

ERME VALLEY HARRIERS

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 1st November 2016

An Attendance list was taken.

1. Apologies.

These were received from Shaun Harris, Dan Marks, Nick McMahon, Andy Trigg, Phil Warren and Robin Brindle

2. Minutes of last A.G.M.

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

3. Matters Arising.

None

4. Officers Reports.

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

Chairman's 2016

In the event of Paul Ross stepping down earlier in the year, there was no report available.

Secretary's Report 2016 - Keith Reed.

I said last year that not much had changed with the club in the year between AGM's. That is certainly not the case this year. Our Chair Paul Ross stood down following the sad passing of his daughter. We totally support his decision and are very grateful that Paul has continued on the committee and has done some valuable work for the club in that time. Thanks to Steve Watson for acting as interim chair for the past few months. We do now need to find a new chair for the club and I hope we can do so at this AGM. The clubs membership stands at 222 (slightly less than the previous year). The breakdown is 114 seniors and 108 juniors of which 48 are under 11. We paid the affiliation to England Athletics for all our volunteers so that they can get the benefits of being an EA member. This also helps to boost the qualifying numbers for our London Marathon application. Since last year we have been working to develop the club and improve the facilities at the Rugby Club. We will share the progress with you all at the meeting.

The clubs athletes perform very well and continue to do the club proud. Will Battershill was rewarded with a GB U20 International Vest at the Manchester International. Will has now gone to the US and we wish him all the success at Harvard. We hope that our next generation of juniors can

also achieve National recognition. We have introduced an athlete of the month award for juniors and seniors in an attempt to recognise their achievements. We value the contribution of every member and try to recognise their performances on the website and at training.

We have undergone a transition with our juniors this year with many of under 11's going up to U13's. This has meant the U11 sessions are quieter but the older sessions are really busy. We are grateful for Phil Adderley, Michelle Peters and Kate Medicott who have come along to help at the sessions as well as our stalwart team of the more established coaches. We still have the issue of non-competing juniors but things are looking better this year.

Both of our races did well and thanks to our 10K race director Ian Crossley who did a fantastic job. The relays were more of a joint effort and had a record entry number of teams. The races could not happen without the help of a number of key personnel and of course all the members who help on the day. We are truly held up as putting on the best events in our area. Let's all work hard to keep that reputation.

The committee has unfortunately got a bit smaller again with a couple of resignations for personal reasons. We are grateful to Nathan Brown for coming on board as junior rep. As I have already said we are truly grateful to Paul for all he has done for the club over the years. He has been a magnificent Chair leading from the front. He will be a hard act to follow. I am really pleased he has agreed to stay on the committee and help the new person settle in.

I try to be an effective secretary of the club and give up my time freely to help the club. We are currently working on the new development plan and also looking to renew the Clubmark accreditation for the club. I also have a role as a coach and also an official within the club. It would be good to spread this load a bit. If there is anyone who can volunteer to help the club in any way (no matter how small) then please let us know. You would be most welcome.

Every year I have to thank Jayne for all she does. A lot of it is behind the scenes and she is truly an Unsung Hero. I would also like to mention Shirley and Steve Watson who do so much to help the club. Their contribution largely goes unnoticed. Thanks also to Louise Bristow for all she does with the Social Media. It is a growing area of communication and needs a lot of effort to keep things under control. We hope that everyone will support the efforts put in by the committee and support our efforts to improve your experience as a member of Erme Valley Harriers

Treasurers Report 2016- Shirley Watson

Club in a very good position with a healthy balance.

This would not be possible without the profit from our club races.

Junior training fees cover the expenses of hiring the school for Thursday night training. We cover cost of entry fees for Sportshall and Devon League in the summer.

We Purchased a new large storage unit to hold club equipment, also that The Ivybridge Lions Club would be able to store their equipment for Charity Events.

Fees Paid for use of Ivybridge Rugby Club,

Throughout the year we also supported many social events. i.e.: Away Trip to Frome, Christmas Party, Presentation Evening, and supporting Athlete's in their travelling expenses.

Continue to support local charties in the Ivybridge area.

5. Newsletter

Dave thanked everyone who had submitted articles for the newsletter. The newsletter is produced the weekend after committee meeting.

Dave also commented on the coverage that the club has received through the Sport Gazette, with lots of club photo's online.

Paul thanked Dave for his effort in producing the Harrier.

6. Election of Officers

There had been no new nominations received for the Officers positions.

The officers were re-elected with a unanimous show of hands.

Keith Reed (Secretary)

Shirley Watson (Treasurer)

Sharon Terry (Welfare Officer)

Position of Chair still to be filled. In 33 years of Erme Valley Harriers being formed only two people had filled this position.

7. Adoption of Committee

Current members Mark Livermore, Steve Watson, Louise Bristow, Nathan Brown were happy to stand. Proposed by Cleo Perry and seconded by Ian Crossley.

Paul then opened it up to the meeting if any other person wished to join the committee, and invited them to attend our next committee meeting, being held on Monday 7th November.

8. Subscriptions 2017

Shirley informed the meeting, that at our last committee meeting we agreed to keep subscriptions the same as 2016 and absorb the next £1.00 increase from England Athletics for 2017. Which is due to increase by a £1.00 each year for the next 4 years. Will review again next year.

Proposed by Dave Fox and seconded by Rose Brailsford. All members were in favor.

9. Club Development Plan

Mark Livermore and Keith Reed went through screen presentation in detail, and discussed roles of committee members. Keith to put on website.

Agreed to try and use social media to work together as a club.

Ian Crossley asked if we could put into the plan, that we try to develop and improve ladies changing.

Keith replied, already in plan.

Allison McEwing asked if there was a facility of weights at the Rugby Club, and if we can use. Keith replied he would make enquiries, Also that the Community College at this facility.

10. Open Forum.

Allison McEwing asked what was in the storage container. Steve Watson explained and how we were sharing with Ivybridge Lions Club.

Allison McEwing asked if training was permitted on the outskirts of the grounds of the Rugby Club, Keith informed her that she could use school track from 7-8pm on Thursday evening.

Allison then asked what leadership courses she would need to do, starting with L.I.R.F and then to become a coach. Keith to forward information.

Sharon Terry asked if anyone who wished to come on committee, could volunteer now or attend next Monday's meeting.

Paul also commented on the First Aid, De-Fib course and Traffic Management courses that were held to enhance our club races.

Bob Jefferey proposed that the members thanked the Committee for all their hard work. And seconded by Cleo Perry.

London Marathon, club has been awarded 2 place.

10 names went into the hat, 1st out Paddy Trinder and 2nd Neil Moffat.

Keith informed the meeting he had details of Devon Championship Cross Country, and next Westward League Cross Country to be held at Newquay on 13th November. Transport leaving Ivybridge at 9.40am

Presentation of Summer Handicap Award: Carol Hanson £100.

3 cheques make up of £50.00 Cancer Research, £30.00 Jeremiah's Journey and £20.00 Red R.

Keith thanked Monica Bristow for her role as President of the club.

Keith made a presentation to Paul Ross for his services to EVH, and presented him with a plaque of a piece of the track from London 2012 Olympic Games.

Louise Bristow announced Christmas Party tickets on sale.

Paul thanked everyone for attending the AGM. The meeting closed at 9.00pm