



Minutes AGM Wednesday 17th October 2018

Venue DARC 8.00pm

1. Apologies: CS, GP, MH, DN, KW, KS, MS, CF, BE, AG, JG, KC, JD, KN, AS, JY

2. Chair's Opening Comments:

JH noted that it has been a fantastic year with some great achievements across the diverse athletic disciplines pursued by members. These achievements will be recognised in our annual Awards Evening. JH extended his thanks to all volunteers, to the membership and to the outgoing club officers for their contribution. He also noted that, having taken up the Chairmanship at a challenging time, the club has now moved on and is in a better place. We enjoy a great fellowship through our many activities including the WMTR, an excellent showcase for the club, and the fundraising activities for the DKMS charity. The membership is now 389 of which 16 are Associate and we have recruited 75 since 2017. The Club officials were listed (see the accompanying slides which JH displayed at the meeting) and David Shipman will continue as Club President

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Minutes were accepted as read.

4. Course Funding Proposal

JH proposed that coaches and LiRFs should reflect the needs of the membership, to cover the range of abilities and pace of the running groups. JH proposed that all applications for funding support should be made to the committee. LiRFs and CiRFs would be asked to make a commitment to the club to lead an activity at least once a month, to be formalised in a contract. If such leaders failed to meet with their commitment, other than through illness or injury, then the club would reserve the right to request repayment. However, it was observed that this had previously been agreed although a contract has not as yet been produced. England Athletics prefers run leaders to have a qualification otherwise a risk assessment is advised. Members who are full coaches are listed on the website.

5. London Marathon Numbers:

It was agreed that the 4 club London Marathon numbers should be offered to members in a ballot with the following criteria:

Each applicant should have entered the race as an Elvet Strider, received a rejection letter and should **not** have received a club number in the last three years.

6. Simplifying the Voting System for Club Officials:

It was agreed that members standing for committee roles or as an officer of the club should not need a proposer or seconder unless there needs to be an election for any one role.

7. Role of Coaching Co-ordinator/Structure of the Committee:

JH proposed that the role of Coaching Co-ordinator should no longer be a committee role and that the role should be redefined. However there was some disagreement from some members who felt it was important to have a coach on the committee; someone to oversee the coaching. Some discussion followed.

In addition the role of Vice Captains as committee members was questioned.

It was felt that the size and structure of the committee needs to be revised. It was agreed that the committee would review the structure of the committee at the next meeting.

8. The Situation regarding Maiden Castle and track use:

Since the advent of WSL the availability of the track has been curtailed on Mondays and Wednesdays during term time. Although this has been reflected by a reduction in the proposed fee, value for money is very much in question Alternative venues for track sessions are under consideration. The grass across the river was suggested by MC but it would need lighting which could be costly and impractical. So far we have yet to agree a contract with MC. Jonathan has prepared 2 Options with costings (see the enclosed slides shown to members at the AGM). Option 1 was preferred by most members. In addition, Framwellgate Moor Comprehensive are interested in offering us long term track use although this is not popular with some track users.

9. AOB

JH proposed that the quorum for future AGMs be reduced to 20%. Carried.

Honorary membership was awarded to Susan Davis for her huge contribution to the club both as a former Women's Captain and for her many years as XC captain.

In addition honorary membership was awarded to John Hutchinson for his continued work in organising the GP. Thanks were extended to them both for their commitment to the club

