

YTRRC AGM

Tuesday 21 May 2024

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7.30pm

1. Apologies

Graham Still, Brian Mountjoy-Row, Andy Holloway, Claire Shucksmith.

2. Minutes of last AGM 2023

Proposed by Phil MacQuaid, Seconded by Terry Bryne.

3. Chairman's report AGM 2024

Good evening and welcome to the YTRRC AGM. I hope everyone has had a good year with their running events and socially too with the club. We always aim to be totally inclusive and friendly to everyone in our running family and if anyone has any problems or ideas we always welcome our members input by way of an email to our club secretary before our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month.

A massive thank you goes out as always to our ever hard working committee and all our amazing run leaders and helpers which enables us to put on nine races a year still. The Santa Dash raised £1,100 this year for the hospital breast scanner appeal with some donations coming from our club shirt sales. The Easter Bunny was also well supported and the 5k series is well under way as well as Adam's children's races and his Town Tree Trail race which has over 170 entries and is tomorrow evening. Please speak to Adam to volunteer, entries on the night are also still available.

I believe the whole of the committee are willing to be re-elected which is testament to being in such a wonderful club.

The club finances have now come back to pre-covid levels so there will be some free shirts for everyone and I believe some coaches put on for some races to be confirmed in the next year.

Many thanks again to everyone involved in the club and without further ado, I will pass you over to Simon for his treasurers report.

4. Treasurer Report

I am pleased to present the latest set of accounts & can report that the club finances have gone from strength to strength as 2023 saw the return of a full calendar of club organised races (following a restricted summer 5k series in 2022) which are our primary cash generator. As a result, in the year of 23/24, we have seen a surplus of £6,220 of income against expenditure for the 12 months

(surplus £3,280 in 22/23) with an asset base of £23,021 in the Balance Sheet as at 31/03/24 (£16,801 @31/03/23)

- For simplicity, as always the accounts are prepared on a cash flow basis & I am providing you with a summary Income & Expenditure & copy of the Balance Sheet. I adjust income & expenditure to reflect funds held within our PayPal account as well as our Nat West Bank a/c. In addition, year on year comparisons must always be made with caution reflecting the timing of receipts and payments around our y/e of 31/3. as spring remains the time when race income and expenses are at their highest. Once again, the accounts are subject to any scrutiny the committee wishes to undertake.

- These accounts show the return of race income & increased net membership income following the Covid 19 impact on membership renewals. The presentation of the accounts shows net membership income which is after member England Affiliation Fees (£17 in 23/24 and now £19 for 24/25) have been paid; this gives a clearer indication of surplus funds from the £30 (now £35) membership fee available to the club. Race income from Easter Bunny, Yeovilton 5km series, Town Tree Trail & Santa Dash whilst not yet back to pre-pandemic levels has generated improved cash flow & despite higher race costs has boosted the cash surplus from these events. Cake & Drink sales although not shown separately form a significant part of overall race day profits & generated over £1,000 in the year 23/24. A big thank you to all members who organise or volunteer at our club hosted races.

- Turning to expenditure, the Covid period of reduced income saw the need to focus on cost control. After the payment of A.R.C., England Athletics & Somerset County Affiliation Fees the only major area of committed expenditure is for website hosting costs. Costs in this area have been reduced & further action already taken to keep these to a minimum going forward, but with finance now available (if needed) to fund improvements to our website. Improved income has allowed the club to continue to subsidise members for the awards dinner, to pay for the coveted Awards Caps and fund 2 teams to take part in the Wessex Ridgeway Relay. In addition, we have been able to reinvest in our signage for races & pay for trailer repairs. We are also able to finance coaching courses for members where there will be direct benefit to the club. The club would also be looking to further support team entries in local relay races such as Wessex Ridgeway and provide transport to selected races, as we have in the past to Bristol and Salisbury if there is enough member interest.

- Whilst the club will continue to pay Somerset Council for the use of the track (£1,862 in 23/24), 2021 saw the introduction of £2 donations from club members (£5 non-members) running on a Friday evening. Track has been well attended throughout the last year with increasing numbers such that track hire is now generating a surplus. Consideration has been given to dropping the £2 charge but for the moment, given we are anticipating a possibly significant hike in the cost of track hire (that has been essentially unchanged for 5 years), it has been decided that track fees will continue to be charged.

- Charitable donations totalling £2,600 were paid in 23/24 & donations more than £2,400 either pledged or paid so far in 24/25.

- In summary, with the present cash balance at Bank restored to a comfortable level we should look to returning to an objective of achieving a cash break even

position each year providing benefits to members from any potential surplus income. The committee has therefore decided that finances are strong enough for us to purchase a 'new' design race vest for all members when these become available. In addition, we do not anticipate having to adjust club membership fees for at least a further 3 years.

- A copy of the summary income & expenditure + balance sheet for 23/24 along with a copy of this report will be available for scrutiny on the club website & if members have any questions they can contact me directly by email.

5. Additions or Alterations to the Club Rules or Constitution

Reflective lights – there will be information about this on the website shortly.

London Marathon places – we currently have 1 guaranteed ballot place. This may go up depending on membership numbers. As a committee, ballot places will only be open to people who have never run in the marathon. Eligibility rules will still apply, and the website will be updated to reflect this.

6. Election of Officers and other Committee Members

Vicki Scrowston has stepped down from the role of ladies' club captain. Vicki was thanked for her hard work in this role over the last couple of years. Linda Membury had said that she would like to stand for this role.

- **Chairperson – Steve Warren**
- **Vice Chairperson – Jo Samuel**
- **Secretary – Angela Dobbs**
- **Treasurer – Simon Rowbottom**
- **Membership Secretary – Adam Hawkins**
- **Webmaster – Guy Williams**
- **Kit Manager – Graham Still**
- **Club Captain (Male) – Graham Still**
- **Club Captain (Female) – Linda Membury**
- **Run Coordinator – Phil MacQuaid**
- **Welfare Officer (Male) – Fez Parker**
- **Welfare Officer (female) – June Moule**
- **Data Protection Officer – Dave Mears**
- **Social Secretary – Denise Byrd**
- **Race Directors – Adam, Tim Willis, Lindsay Saunders**

7. **AOB** – Previously, during covid, faster groups went out first. Post covid, we have gone back to all groups going out at the same time. Due to a number of small accidents, it was proposed to go back to staggered starts with the faster groups going out first. It was requested that people don't congregate on the corner at the football club at the end of runs. A club member raised that previously, groups followed the same route so that if someone was struggling, they could join the next group coming through. SW noted that groups should be running to pace.

Ellie Damon wanted to express her thanks to all those at the club who helped out at the recent Saints Hill.

Adam Hawkins wanted to thank all those who had helped at the primary school cross country races. This has enabled over 900 children to take part. They will be on Monday for the next year and helpers are always appreciated!

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

List of attendees:

AGM 2024 Attendees
Guy Williams
David Mears
Lesley Nesbitt
Eleanor Damon
Joanna Samuel
Richard Clayton
Tim Willis
Terry Byrne
Donna Reeves
Anita Garrett
Ann Grace
Tina Beard
Kate Gowers
Steve Lye
Magdalena Kusmierczyk
Richard Hooper
Mark Copping
Phil Mac Quaid
Margarita Moore
Linda Membury
Louise Ward
Nigel Parker
Kelly Rowsell
June Moule
Melita Dodge
Denise Byrd
Trevor Strelley
Matt Driver
Vicky Scrowston
Susan Mallinson
Kenneth Berry
John Curtis
Tristram Clark
Jack Clotworthy
Stephen John Warren
Fran Mallin
Simon Rowbottom
Nicola Maureen Guiver
Andy Holloway

Melanie Ditch
Michael Bird
Sarah Tobin
Adam Hawkins
Gareth Davies
Rachael Jones
Claire Church
Dave Stanfield
Richard Howes
Sam Jakeman
Dariusz Broniszewski
Andrew Lambert
Nolan Lewis
Sophie Lewis
Yun Mi Jang
Sonia Chant
Kay Parmiter
Steve Valentine
Chris Homewood
Tony Nesbitt
Matt Driver
Mathew Bambury
Angela Dobbs
Amelia Harrup
Steve Valentine
Kay Parmiter
Chris Homewood