

AGM 2019

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 7th May at 6.30 p.m. at the Red House, Dorchester Road BA22 9RA. Food will commence shortly after 6.30 with the AGM starting at 7.15.

I would encourage you to attend. You can either let Phil know that you are attending especially if you require a vegetarian meal or you can sign up on the website to attend via the Events page.

This year we have two applicants for the post of Chairperson and there will be a paper ballot. You must attend the meeting in person if you wish to vote.

The Club Constitution states: "Decisions made at an Annual General Meeting shall be by a simple majority vote from those **full members attending the meeting**. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote."

The following introductions to the two candidates are printed below from their applications.

Anita Rufus

I have been a member of the club for several years and have attended most of the committee meetings and AGMs in that time.

I attend most Tuesday evening club runs and am well known to a large number of club members.

I have in the past (and currently) supported the club in arranging the annual coach trip to the Bristol Half Marathon, for the last 3 years since it changed venue by a club members vote, I have arranged the Annual Awards night, in fact have donated one of the annual prizes awarded. I am often found to be marshalling at our club races when not racing, I have stepped in to help as a run leader when the regular one is absent and so I support the club in a wide variety of areas already.

I am methodical, organised and computer literate. I am open to new ideas and approachable.

I feel that I would be fair-minded and able to take a non-biased view in matters of complaint or any disciplinary action when needed.

As I have attended so many of the committee meetings I appreciate the need for them to be timely and topics to be discussed in an orderly way.

I feel that all the club members need to be given a platform for their views and ideas to be voiced and this should be reflected in the agenda for the club and committee members to discuss.

Although not used to public speaking, I am fairly confident that on the occasions it is required I will be able to step up to the job in hand and provide the required speech.

As I do not work evenings any longer, I would be able to arrange the necessary 'sub-committee' meetings for the awards and any other 'ad-hoc' ones required.

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward for this position, I hope that if I am successful then I will be able to support the other committee members in assisting the club progress in the future.

Steve Warren

After joining the club in 2015, I have really got to enjoy all the great things the club has to offer and after running with Pete he took me under his wing and I gradually learned about health and safety and course setting.

After this I became more involved with committee meetings and assisted with the organisation of races by helping race directors, and managing to run as much as possible too.

Also, during the last two years I have been to Taunton to complete the run leaders' course and last year Phil, Brian and I had a very memorable and fun day doing our traffic management operatives course.

Last year at the AGM, the position of vice chair needed filling and after taking on this position I have spent the last year slowly learning the ropes and appreciating what the post of Chairperson involves.

I really love the club and want to help encourage runners of all abilities to enjoy themselves and have fun as well as getting fitter and improving their running. I would be honoured to serve the club with the support of the committee and hopefully all the great members of the club pulling together to achieve a friendly, approachable and fully inclusive club.