

## Annual General Meeting 2013

In Attendance:

Steve Atkinson	Kevin Oakes	John Barry
Mark Cooper	Martin Foster	Andrew Wheeler
Paul Gorman	Laura Leslie	Becky Hampson
Caroline Harlan-Marks	Matt Cook	Gary Blackman
Sam Chatwin	Steve James	Rich Bayliss
Antony Stewart	Dean Parker	Fiona Heath-Brown
Mark Allen	John McKeon	Richard Rollins
Bob Hockenhull	Mike Scotney	Sarah Rock
Dave Harte	Sharon Weldon	Keith Elliot
Laura Gale	Aine Garvey	Suz West
Andy Hoole	Alan Orr	Kevin Peace
Minnie Barrat	Leigh Church	Daniel Wilson
Jim Price	Claire Hammond	James Gittins
Ed Hartley	Lesley Proctor	Orlando Corea
Rob Andrew	Paul Thompson	Nicola Cumley
Steve Cumley	Jonathan Hammond	Jude Glynn
Oliver Kirkland	Jane Croke	Alec Croke
Barrie Roberts	Katie Roberts	Steve Doswell
Linda Howell	Sue Ward	Chris Harlan-Marks
Sean Rose	Gareth Cadd	
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Maria Wilke	Maggie Curtis	Rachel Ward
Mel James	Marianne Hensman	Ewan Ross

- Agreed to proceed with <30% membership present
- Apologies accepted

Item 1:

Vote to adopt last years minutes: Nominated; Barrie Roberts, Seconded; Caroline Harlan-Marks.

Item 2: Chairperson Report, Chris Harlan-Marks

- Expressed his positive feelings for the club and sense of community, and re-iterated that he stood for chair last year due to the core values of the club.
- Taking stock of the previous year that we are growing as a club, we have embraced online members thanks to Dave Hartes efforts.
  - Special mention to the Birmingham Half Marathon that we had 95-100 members take part
  - We have at least one member run at each Cannon Hill Park Run
  - Members are serious about performance and team events such as cross countryand

road relays

- Plans for the coming year (2013/2014)
  - Honour member of the month
  - Recognise more membership
  - Taking a year out of the Grand Prix to re-assess it
  - Encouraging more members to get involved and give suggestions as to what they would like to see from the club
- Expressed thanks to members for attending

Item 3: Treasurers report: Andrew Wheeler

- Balance of £521, slightly down from last year
- Pavilion rates had remained the same, but we should expect an increase
- The leafy 10k, the potential loss of Brian Pearson as he's standing down from scouts could incur an increase in costs of catering for the event
- We have a lot of kit in stock from the beginners course, this is classed as an asset and can be re-used
- We have general kit in stock
- Events have been subsidised by the club, e.g. subsidised coach travel to National Cross Country in Sunderland
- Only 2 people have been funded to go on coaching courses.
- Expressed thanks to Dave Harte for setting up paypal and Rob Andrew for auditing the finances

Item 4: Membership Secretary: Linda Howell

- Previous years membership stood at 200
- This year we had 224 with a great take up of online renewals and only 22 people paying by cheque
- Thanks to Dave Harte for all his work in getting on-line payment and renewals up and running

Item 5: Coaching: John Barry

- Expressed thanks to all coaches
- Request that more people sign up for coaching, suggested people interested start by helping at the beginners group as a taster
- Coaches are available for help on all club nights and via email
- Chris Harlan-Marks highlighted that the club will pay for coaching courses if members wanted to come along and help

Item 6: Men's Cross Country: Rob Andrew

- Race reports from the season are online
- Relegated from Division 1 due to injuries and bad luck. Asserted that we can go back up and to keep promotion within aim and that the B team could win division 2
- He has been 2/3 yrs in the role as mens manager and the club is getting stronger at the front and the B team is improving
- The cross country team exhibits the clubs core values and expressed his thanks to the members who turn out to race
- Highlights:
  - British Master Relays, M35 came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Masters are getting stronger and pushing international
  - County: Seniors 2<sup>nd</sup>, Masters 1<sup>st</sup>, Gary Blackman and Matt Cook selected to run intercounties for their respective counties
  - At the Midlands at Stafford Common, Bournville won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division title

Nationals at Sunderland: 6 man team placed 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 man team placed 20<sup>th</sup>, putting us high amongst the Midlands teams

British Masters XC, won M35, Dean Parker came 3<sup>rd</sup> M40

- Expressed hi enjoyment as his time as captain, thanked all those who had taken part and commended the team spirit.
- Reminder that there are BvH team t-shirts for those who have run in a team event

#### Item 7: Women's Cross Country: Nicola Cumley

- Highlights
  - Senior women finished 8<sup>th</sup>, putting us in division 1 for next season
  - Masters finished 5<sup>th</sup>
  - We had full teams out for all cross country events
  - At the National XC Relays we finished half way up the field
  - Won the senior women's Warwickshire team
  - Linda Howell represented Warwickshire at the intercounties
- Highlighted the team effort and our strength and depth in having numerous runners out counting in a range of places
- We had a new runner at every league race, most of whom came back, encouraged to come back next season
- Thanks to support from the men when racing at the same venue
- New comers improved race on race

#### Item 8: Committee stand down and election

- Ordinary Members (Rachel Ward and Barrie Roberts standing down)
  - Alan Orr: Proposed, Andy Wheeler; Seconded, Orlando Corea
  - Ed Hartley: Proposed, Barrie Roberts; Seconded, John Barrie
- Social Secretary (Sharon Weldon standing down)
  - No nominations, to be filled at a later date
- Mens Cross Country (Rob Andrew standing down)
  - Paul Thompson: Proposed, Paul Gorman; Seconded, Stuart Pearson
- Communications (Dave Harte standing down)
  - Paul Gorman: Proposed, Dave Harte; Seconded, Daniel Trimm
- Events Manager (Mark Lynock standing down)
  - No nominations
- Coaching co-ordinator (John Barry standing down)
  - Kevin Oakes: Proposed, Andy Hoole; Seconded, James Gittins
- Club Secretary (Lesley Byrne stood down)
  - Daniel Trimm: Proposed, Laura Leslie; Seconded, Caroline Harlan-Marks

#### Item 9: Club Constitution

- Changes to the club constitution were outlined, no questions or concerns were raised
- Proposed by Barrie Roberts, Seconded by Gareth Cadd
- Passed on Oral "I" with no vocalisation on "no"

#### Item 10: England Athletic affiliation fees

- Fee per member has been doubled from £5 to £10
- Extensive discussion over whether we can pass this increase onto members in the 2013/2014 athletic year
- Agreed by hands up vote that fees should be increased by £5 from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

Chris Harlan-Marks thanked members for attendance and announced the bar open

Linda Howell  
Membership Secretary