

ERME VALLEY HARRIERS

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 6th November 2012

An attendance list was taken

1. Apologies

These were received from Myra McKay, Russ Mogridge, Ken Summers and Neil Holmes.

2. Minutes of last AGM

These were proposed by Dave Fox and seconded by Ian Crossley
The minutes were adopted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising which aren't covered elsewhere.

4. Officers Reports

The Chairman's and Secretary's reports as well as the Statement of Accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Paul referred to his report and said "The Summer of Sport" showed the world what this country could deliver and what it had achieved. Hopefully as a club we can capitalise on the legacy of the Olympics.

We have great volunteer support within the club, but still need to encourage and recruit Coaches and Officials.

Club promoted events did very well, All three races showed an increase in entry numbers. Thanks to our Race Directors Ian Crossley, Monica Bristow and John Lee. The Devon Sportshall League has proved to be frustrating for Sharon Terry, due to lack of support of athletes attending these meetings, Paul thanked her for her continuing support and commitment.

The Road section of the club has continued to flourish, with the Ladies doing very well. Club Handicap numbers have been down, but numbers have increased in the Friday Away Days.

Paul thanked John Lee in his role of Social Secretary.

We continue to look for new Club Headquarters with current discussions with a local facility taking place.

Paul thanked the committee for their continued hard work.

Keith advised that he is now employed by Plymouth City Council, to develop Athletics in the Plymouth area.

Our club membership remains stable with 216 members 103 seniors and 113 juniors. Keith spoke of the increase of England Athletics fees, and how this will affect membership fees.

We need to try to bring new blood in the committee.

Keith also thanked the committee for their continued support, and especially to Paul in his role of Chairman, and to Jayne for all the behind the scenes work.

Shirley referred to the Statement of Accounts

Paul said without the profits of our three races our balance would not be as healthy.

5. Newsletter

Dave thanked everyone who had submitted articles for the newsletter, and thought the transition of the newsletter going via email and the website had gone well. This also meant Dave working to deadlines. Dave now only has to produce about ten hard copies each month. Dave said he still needed articles and photos.

Dave felt his best newsletter was the one after the Olympic's, which included many photographs and reports from members who attended the games, and those who worked behind the scenes at the games.

Paul Ross thanked Dave for all his hard work and effort in producing the "The Harrier". Paul Hardacre spoke on Jane Hardacre's behalf to ask if results could be forwarded to her as soon as possible in her role as Press and Publicity Officer.

6. Election of Officers

Paul introduced Monica as President who took the Chair and thanked the present Officers for all their hard work over the last year. She then asked them to stand down.

There had been no new nominations. Paul, Keith, Shirley and Sharon were all proposed and seconded and re-elected.

7. Adoption of Committee

Andy Trigg had tendered his resignation prior to the meeting, due to work commitments, but is happy to continue overseeing the Grand Prix Series.

John Lee, Steve Watson and Jane Hardacre were all proposed and seconded as the working committee.

8. Constitution

Keith informed the meeting that a couple of amendments had been made to the clubs constitution.

1.e That the club were affiliated to Armada Athletics Network.

2.d Family membership fees will be agreed by the committee.

5 Officers - "Volunteer Co-ordinator" added.

10.d amended to read that "independent verifier will certify accounts".

9. Subscriptions 2013

Paul informed the meeting of the new proposals from England Athletics' increasing fees for all competing athletes. After debate and numerous questions the Committees proposals for membership fees for 2013 were accepted. Paul informed the meeting that the club would be writing to England Athletics to show their disappointment that they saw fit to raise affiliation fees by such a high percentage.

10. Presentation of Awards

Paul and Monica presented awards for first three places in the Summer Handicap series, also the first three in the Grand Prix series.

Paul also had medals from this years Devon County AA 10k Championships

11. Club Development

Keith said working with the network was a major part of our club development and will continue to happen.

Keith also said we need to develop new coaches and officials.

We also need our own identity

The clubs development plan is out of date and needs to be discussed at our next committee meeting.

12. Open Forum

Paul Hardacre asked about the problem we had with the Rugby Club for next years 10K race. Paul explained what had happened and that Paul and Ian were working with the Rugby Club to resolve this. Ivybridge Rugby Club had promised to get back to them prior to this meeting, but despite Ian chasing we have yet to hear.

John Lee said he has booked the Hunting Lodge for Friday 14th December for Christmas bash. Disco and buffet supplied. The club is subsidising the event and tickets are £5.00 .

13. London Marathon Places.

This year we were allocated 2 places for the London Marathon.

4 members asked for there names to be put forward. Emma Lake, Sarah Owen, Phil Lord and James Mogridge. The four names were put into a hat .

1st. Sarah Owen, 2nd. Phil Lord with James Mogridge as reserve.

Paul thanked everyone for attending the AGM. And the meeting was closed at 2055.