



CLAYTON - LE - MOORS HARRIERS

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

At 8.00pm on Monday 7th November 2024

1. Presidents Opening Remarks

David Scott welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked the committee for their hard work over the last 12 months. With a special mention to Jason Pier for everything he does for the committee and the club. David expressed his disappointment with XC, being relegated and demoted to league 2. However he said it was pleasing to have Nicola Moynihan running so well & Adam Wale has had a super season this year.

2. Attendance and Apologies

17 members face to face and 5 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 2023 Annual General Meeting

Mark Nutter pointed out 2 amendments to be made to the minutes - Should read Pendle Clough Fell Race not 'Pendleton" and the President role was a 3yr commitment not 4yr.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting were approved as a true record with this amendment, 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 over the last 12 months. Everyone has worked so hard behind the scenes, adapted and made contributions to the club & team and it is very much appreciated.

As a committee we have met 11 times since the previous AGM in November 2023, both face to face and online meetings.

We have again seen changes in the committee this year with the resignation of Rachael White. Rachael stepped down from her role in the summer. We would like to thank Rachael for all her contributions to the club over the years, most recently implementing and updating our Club policies and procedures. We are also seeing the role of Membership Secretary transition to Adam Wale. Thank you Peter for implementing the new Member Mojo for club renewals and new member registrations, it's been a big task but you've done a great job. Kit manager has recently been handed over to Julia Rushton and we now have the facility to accept card payments. We have seen Helen Harrison & Kim Kennedy both join the committee this year, it's great to have them onboard the team.

As usual our junior coaches Marion & Jason have had a fabulous year with the juniors. They put in so much time and energy training them, stretching them and seeing their potential. It's great to see so many juniors at Parkrun and taking part in the lots of races over the year.

We've seen the introduction of the Wednesday evening intermediate session, for those looking to progress from Parkrun. This is going really well and the numbers are increasing each week. I've also enjoyed some of these runs and found them really beneficial.

I'm looking forward to seeing another 12 months of running, training & competing from our members and being able to enjoy another successful awards evening next year to celebrate all the achievements.

The secretary report was accepted.

7. The Treasurer's Report

Leanne Ashworth, Treasurer presented her report to the committee.

2023-2024 has been a good year for races, we have had a great turnout of runners for all club races. Thank you to all race organisers.

We have managed to get online banking for the Nat West account, so I am hoping to have the Nat West account for membership fees and Barclays for everything else.

We have also set up PayPal that is working well for payments, and hopefully will have the card reader set up shortly for clothing sales.

Clothing sales are down this year, but hopefully with the card reader this will be easier for transactions.

As the subscriptions were increased last year, I feel that they should not be increased this year.

Barclays balance £4331.38 and Nat West balance £15,241.27

Leanne Ashworth needs to see what is in the PayPal account and will speak to Peter.

Mark Nutter noted that the race promotions income has increased and Pendle Clough Fell Race brought in lots more income last year.

The meeting agreed that the Accounts were accepted.

8. Membership Secretary Report - AW on behalf of PM

Membership Numbers

The club has 304 members with a breakdown across age bands and biological sex as follows:

Age Grp	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	27	18	45
18-35	26	10	36
35-40	7	7	14
40-45	17	12	29
45-50	14	11	25
50-55	21	10	31
55-60	19	10	29
60-65	18	9	27
65-70	21	9	30
70-75	13	2	15
75	18	5	23
TOTAL	201	103	304

Membership Forms and MemberMojo

At the beginning of 2024 we introduced the MemberMojo membership system. The governance of running clubs has tightened significantly in recent years and England Athletics has a set of 'Club Standards' that clubs need to aspire to. One such requirement is that members proactively check and update their personal details each year, and sign up to the Athlete Code of Conduct.

The introduction of MemberMojo helps the club achieve the club standards. Like any new system there was always the potential for teething problems, however I think we have overcome these and the system works well. The vast majority of memberships this year were processed via MemberMojo and most members prefer this to the paper form. We will soon be undertaking the first set of renewals since most members first used MemberMojo and hopefully this will be a simple process, with personal details already pre-populated in the online account. The paper form is still available for those that prefer this method.

Membership Fees

In 2024 we increased the membership fees for the first time in many years. This is partly a response to the continued annual increase in the England Athletics affiliation fee, which was £19 for 2024, and which will be £20 for 2025. The majority of the membership fee that you pay is passed on to England Athletics with the club only keeping the difference.

PayPal and Standing Orders

The introduction of the MemberMojo system enabled members to pay their membership via PayPal, whilst some prefer to continue paying by standing order. From the club's perspective, PayPal is much easier to administer because the payment is automatically lined to the membership record. Standing orders create additional workload because payments have to be reconciled against member details. We have standing orders being paid into two different bank accounts, at irregular times throughout the year, many of which are still at the old membership fees, and some of which have narratives that don't correspond to member names.

The club cannot change a standing order, it has to be done by the member themselves. For those who wish to continue paying by standing order, it would be appreciated if you could check that you're paying the correct amount, that you set this to be paid on 1st January, and to ensure it is paid into our Nat West account: 01-00-04 01064592.

Stepping Down

Due to increased pressures from other commitments away from the club, Peter is struggled to truly do this role justice, therefore Peter will be stepping down at the AGM. Peter is extremely grateful to Adam Wale for volunteering to take over as membership secretary. He'll do a great job and please show him the same patience you afforded Peter.

Mark Nutter querying if we have more than 304 members. We used to get an email from Ian Hargreaves with member details and it could be filtered to find vet categories etc. but it's a struggle to do this on Member Mojo.

Helen Harrison asked who pays England Athletics. Jason Pier explained that this is paid when a member is registered.

Can David Siquenza send an email on Mail Chimp regarding new member prices and Nat West Bank details for standing order payments?

9. Election of President, Captains, Officers and Committee

The following appointments were made:

2024/2025 Nominations for President and Captains

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

2024/2025 Nominations for Officer and Committee

	Standing	Proposed by	Seconded by
Officer			
President	David Scott	Jason Pier	Judith Carey
Secretary	Judith Carey	Jason Pier	Leanne Ashworth
Treasurer	Leanne Ashworth	Judith Carey	Marion Wilkinson
Committee			
Membership Secretary	Adam Wale	Peter Mackrell	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		
Welfare Officer & Committee Member	Kim Kennedy	Leanne Ashworth	Marion Wilkinson
Welfare Officer & Committee Member	Peter Mackrell	Jason Pier	Adam Wale
Committee Member	David Siguenza	Jason Pier	Peter Mackrell
Committee Member ¹	Helen Harrison	Judith Carey	Jason Pier

Peter Mackrell has stepped down as Membership Secretary, the role has been taken up by Adam Wale.

10. Election of Auditor 2024/2025

Alex Cran was appointed as Auditor for 2024/2025. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

13. Open Forum Discussion

Stans Hut - David Scott

Mark Nutter contacted David Scott regarding the condition of Stan's Hut, location - Stainscomb on Pendle Hill (built in 1936). Stan was born in 1912 and joined Clayton in the 1920's. Stan was a legend of his time and lived until age 97. Stan used to recharge his batteries at this hut. Mark Nutter & 3 others have decided to rebuild the hut. David Scott is asking for money to fix up the hut, costing approximately £1000. David Scott asked if we can use some of the money donated from Andy Churchill to pay towards the repairs.

There was a lot of discussion around whether we should contribute funds towards this project, some alternative suggestions were to have a social gathering to look at it or build a memorial instead. Colin Woolford advised that the idea would be to have it useable & do it up to use it as it has not been maintained since Stan died.

Mark Nutter confirmed that Laurie Gill the landowner is happy for the club to renovate the hut. Jason Pier confirmed that it's about Stan's Legacy.

Mark Nutter explained the plan is to renovate and when finished propose it has a combination padlock so anyone can access if they have the padlock code and it would be maintained annually.

Sarah Ashworth suggested that if we going to invest into it, could we do something annually as a memorial. There appears to be a gap between young road runner and older generation fell runners.

The plan is for Mark Nutter, Alex & Richard to rebuild it. Colin Woolford confirmed the hut would be used for things like sheltering from the bad weather. Sarah Ashworth asked if there will be a plaque so we know who's hut it is?

Helen Harrison asked if there's a race that passes through and could it be used as a checkpoint?

David Scott put to vote with 11 voting in favour.

Mark Nutter will take plans to the farmer.

XC Transport - Scott Cunliffe

XC team relegated in 2023. Scott wants to try and motivate more members to take part in XC races and had an idea of the club putting on a minibus/coach to transport members to the races further afield to race. It costs around £400 for a coach/minibus, we could charge members £10 and the remainder of the costs paid for by the club. SC suggested XC at Sefton Park, Blackpool & Skelmersdale. Scott Cunliffe will ask if it could take the tent, the minibus/coach will be for adults only.

Richard Stevenson asked how many runners are registered for Sefton, Scott will look into and feedback.

Jason Pier - Red Rose & Mid Lancs are putting on joint races, if one at Towneley Park, we'll join forces with Trawden to organise. Fixtures are still to be decided.

Coaches - Adam Wale

We have a lack of coaches in the club and need some volunteers, particularly on a Thursday evening.

Sarah Ashworth stated the club doesn't have a lot of coaches and who we have are ageing, if we don't start training new people where are we going to be? Can we advertise more for coaches, make an incentive to people to coach and it gives people a reason to join our club. Jason Pier & Colin Woolford explained we already pay the fees for coaching courses.

John Roche suggested using more run leaders under a coach, a run leader is a 1day course (Leader in Running Fitness) and it more achievable.

Leanne Ashworth explained we have Mail Chimp to send mail shots and on renewal of membership there is an option to let us know if anyone wants to volunteer.

Adam Wale has suggested finding a track we can use for a regular training session on a Thursday. Jason Pier said that if someone wants to hire the Steven Burke track then they need to present it to the committee. A session at the track would need 15 people at cost of £2 each week.

Scott Cunliffe said it's a good sign having 17 at the AGM. One difficulty the club has is that we don't have a base. Is there a possibility with Burnley Council/Burnley Leisure of having something in Burnley?

Races

Adam Wale - Will Herman is setting up a new race, is there a levy on club races to be waived or any other way we can help? Colin Woolford asked if Will is asking if makes a loss will the club cover it? Colin Wale & Jason Pier confirmed yes can cover, however there shouldn't be any outlay for equipment.

John Roche - our other Clayton races need more promotion. Mark Nutter advised he has set up club championships and before each race he always promotes it, especially if for pre-entry. Mark Nutter & Colin Woolford confirmed races are promoted and on the fell directory. Road races do not have a directory.

Adam Wale suggested we need to bridge the gap of connecting races to new members. Scott Cunliffe also stated we struggle for volunteers for Clayton races.

Adam Wale stated we need a plan going forward, discussion regarding a newsletter & content. David Siquenza has offered to email via mail chimp.

Website

Irene Roche asked who oversees the website? Jason Pier confirmed that David Siquenza does, some items are struggling to update. Jason will email David. Irene Roche asked if we can add the Monday session to the website? Jason will update later.

Leanne Ashworth - we could ask David Siquenza to email via Mail Chimp our updated training sessions.

Mark Nutter will message Colin Woolford with updates to the Roll of Honour for the website.

14. The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Next AGM - November 2025

FOOTNOTE

It was discovered after the AGM that there were a couple of issues surrounding the decision making process for the funding of the Stan Bradshaw hut.

1. The subject of funding for the hut should have been submitted to the club secretary 14 days before the AGM.
2. It was also discovered that those who were attending the meeting via zoom were unable to hear or see what was being discussed.

Therefore at the regular December committee meeting the matter was discussed again. Peter Mackrell brought it to our attention that if the club was to fund the full cost of refurbishment of the Stan Bradshaw hut then we as a club and notably the committee would be responsible and liable for the hut.

Points were raised such as:-

- Ongoing repair costs
- Claims from the public if anyone was hurt whilst using the hut.
- Access to the hut (as it was on private farmland)
- What would happen if the farmer refused entry or sold the land in the future.

After taking into account all of the above, it was decided by those present including David Scott that it would put too much responsibility on the committee and that club funds would be better spent elsewhere.

David Scott said he and other members would now look to make private donations towards the costs. The committee agreed to a donation of £250 towards the repair.

David Scott to speak to Mark Nutter to explain the decision.

Mark Nutter was informed 7 weeks after the AGM following a club committee meeting regarding the decision reversal and the club donated £250 and not the initially agreed £1000.