

NORTH DERBYSHIRE RUNNING CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017 AT THE OLDE HOUSE, LOUNDSLEY GREEN

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Chambers, Steve Rundell, Alan McGill, Kevin Loftus

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Mike Bravin that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 October 2016 were deemed to be a true record of that meeting seconded by David Edwards.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Nothing to report.

4. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING ADDRESS

Mike Bravin welcomed all members present to the 32nd North Derbyshire Running Club Annual General Meeting. If anyone wanted to make a point he asked them to put their hand up.

He reported that membership currently stands at 370 up from 270 last year but this number may go down as subscriptions are now due.

It has been another busy year for the club with organising three races and the monthly No Walk in the Park. Numbers have been slightly down for NWIP. The Booths XC at Holmebrook Valley Park was its usual windy, wet and muddy self and this will be held again next year on 11.02.18. Bolsover 10k was sold out again with 795 finishers. Marshals are required for this year's race and anyone who can help to contact Sarah Johnson. The Spire 10 increased entries from 175 to 240 with the fun run increasing by 1 to 51.

The club has also been involved in the Santa Run, Hardwick 10k, Spire Ultra and one of the Poolsbrook Park runs.

The club's runners have raised thousands of pounds for charity and thanks were given to everyone involved.

Laura Lever won the Twigg Handicap and there were a record of 72 entries.

Unfortunately the Christmas Handicap was cancelled due to lack of interest.

This year's unfair Christmas Handicap will be held on 14.12.17 – everyone welcome.

The Christmas Awards Night is on 08.12.17 which is being organised by Sue Brundrett. There are still some places left and if anyone is interested please see Sue.

Sue Brundrett also organised the annual quiz night and many thanks to Sue for her hard work in organising these events.

Thanks also to John Colley for organising the London Marathon trip and to Andy Lees for organising the trip to the Lakes.

Newsrun continues to be informative and thanks went to Colin Sinnott for his editorship.

Colin announced he is resigning as Club Secretary and other club duties but will continue with Newsrun. He has been considering this for some time but decided to stay for a further 12 months until he was approached by a club member representing a group of members who wished to remain anonymous. They questioned Colin's eligibility for the London Marathon Club Draw (which they didn't think he should be in) and also wider concerns on the need for transparency in the club draw, especially after the issues surrounding 'Sue Brundrett's false ballot draw' last year. He felt he was being accused of manipulating the club ballot to his own ends, in effect being accused of cheating, by a group of members who do not feel able to come forward and seek clarification themselves. He said he felt let down and hurt and has decided he no longer wishes to represent a club with members who questioned his honesty and integrity.

Mike Bravin finished by thanking everyone who has made a contribution to the success of the club during 2016/17.

A vote of thanks was given to Mike Bravin for all the hard work he continues to put in as the Club's Chairman.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

All members present received a copy of the club's audited accounts for the year ending 30.09.17 presented by the Treasurer, Dave Paddick. Also presented were the balance sheets for the Bolsover 10k and the Spire 10. Copies attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer said that it was the philosophy of the club that what income is taken in is spent on the membership. This year the club made a loss of £202 and like all businesses we have to plan for the future.

On the income side as we have a bigger membership this gives the club more in subscriptions and we also have the profits from races for which we have to thank the race directors and volunteers for the work they put in. If the club did not have this race income then subscriptions would have to be raised. The club also receives income from No Walk in the Park which is possibly under threat due to falling numbers.

The club spends a lot of money on paying half of the England Athletics affiliation per member which could rise in the future. The club also spends a lot of money on social events which amounts to approximately £4,000 per annum so therefore the £12 subscription is very good value. The Treasurer was not suggesting that subscriptions are increased this year but is flagging it up for the future.

John Gorman, Kit Secretary, queried the kit cost of sales. The Treasurer replied that this is a formula based on our kit as a value. Every time we sell an item we receive money from the sale but it also loses its value.

Our current assets show a figure of £35,957 and Andy Todd raised a query as to whether there is any plan for this money. The Treasurer replied there is no specific plan but the club does need a healthy contingency.

6. CLUB CAPTAINS' REPORT

Women's Team Captains' Report

There was no Women's Team Captains' Report and Clare Glazebrook and Samantha Iliffe are standing down. The club is therefore looking for a replacement(s).

Men's Team Captain Report

Although Steve Bennett is no longer the Men's Team Captain he highlighted some of the key achievements by the male members of the club.

October 2016	National XC Relays, Berry Hill – team was 70 of 165 teams. Chesterfield Half Marathon – John Sanderson 1.17.40 pb, Chris Leach 1.22.21 pb Koosterloope 10k, Bruge – Martin Dawson 32.41 pb
December 2016	Telford 10k – Chris Adams 33.04 pb
January 2017 men's	Derbyshire XC Championships, Wollaton Park – bronze medal for the senior team comprising Chris Leach, Adam Darnell, Andy Todd, Matt Jackson, Andy Hall Northern XC Championships, Knowsley Safari Park – a very muddy course. Team was 40 of 52 teams.
February 2017	National XC Championships, Wollaton Park – another muddy course. Team was 73 of 101 teams
March 2017	East Midland 10k, Holme Pierrepont – Chris Leach 36.03 pb
April 2017	London Marathon – good performances from Chris Adams, Richard Start and Russ White
July 2017	Doncaster Town 5k – 2 nd Chris Adams 16.07
August 2017	Race the Train – 10k Gary Bates, Gavin Brundrett – 14 miles Dave Watson Malt Shovel Relays – team 4 th overall
September 2017	Wilne 10k – a very good turn out from club members
October 2017	Chester Marathon – Chris Leach 2.52.55

There were mixed results in the Booths XC league.

Steve finished his report by stating that he thought there is a lack of aspiration in the club when comparing current results with those achieved in 2013. Club members should be expected to turn out for the club especially for national championships and team events and that team camaraderie is very important. He thought the club was becoming more of a social running club.

He said that the women should also be encouraged to travel to team events.

He has invested a lot of time in the club in trying to encourage runners to improve but is now resigning from the committee.

Steve thanked Neil Chaplain for collating the results on a monthly basis; he has done a very good job.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

This year there have been several resignations from the committee: Gary Bates, Steve Bennett, Ian Carty, John Gorman, Chris Robinson, Colin Sinnott, Richard Thorpe.

A vote of thanks were given to these retiring members for their work throughout the year

Therefore there are vacancies and the following have put their names forward: Sarah Johnson (Club Secretary), Kirsten Grafton (Membership Secretary), Mike Griffiths, Andy Hall, Sam Passingham, Tom Topham.

Dawn Harris is also resigning as the minute taker for the committee meetings. Dawn was one of the original members when our club was formed. She was also one of our best runners winning

the National Vets Marathon Championships, Sheffield Marathon twice, 3rd in the Wolverhampton Marathon and 3rd v40 in the Berlin Marathon. Her pb marathon time was 2.56.03, a best of 1.21.02 for the half marathon and 39.10 for the 10k. She was also heavily involved in making our club successful in the early days. Dawn was presented with a flower arrangement and voucher as a gesture of the club's appreciation.

Mike Bravin said our committee and helpers all contribute to the running of the club giving their time with no financial reward. Our club, he felt, has always had a friendly feel to it so like a lot of club members he was both shocked and annoyed by the anonymous members who did not even have the courtesy to discuss with Colin his handling of the London Marathon draw but questioned his integrity through an anonymous go-between. Colin was understandably upset and has decided to step down from some of his club duties. Mike has known Colin for many years and knowing his contribution to our club, he knew these anonymous complaints were false. He will be sorely missed and as a gesture of our appreciation he was presented with a voucher. Many thanks Colin for all your hard work.

On a positive note Mike said volunteers are coming forward to take over some of the jobs that Colin did.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The remaining current committee members stood down and Mike Bravin asked the meeting to vote them in again and also the members above who have put their names forward.

Ian Carty proposed Dave Edwards seconded the above and the new officers and committee now comprise:

Chairman: Mike Bravin
Secretary: Sarah Johnson
Treasurer: Dave Paddick

Committee Members: John Ashover, Sue Brundrett, John Cannon, David Edwards, Clare Glazebrook, Kirsten Grafton (Membership Secretary), Mike Griffiths, Andy Hall, Emma Hayden-West, Dave Hicken, Andy Lees, Sam Passingham, TomTopham.

A vote of thanks was given to the Officers and Members of the Committee for their work throughout the year.

9. FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS

Current subscription is £12.00 per annum rising to £15.00 per annum if not paid by 31 December. There were no nominations for raising/decreasing the annual subscription.

Colin Sinnott said the English Athletic fees will increase again from next April rising from £14 to £15 per person. At last year's AGM it was agreed the club would pay 50% of the fee but as this would be £7.50 he proposed that it remains at £7.00 as the 50p would cause problems in accounting. Seconded by Steve Bennett.

Dave Paddick asked if anyone pays electronically it is made clear exactly what the payment is for.

10. OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

No Walk in the Park

Carrie Wing has volunteered to take the entries and produce results.

Even though numbers are down at £3.00 per entry Dave Paddick confirmed that it makes over £1,000 per year for the club.

John Gorman said he fully appreciates there is a decrease in the senior race but he will be very sorry if the children's race is discontinued. He has mentioned that the races may be coming to an end and the general response has been of disappointment.

Mike Bravin asked the meeting to vote on whether to keep the race or to discontinue it. On a majority vote it was agreed to continue with NWIP.

Women's Club Captain

Rebecca Broughton volunteered to take over this role.

Men's Club Captain

John Sanderson has resigned this role and there were no volunteers to take over. Members were asked to think about this and contact a committee member if interested.

Honorary Life Membership

Fiona Duroe took the floor and said she thought the club has gone from being at the sharp end to becoming mediocre and she hoped that in the future more members will run in county championships etc. She also thanked Neil Chaplain for collating club results. She also thanked Dawn Harris for all her past work for the club.

She proposed this honorary life membership in 2015 and it took until 2016 to for the committee to sort this out and last year Dave Edwards become the club's first honorary life member. This year Fiona proposed honorary life membership be awarded to John Cannon, one of the founder members of the club, so he has been a member for 32 years. He has a marathon best of 2.35,10k under 33 minutes, half marathon under 70 minutes and founder member of NWIP, founder of the Joggers' Club and brought the Santa Run to the club. John is a very modest person and Fiona would like to nominate him for 2017 but would also like to nominate Colin Sinnott although it was pointed out that only one person per year can be accepted. Colin Sinnott said he would not be able to accept as he doesn't really agree with the concept. John Cannon also said he could not accept. He thought accepted nominees should be presented with a plaque or something similar as recognition. The club used to do this years ago and called it Club Contribution.

Fiona said this is not an award to be awarded at the end of a person's career but can be given at any time. She said if the club did not think this award appropriate then it should be let go.

John Gorman said that maybe in future the person nominated should be approached before hand to ascertain if they would accept such an award.

Runners' Runner is also a prestigious award but tends to go to people at the sharp end and not to people who work hard to keep the club going.

To be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AGM: Rob Fletcher suggested that perhaps in future we could invite a speaker to give a different slant on the meeting.

London Marathon 2018 - Club Draw

16 names received for 2 places and 2 reserves. Dave Hicken has given each person a number and proceeded to draw the numbered balls out of a bag.

1. Nick Oxley

2. Steve Jenkinson

Reserves:

1. Denney Lau

2. John Murray

Christmas Handicap

Last year's event was cancelled through lack of interest. It was put to the meeting as to whether they wanted to put this on again this year. The meeting agreed we do. Dave Hicken who will organise the handicap proposed Saturday 30 December. This was agreed.

Club Kit

John Gorman has brought club kit with him if anyone would like to see him after the meeting.

General

Mike Bravin said we need a volunteer to take race numbers and allocate them for the Spire 10 and Bolsover 10k. Anyone interested please contact Mike.

The club needs a representative for the Booths Road League (a new sponsor next year). This person does need to attend the meetings and is usually done by the Club Secretary who is now Sarah Johnson.

Mike Bravin closed the meeting at 9.00pm and thanked everyone for attending. The buffet was then served.