



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 17 March 2017 at 1900 hrs

The Mowden Pub, Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL3 9BE

Present:

Graham Park	Steve Padgett	Dawn Richardson
Wendy Colling	Susan New	Rob Gillham
Lindsey Lester	Phil Rutter	Gill Colling
Abbie Hull	Mike Horan	Andrew Dixon
Abigail Willson	Darryn Wood	Nicola Arkley
Alex Kiel	Paul Roberts	Ian Bond
Ty Hankinson	Grainne Duffy	Anna Hardy
David Ledgerwood	Chris Minto	Michael Joyeux
Adrian Cottam	Katherine Hackett	Lou Trainor
Paul Dalton	Olly Moore	Gemma Marshall
Marc Ellis	Darren Wright	Rob Dent
Michael Thompson	Sarah Watson	Adrian Dent
Linda Harrington	Anthony Corbett	April Corbett
Dave Jones		

Apologies:

John Clarke	Annette Clarke	Dave Thompson
Brian Martin	Sandra Martin	Lisa Johnson
Fin Fox	Emma Joyeux	

1. Chairman's Address

Graham Park opened the meeting at 1909 hrs and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Graham thanked the following members for their efforts within the club:

Paul Dalton and David Ledgerwood for taking on the role of Coaching Co-ordinator.

The Social Committee for raising £698 for the Great North Ambulance Charity.

Jamie Burn and Kevin Simpson for taking over the organisation of the annual club trip.

Ian Bond for organising the 5K handicap race and park run competition.

Paul Dalton for arranging the 10K leagues.



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Phil Rutter for organising the club championship.

Rob Dent for organising the press reports.

Adrian Dent for his efforts on Clubmark.

Olly Moore for the improvements on the club website and also for introducing on-line payment for membership. Graham was keen to point out however that you could still pay your membership by cash or cheque.

Anthony Corbett and Roy MacDougall for organising the Lyke Wake Challenge.

Graham thanked those members who have stood down as coaches, namely, Steve Snook, Bev Snook, Julie Whinn, Ian Bond, Diane Adkins, Chris Crathorne, Mike Horan and Michael Joyeux.

Graham thanked Emma Joyeux for her efforts with Race for Life.

2. **Matters Arising**

Adrian Dent stated that although he did not attend the last AGM, he thought that Mike Horan had been elected Honorary Chairman. Steve Padgett said he would address this.

3. **Review of Accounts**

Steve Padgett stated that Peter Rowley had audited the club accounts and that they were meticulously kept. Unfortunately Peter Rowley could not attend the AGM meeting so Steve Padgett suggested that there would be an EGM to review the accounts.

Members unanimously voted to review the accounts at an EGM.

4. **Review of Roles**

Steve Padgett reviewed the roles of the club.

Graham Park will remain as Chairman.

Steve Padgett will remain as Secretary and Dawn Richardson to remain as Assistant Secretary.

Mark Colling will become the Treasurer.

Olly Moore will take on the role of Membership Secretary.

Olly Moore will take on the role of Web Administrator.

Rob Dent will remain as Press Secretary.

Adrian Dent remains as Development Officer.

Mark Colling and Wendy Colling will become the Welfare Officers which is a new position due to Clubmark status.

Paul Dalton and David Ledgerwood will continue as Coaching Co-ordinators.

Michael Joyeux and Emma Joyeux will be male and female Road Team Captains.

Paul Roberts and Lindsey Lester will become the male and female Track & Field Team Captains.

Marc Ellis and Louise Trainor are the male and female XC Team Captains.

Abbie Hull and Andrew Lambe take on the new positions of Trail/Fell Team Captains.

Rob Gillham remains Club Kit Co-ordinator.

April Corbett will remain as sole Club Statistician.

Gemma Marshall becomes the Club Championship Administrator.

Rob Dent becomes the 10K League Administrator.

Race Development Committee – remains as is, namely, Anthony Corbett, April Corbett, Ian Bond, Richard Payne, Roy MacDougall, Wendy Colling and Mark Colling.

Social Committee – remains the same, namely, Emma Joyeux, Julie Whinn, Sue New and Wendy Colling. In addition, April Corbett, Linda Harrington, Anna Hardy and Katherine Hackett volunteered to join the committee.

5.1 **Changes to Presentation Night Awards**

Jeff Marriott proposed changing the awards to age category awards.

After much deliberation, it was agreed that Jeff Marriott would prepare a paper detailing clearly and properly his proposal which Steve Padgett would distribute to members in preparation for a discussion at an EGM.

It was proposed that rather than having one Athlete of the Year award, we would have a male and female Athlete of the Year award. 27 members voted for this.

5.2 **Charity for 2017/2018**

It was agreed that the clubs charity for 2017/2018 would be the British Heart Foundation in honour of Neil Harrington.

Linda Harrington stated that nearly £500 was donated at Neil's funeral and that £625 had been raised. In addition, Neil's place of work have donated a further £200.

5.3 **Marshals/Helpers for NYSD Track & Field Events**

Louise Trainor stated that the NYSD rules states that each club needs to provide at least one marshall at each meet. Louise further stated that NYSD are willing to pay for individuals to be trained as officials if so desired. There are 6 track meets each season. Details are on the clubs website.

It was agreed that the club will advertise the need to provide a marshal or helper via the weekly newsletter.

If any club members are interested in becoming trained as an official, please contact Louise Trainor.

5.2 **Training Sessions**

Variety

Rob Gillham stated that over the years various sessions seem to have dropped off the training programme and that it may be worth revisiting some of these sessions over the winter months.

Sally Singleton stated that some of the routes have been dropped due to residents complaints. Sally has devised some new routes and will trial in the summer. Paul Dalton stated that due to health and safety reasons some sessions were pulled and that some new sessions will start in the summer. Rob Gillham thought the sessions were getting a little repetitive. Paul Dalton stated that he would try and get a balance of speed and endurance per week. Paul Dalton and David Ledgerwood will continue discussions on this.

Anthony Corbett commented that a member had made the point to use the same location but for a different session.

Route of the monthly steady runs

Rob Gillham stated at the last steady run we had around 75 members participating and that the route involved the busiest part of town with lots of road crossings. He suggested we try and plan the route before hand and use quieter parts of town. Sally Singleton stated that she had already planned 66 routes for Clubmark which will be issued shortly.

Paul Dalton stated that Rob Gillham had a valid point and in future would use the newsletter to communicate the route in advance.

Jeff Marriott commented in the summer whilst using the school field, the ladies football team also use the field. Jeff Marriott suggested meeting with the college to request the footballers to use the bottom field and to have a 400 metre line drawn on the football pitch.

Steve Padgett stated that we had not been charged to use the field in the last 6 years.

Graham Park stated that he thought we over-pay for the club house.

Steve Padgett stated that we now pay for the field so things may change in the summer.

Quakers/Harriers

Rob Gillham stated that our sessions sometimes clash with Harriers Running Club sessions and that it becomes a health and safety risk. Rob Gillham suggested checking the Harriers training schedule to avoid clashes in the future.

Paul Dalton stated that this is a new issue but that he would keep an eye on the Harriers training schedule.

Grainne Duffy suggested having a purposeful conversation with the Harriers to ensure residents are not upset when both Quakers and Harriers train in the same area.

Paul Dalton suggested that if we do approach the Harriers it should be a management committee to management committee discussion. Steve Padgett said he was willing to have a chat with the Harriers.

Julie Whinn asked how many complaints we have receive from residents and suggested we monitor over the next 6 months. Steve Padgett suggested that if there are any problems he is made aware of it.

5.3 Proposal of Neil Harrington shield

The meeting agreed to have a shield to honour Neil Harrington. Steve Padgett stated that he would let Linda Harrington choose the criteria.

5.4 Clubmark

Adrian Dent updated the meeting with regard to Clubmark and thanked the many members who have contributed to this. He urged members to read the policies which have, or will be sent out in the near future and to comment on them.



Adrian Dent stated that once the policies and procedures have been submitted to England Athletics, they will visit the club and it is important that members are aware of what is going on and can respond accordingly to any questions raised by England Athletics.

Adrian Dent requested support of the meeting for any short term changes that will be required for Clubmark and that any permanent changes would be brought back to an EGM or AGM for approval.

5.5 Coach hire/self financing

There was a discussion whether the club can financially continue to support subsidising a coach to take members to races.

It was voted unanimously that the club will no longer subsidise the use of a coach and that members must cover the cost themselves.

6. Close

Steve Padgett brought the meeting to a close at 2040 hrs.

Graham Park
Chairman