



CLAYTON - LE - MOORS HARRIERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - The Thornton Arms & via Zoom

At 8.00pm on Tuesday 7th November 2023

1. Presidents Opening Remarks

David Scott welcomed everyone to the AGM and was pleased to see 3 non-committee members. DS thanked the committee for the amount of hours they put in.

DS was delighted with the performances from the juniors up to vets.

2. Attendance and Apologies

8 members face to face and 3 members via Zoom were present at the meeting. No apologies.

3. Appointment of Tellers

Mark Nutter and Colin Woolford were appointed as Tellers.

4. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Mark Nutter asked for an addition to the minutes: need RO for Pendle Clough Fell Race since Mike's passing. The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were approved as a true record with this addition, proposed by Mark Nutter and seconded by Jason Pier.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. The Secretary's Report

Judith Carey, secretary presented her report to the meeting, thanking the committee for all their hard work and commitment and made great contributions to the club & team.

As a committee we have met 11 times since the previous AGM in November 2022. We decided to reintroduce some face to face meetings as well as continuing with meeting online too. It has felt good to have our meetings face to face once again.

We have seen changes in the committee this year and seen the resignation of Dominic Howell & Craig Eccles from their roles on the committee and would like to thank them for all their contributions made. Craig did a great job as the kit manager and generated lots of income from the kit sales. We also want to thank Ian Hargreaves for his great job as membership secretary over the years, he has been a faithful member of the committee and done a great job in his role, especially when it has come round to collecting the annual subs.

There have been many hours spent behind the scenes that our members do not see. Rachael & Peter have taken on the role of Welfare Officer, they have worked extremely hard in implementing and updating our Club policies and procedures, putting in hours and hours of work. David Siguenza has taken over the role from Jack O'Hara of managing the club website and again, has put in lots of time working with Jack arranging the hand over and continuing to improve and repair the website.

It's great to see the juniors doing so well, thank you to all the coaches that put in so much time, energy and hard work training them, stretching them and seeing their potential. Marion & Jason and the team do a fabulous job.

I'm looking forward to another 12 months seeing lots of running, training & competing, I enjoy the posts on our social media pages, seeing our runners and their achievements. Thank you Sarah for keep searching out the photo's and results and posting it for everyone to see. It will be good to celebrate those achievements in 2024 with an annual Awards Night, we will look forward to sharing those details with everyone in due course.

The secretary report was accepted.

7. The Treasurer's Report

Leanne Ashworth, Treasurer presented her report to the committee.

It's been a busy year for Clayton's 100th year. Centenary celebrations at Simplyfields in October and the coasters were a great success. Club races have also been successful, although expenses have risen, clothing sales continues to do well this year, the limited edition centenary t-shirts were very popular.

There has been a slight increase in subscriptions this year which is positive for the club. Due to the price increase in EA Fees and race entry fees, we will need to increase subscription fees for all members.

Barclays balance £4534.12 and Nat West balance £19,838.17

EA fees have gone up consecutively each year. Fees discussed and agreed they need to increase. Our fees are still one of the cheapest locally. It was agreed the new fees will be £30 - seniors, £15 - juniors & £10 - associate member.

There was some discussion over whether junior fee should include the free vest. Agreed to give 1st vest free and then additional ones must be purchased. Mark Nutter asked if the fees for juniors covers all the costs. Jason Pier explained that junior fees are subsidised from income from the Greenway PBGP race.

Proposed increase in fee accepted - 11 votes.

The meeting agreed that the Accounts were accepted.

8. Membership Secretary Report

A stable year for the club with regard to membership numbers and we end the year at 369 members which includes 38 associate members and 9 honorary members. In addition there were a number of memberships who had joined in the last quarter of 2022 and they received up to 15 months subs for the price of 12. To date there have only been 3 members that have joined on that basis in the last quarter of 2023. We have over 130 members who are now aged 60 and above , whilst this group are a vital part of the club, for both support and funding, and experience in many running events, we should be aware that attracting the younger members will help the future of the club going forward. As ever the priority for the club should remain the junior section which is the lifeblood for the clubs future.

There was discussion about why people move onto new clubs, IH explained that people have moved to Trawden, some left due to injury, people not running as much and losing interest. We need to try and keep members as an associate. Further discussion about how we retain more junior members. Mark Nutter has noticed when putting teams together there's not many between ages 18 - 39. Rachael White stated there is no fell training for juniors at the moment and we need to find someone to take this on. We used to have Alan Dorrington & Cassie, however it's difficult to find someone that can commit.

Colin Woolford advised that other clubs e/mail their members, is this something we can do? Peter Mackrell explained we are going to online membership with member mojo, the system has capability to mail shot & email and pay by PayPal. Rachael White explained that EA club standards say that members have to agree to codes of conduct and it's all done online.

9. Election of President, Captains, Officers and Committee

The following appointments were made:

2023/2024 Nominations for President and Captains

Post	Standing	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	David Scott	Rachael White	Judith Carey
Ladies' Captain	Marion Wilkinson	Judith Carey	Leanne Ashworth
Men's Captain	Mark Nutter	Jason Pier	Peter Mackrell

2023/2024 Nominations for Officer and Committee

	Standing	Proposed by	Seconded by
Officer			
President	David Scott	Rachael White	Judith Carey
Secretary	Judith Carey	Jason Pier	Leanne Ashworth
Treasurer	Leanne Ashworth	Judith Carey	Marion Wilkinson
Committee			
Membership Secretary & Welfare Office	Peter Mackrell	Rachael White	Judith Carey
Junior Organiser	Marion Wilkinson	Peter Mackrell	Jason Pier
Ladies' Team Manager	Michelle Abbott	Judith Carey	Marion Wilkinson
Men's Team Manager	Jason Pier	Leanne Ashworth	Peter Mackrell
Race Representative	Vacant		
Committee Member & Welfare Officer	Rachael White	Leanne Ashworth	Marion Wilkinson
Committee Member	David Siguenza	Jason Pier	Peter Mackrell
Committee Member ¹	Michael Stevens	Judith Carey	Rachael White

Michael Stevens has withdrawn due to university commitments.

IH no longer Membership Secretary. Role taken over by Peter Mackrell.

10. Election of Auditor 2023/2024

Alex Cran was appointed as Auditor for 2023/2024. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

11. New Constitution to be Adopted

Rachael White explained the new constitution is an EA document that has been adopted for our club. We don't have a chairperson & EA states we need either a chairperson or president. David Scott is happy to continue as Named President, a commitment of 3yrs.

Mark Nutter asked if we need a minimum number of members at the AGM meeting, it was confirmed we need 10. There was some discussion if we could incorporate the AGM into relays to get more of an audience?

Constitution adopted with one abstention - MN for constitution

12. Registration & Renewal Process

Peter Mackrell presented how the new registration & renewal process will work using member mojo, the system has capability to mail shot & email and pay by PayPal.

13. Open Forum Discussion

Website

Colin Woolford raised the issue of the website still not being adequate for use. Rachael explained that David Siguenza has been trying to chase Jack. David Siguenza said soundbox is causing issues and Jack didn't have time to disconnect it. David has sent a test link to try. There has been some issues trying to get in contact with Jack, Mark Nutter has also had a problem getting hold of Jack for updating results.

Pendle Clough Fell Race

Pendle Clough Fell race will attract 400 runners next year.

Adam Wale said as a new runner and not a fell runner he hadn't heard of the Stan Bradshaw race. Leanne suggested sending out some race info to new runners? Adam wondered if there could be more of an induction for new members, when he joined he thought there would be more communication. Discussion over whether we can make more announcements.

Colin Woolford advised Kathryn Miller on FRA committee & Mark Nutter is FRA ambassador.

Timing Machine

Mark Nutter asked if we still have the new timing machine? Rachael White confirmed we have, it's currently in the storage lockup, fully working and instructions are laminated. The machine can be used anytime. Mark Nutter will ask Ralf if he can test it & use it. Ideally it needs to be someone who is not the race organiser.

Hameldon Fell Race

Jason Pier advised we still need a Race Organiser for Hameldon Fell Race, Mark Nutter will mention at Barley Badgers to see if anyone interested.

14. The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next AGM - Oct 2024, possibly at Seedhill track & cricket club.