The group agreed that the groups would go back to the plan put in place and the coaches who have been taking separate groups will go back

to their original ones. Dominic stated that he hoped that the groups were working better now that the paces have been formalised but is happy to take on board any other ideas.

- Stride Out – Elizabeth raised the frequency of Stride Out and whether they should do less groups. The group agreed that it was up to Elizabeth and Kath and how many groups they were happy to run each year. Elizabeth said that the group is working really well and it is helping people to get back into running when they have been injured etc. They come and help out and it helps them to come back to the club.
- Charity selection – Floyd asked how we decide on the Santa run charity. Dominic explained that we ask for nominations each year and try and keep it local. Sally advised that we will ask earlier this year to give more people chance to nominate. Angela said that for a really small charity it's a massive amount of money that is donated and makes a big difference.
- Facebook issues – There were some Facebook issues following the Mad Dog race. They have a restrictive transfer policy and get a lot of people running under the wrong number. The third lady wasn't a lady and some club members had also run under numbers that weren't theirs. We can't condone this activity and will reiterate to members that they need to check transfer policies when they enter races. An email will be sent out to members to let them know the AGM minutes are available and to highlight the issue of not running in other people's numbers
- Millbrook monster – will provisionally be the last Wednesday in July.