

Yeovil Town Road Running Club AGM - 10th May 2011

Apologies – none given on evening, Lisa Gunning by email.

Present - Nick Brooke, Pete Jakeman, Deb Stanfield, Nigel Moysey, Theresa Moysey, Deborah Hurrell, Chris Hurrell, Kat Jones, Garry Pollard, Phil MacQuaid, Paul Walford, Pete Darton, Jon Crane, Nick Marsh, Terry Byrne, Fred Robbins, Michelle Lane, Flora Brooke, Richard Dodge, Mark Wills, Dee Worth, Chris Fendt, Mike Shead, Debbie Neal, Jill Harrison, Tony Snaith, Mike Harvey, Denes P Alonzo, Peter Clements, Anna Shutler, Darren Shutler, Cathy Elsworth, June Moule, Brian Mountjoy – Row, Martin Chaffey, Malcolm Maxted, Raymond Chilcott, Katie Pearce, Mel Dodge, Sadie McClelland, Lee Holloway, Matt Driver, Annie Ashmead, Gareth Ashmead, Tim Hawkins.

Before beginning need to amend the Agenda, probably highly unconstitutional but we do not have any printed copies but the Agenda & last years' AGM minutes have been on the website.

MOLM - AGM Minutes May 2011 Agreed.

5km Handicap – Winners of the bottles of wine from the Chairman's cellar need to have attended the AGM, Peter Clements for the Men & Anna Shutler for the Ladies.

Chairman's Address:

Why didn't I join the club in the early nineties, I was scared of its reputation for speed. Why didn't I join Gillingham Trotters, one club night I attended, no one ran together, chaos, people dropped off the back and no attempt to sign me up – no organisation or feeling of it being a Club.

In 1998 someone joined YTRRC & became known as the 'Tail-Gunner', can't understand why! Around 2005 I ran the King Alfred's Torment, like stepping into heaven, friendly, organised, mud, hills. I sent my very first email to say what a fantastic race & received a call a couple of days later. Join us, we have 40 plus members, we go to races, pubs, hashes & organise other great Races! A few years before they had half this number of members and since then hundreds have received the call, by phone, letter, email, hailing across the street.

I'd like to give Martin Chaffey the last bottle of wine as one last prize as the Secretary for all the time & hard work in helping to make the club what it is. Thank you.

In the last year:

- Club loo delivered & installed – what a difference. Thanks for the installation, organisation of getting it & ongoing cleaning etc.
- Phil Tuesday evenings running well, please don't hesitate to volunteer.
- Wheelchair athletes at some races – good to have more.
- A general thank you for agreeing at the last AGM for the attendees for Committee Meetings to have one drink each, most appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend, to voice your different ideas of what you want.

Parish Notices:

- 5km races once a month, next one tomorrow, Wednesday 11th May. Help required.
- 30th May, Nine Springs Fayre – help sell the club and let the people and runners of Yeovil know what we do.
- 12th June, Nine Springs Race – Mike Shead's family volunteered to marshal as usual, runners required, please support by running or helping on the day.
- 19th June, Race for Life at Sherborne Castle. 7am set up, then marshal, radios & communications supplied, first aiders etc. Race starts at 10 am. Speak to Brian as volunteers required.
- 30th June, Ash Town Tree Race, new Club Race, one for the Club to support, Race Director is Adam Hawkins for Ash School. June has another 5km, join in & enter or help.
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Treasurer's Report:

Finances, we have 2 Accounts, 1 Current Account with a balance of £6,626.00 & a Deposit Account £7,570.00. Donations made in the last year £4163.00. Sponsorship of £25 per person is available to Club Members from the Club, talk to committee to secure your sponsorship before your Race.

Election Time:-

All present Committee Members in Positions have stepped down but are willing to be re elected except for Martin our Secretary who is taking some time out. Rather than going through the list for proposing & seconding Nick asked if everyone was in agreement for the Current Roles to continue with Deb Neale as the Membership Secretary & Deb Stanfield as the Secretary in place of Martin Chaffey, Sally & Paul Walford to take on the Welfare Officer & Club Kit Positions. Unanimously agreed by the club members but no volunteer for the Sunday emails, Terry Byre volunteered and was elected.

Positions & Elected Members:

Chairman – Nick Brooke
Treasurer – Pete Jakeman
Secretary – Deb Stanfield
Membership Secretary – Deb Neal
Club Captain – Tim Hawkins
Newsletter – Matt Driver & Julie Green
Club Kit – Paul Walford
Social Secretary – Annie Ashmead
Webmaster – Nigel Moysey
Welfare Officer – Sally Walford
Sunday Emails – Terry Byrne
Run Co-ordinator & Other Roles– Phil MacQuaid

Future Direction of the Club:

- Storage facilities for the Club Assets, particularly the equipment required for Club Hosted Races. We are asking for your permission to spend some money on a suitable Trailer. The Trailer will need to be a twin axle, Exhibition Trailer 10ft x 6ft which can take up to 750kg and can be towed by most large cars. To be stored at the Football Ground in the compound with the toilet, Tuesday Night's run information to be stored inside & easily accessible, Insurance required. Approximate cost £1000 second hand as a new one would be £4,000. Put to the vote, Terry Byre proposed £1,000 - £1,500 & Martin Chaffey seconded – agreed by the club.
- Spend more money – encourage members of all abilities to take part in Races & pay for Group/Team Entries. Promote ourselves and the club more, the North Dorset Village Marathon, we had 3 individual entries & 1 relay team of 4. There were 29 spare relay team places, we can buy more entries & encourage more runners.
- Wessex Ridgeway Teams – hard work getting teams together & bringing the club together at all levels. Instead of racing the other Teams, race against and support each other in our own Teams.
- Donations to charitable causes – make more use of this.
- Mark mentioned possibility of an Orienteering Group. We have done this previously, good fun & beginner friendly. Lots of courses locally & social Events, the Mendip Mashup is 18th June.
- Earlier in year, Pete Jakeman, Tim Hawkins, Jon Rowe & Nick Brooke went on the Leadership in Running Course at a cost of £90 each. They were taught a few good points but not a lot that related specifically to Road Running. There has been talk for a while about a new Coaching Course for Road Running Clubs but this has not been put into practice yet. Without this qualification we found out Run Leaders are not insured under UKA Insurance to lead a run of club members, the Exclusion clause is vaguely worded. The Insurance cover for Run Leaders had not been a problem until recently, or not one that had been brought to the Road Running Clubs attention.

Propose to Affiliate to ARC, Run Leaders would be covered under their Insurance. They state that 'no formal qualification is required but the person should have trained regularly with the Club for 2 years, be over 18 & approved by the Club Committee as sufficiently experienced & competent'.

Discussed and agreed: the cost of affiliation to ARC is a better financial/training option for the club as the Courses presently available would be of limited help to Run Leaders. Run Leaders will be mentored & given the knowledge to lead properly, competently & with confidence. A Register of Competent Run Leaders will be kept & updated by the Committee.

Still be affiliated to England Athletics to qualify for Reduced Race Entry Fees & London Marathon places. Races to stay under EA Rules, Race Permits & Course Measurements, affiliating to ARC will not affect anyone holding a UKA Coaching Licence within the Club.

Qualifications – A list of qualifications held by Club Members to be kept and qualifications update if required.

AOB:

- Membership Fees due: Deb Neale will be at Tuesday Club Nights, Thursday Pub Runs, Friday Track Training Sessions & the Long Sunday Runs. New Membership Forms need to be completed for Renewals to keep the information up to date.
- Club Kit – Stock has been run down & an order has been placed but not received yet. Matt's fault if the item you want is not in stock at present and not the new kit man.
- Running Club Cards – please hand out to any runners you meet who are not members.
- Argentan – 29 places as usual and 17 taken so far. If you want to go speak to Phil McQuaid for one of the 12 places left, approximate cost £ 170.00 each.
- Social: Thai Restaurant, Skittles evening – suggestions & ideas to Annie
- June 10th - Free Play & Booze but Donations required to be allowed home! Nick to provide more details.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm.