



**Yeovil Town RRC AGM 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Meeting held at Red House Inn

**ATTENDANCE:**

Malcolm Maxted	Steve Warren	Simon Rowbottom	Phil Mac Quaid
Mark Pike	Ray Chilcott	Francis Swatridge	Sarah Hyett
Brian Mountjoy Row	Guy Williams	Fez Parker	Louise Ward
Alison Griffith	Rob Adams	Lindsay Saunders	Mel Dodge
Andy Holloway	Katie Brooks	James Hutt	Lynne Thumpston
Daniel McFarlane	Donna Reeve	Tim Willis	Mark Larcombe
Kenneth berry	John Curtis	Claire Shucksmith	Trevor Strelley
Denise Byrd	Anita Garrett	Kirsty Norman	Rob Jones
Gary Stickly	Sue Mallinson	Anita Rufus	Brian Lane
Richard Clayton	Graham Still	Francis Malin	Magdalena Kusmierczyk
Yun Mi Jang	Elspeth Fontana	Rachael Jones	Shaun Powell
Beryl Chung	Robert Gillard	Jo Henley	Linda Membury
Matt Driver	Mark Copping	Louise Hallett	Daphne Barfoot
Nikki Guiver	Paul Card	Adam Batson	Steve Lye
Helen Nesbitt	Lesley Nesbitt	Kevin Doherty	Bryn Phillips
Martin Alderman	Nicola Hale	Mike Shead	Nathan Gardiner

**APOLOGIES:** June Moule, Terry Bryne, Adam Hawkins, Dave Stanfield & Debs Stanfield, Angela Dodds

19.25 Meeting called to order

19.30 Ballot for new Chairman closed

**AGM MINUTES 2018**

Minutes from last years' AGM confirmed as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Guy Williams & Seconded Sue Mallinson

## Chairman's Report AGM 2019

Welcome to the AGM here at the Red House.

The meeting was booked at YTFC but during the March Committee meeting we were informed that the FA were going to use the facilities tonight leaving us with the problem of finding a new venue at very short notice. We would like to thank the Red House for allowing us to use their room.

2018-19 has been a season of two halves.

Pete Jakeman very much occupied our thoughts in the second half of 2018. Following a nomination from the Club, Pete received a special award from English Athletics for "Special Contribution to Athletics and Running" at the EA regional awards in Exeter. Magdalena and myself were privileged to be with him that night, which was a very special occasion.

Pete died in January and there was an excellent attendance by Club members at his funeral and afterwards at the Airfield Tavern. Pete would have been proud of the club.

Since then Darius has joined the club and we are hoping and encouraging Sam to join us too.

Also, in December Fred Fox died after a relatively short illness. Fred and Sue Fox were members of YTRRC for many years but also moved around from club to club in the area. Although not a YTRRC club member when he died, he was well known at the Parkrun where he used to help set up, marshal and run. I am pleased to say that Sue has now returned to the Park runs and I would like to thank club members for the support they have given her.

Since January the Club has been extremely busy with both Committee and Running activities not helped by the sale of Aldon, the road closure at Yeovilton, which affected the 5k, Easter Bunny, Marathon and half marathon routes and the late unavailability of YTFC for the AGM.

The Club membership remains steady with a few members leaving to live in other parts of the country and as far as I am aware, we have not lost any members to other clubs in the area. We have also had a very healthy influx of new members.

All Club members both first and second claim now have to be affiliated to EA.

Club nights remain well attended and the individual pace groups are working well. Our thanks to Phil who works tirelessly as the Run Coordinator, organising the runs, greeting new arrivals and making sure that they have signed the list to make sure they are insured.

A new Club member, who will not be running regularly until next year, is keen to start a small 7 minute mile group, which would hopefully form a team that could represent YTRRC at more prestigious events. I am sure the Club has runners who will rise to the challenge.

Many thanks to our Run Leaders who turn up regularly on Tuesday nights and also the people who lead the weekend runs.

The pub runs overseen by Phil remain popular and members enjoy the reports Mark Larcombe provides in the weekly blog.

Our thanks as always to Nathan for all the hard work he does organising the Tuesday night training sessions, the hill climbing sessions and together with Tim Hawkins, the track sessions on a Friday night.

In January Graham Still started a 10k training group, which meets on a Saturday morning and has proved very popular.

Also thank you to Tim Hawkins for organising four excellent marathon training sessions and to Lesley Nesbitt for arranging a series of long runs in preparation for the marathons.

The Club organises 11 events each year, which are highly rated by local running groups and indeed, runners from farther afield and are usually sold out. These events can only occur because of the hard work of the Race Directors and Club members who help with setting up, car parking and marshalling and of course, the most important of all, the ladies who provide the refreshments. There are two Club only events. The Chairman's 5k, which sadly had to be cancelled this year because of the change of venue but will hopefully be restored next year.

The second event is the Dave Richardson Memorial Track Handicap, which is gaining in popularity and takes place this Friday at the track at 6.0 p.m. I encourage members to attend and if possible, contact Tim Hawkins asap with a recent 10k or 5k race time.

The Club is also responsible for one of the Wessex Cross Country races, which is organised by Tim Hawkins and in the past has been run at Aldon. However, I will refer to Aldon later.

I would like to thank all Club members who help Adam with the Children's cross country throughout the year. It is great seeing all the children getting involved in running and it is very good for the profile of the Club to be seen getting involved with the local community.

Club members continue to take part in races far and near. Although the Parrett Trail is no more, we have three teams going to the Ridgeway in May and we are looking to take part in more relay events in this coming season.

Approximately 90 Club members took part in the Yeovil half marathon, many achieving a personal best. This was far more than any other Club.

According to our archivist Phil, 14 members took part in the London Marathon, which was a fantastic occasion.

We now have four runners who have completed 100 marathons. This year Guy Williams and Richard Dodge were joined by Lynne Thumpston and John Curtis.

Three members attended the Run Leaders course in Taunton to add to the 7 members who completed the course the year before. However, we still need more run leaders so look out for next years' course.

Two of our members will be attending a higher coaching course in September and as with all courses, the Club will help out with course fees.

Three Club members, Phil, Brian and Steve, attended a Traffic Management Course, which proved invaluable at the last Easter Bunny and 5K when the course had to be altered due to the road works in Yeovilton.

We have purchased more signs, traffic cones and marshalling hi viz jackets. At the Committee meeting last week we approved the purchase of four harnesses and flags for our pacers as we were impressed with them when they were used for the Yeovil half Marathon.

This year Wells City Harriers asked us to take over the stewardship of the Race Clock, which is jointly owned by Frome, Minehead, Wells and us. I am pleased to say that this now working well.

Socially, Denise Byrd has organised several social events which have been thoroughly enjoyed and Anita Rufus together with Phil organised a very successful awards evening.

The situation at Aldon has changed. The land used to be owned by the Batten family and was managed by the lovely George. The Club always had an excellent relationship with these people and they were very supportive of the Club. Sadly, George died a couple of years ago and around Christmas the land was sold.

It is now under the guardianship of Symonds and Sampson who have more of a commercial approach and they pay wardens to patrol the land. They were approached by the Club to negotiate a Club licence but they were not interested and wanted every Club member to purchase an annual permit in the region of £30 to £40. The Committee decided against this. Although there are two rights of way across Aldon the present advice to member is to stay away from Aldon.

All this does have repercussions. Firstly, the Wessex Cross Country may have to find a new venue and Tim Hawkins is looking into the possibility of somewhere in Sherborne.

Second, we must urgently think about changing some of the summer routes, which cross Aldon. Brian and I met last year to look at some possible new routes in view of the increasing traffic on the Montacute and Odcombe roads. One solution could be more summer routes going out from Goldenstones using Nine Springs and the Country Park.

The Club is run by the Committee and I would like to thank all the Committee members and Race Directors who have worked with me over the last six years. Also, thank you to all Club members who have attended Committee meetings and helped out with every aspect of the Club.

I would like to make special mention of Phil who continues to give so much to the Club, co-ordinator on Club nights, temporary Secretary, organises pub runs and weekend runs, and takes the trailer to all Club events. Supervising the loading and unloading of the trailer often makes him the first person to arrive and the last person to leave. It is only when you work with somebody that you understand exactly what they do.

This year I have had a Vice Chairman for the first time. Steve Warren bravely took on the new post and he and I have worked together throughout the year and he has chaired Committee meetings in my absence and I thank him for all his help and support. This was a new post and has been a great success.

Simon has continued to look after the finances of the Club, which under his stewardship remains extremely healthy but we will hear more about that in a few minutes. Simon has now enlisted Louise Dale to review our accounts. She cannot attend tonight but will report to the Committee in the near future.

I would also like to thank Lynne Thumpston, who is standing down after many years' service, as our Welfare Officer.

Many thanks to all the other present Committee members i.e. officials and race directors for all their hard work. Adam, Guy, Fez, Lesley, Denise, Bryn, and Lindsey.

This year has seen some new applicants for the Committee posts both established and new. I thank them and wish them well.

I have now completed six years as your Club Chairman and as I told you at the awards evening, I am stepping down tonight. I wish my successor all the best. This really is a fantastic running club and so for the last time as Chairman I wish you all a successful and injury free season.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer Simon Rowbottom read a prepared financial report.

### Yeovil Town RRC – Treasurer's Report 1/4/18 – 31/3/19

- I am pleased to present the latest set of accounts & can report that the club finances remain in a healthy state with a 'pre-adjustment' surplus of income against expenditure for the 12 months ended 31/3/19 of £1,732 (£1,820 surplus in 16/17) and an asset base of £17,853 in the balance sheet as at 31st March 2019 (£18,319)

-For simplicity the accounts have been prepared once again on a cash flow basis. I am providing you with a summary income & expenditure and a copy of the balance sheet. The accounts are presented subject to a 'sanity check' that Louise Dale has kindly agreed to undertake & that will include a review with me of the information that we are providing to members at the A.G.M.

-I had flagged up at last year's AGM that there would be a change in the valuation of club kit in the 18/19 accounts to reflect that club kit is now purchased by & sold through Sports of Bond Street and for the past couple of years I had been unable to truly reflect the 'real' value of historic kit held in the financial accounts. During 18/19 we have seen sales of the kit that Sports of Bond Street inherited from us dwindle to almost nothing so the Committee has made the decision to 'write off' the full amount of the kit to zero in this year's accounts. This accounts for an adjustment of £2,198 in the balance sheet creating a deficit overall of £465 for the year. Our intention is to recover all 'historic' kit

& offer it for sale to members at knock down prices; more details will be provided via the Website. Proceeds will either be credited to the club or made as a donation to a worthy cause (to be decided by Committee).

-Each March, April & May the club receives a large net inflow of money. This arises from annual membership fees and race entry fees (Easter Bunny, Yeovilton 5k race & series entries and the Yeovil Marathon & Heron Half). With the increased use of online race booking through 'Full on Sport' cash flow is now dependant primarily on the timing of their releasing payments to the club; usually monthly in arrears. This can have a significant impact on the income received & the Bank cash position at the end of our financial year. Whilst I have been able to account for funds held at 31/3/19 with PayPal within our 'current account' balance of £9,447, we received a sum of £5,460 for race entries from Full on Sport just after the year end.

- Turning to the Income & Expenditure Figures, total annual income of in excess of £45,200 was received from 200+ members and race entries. Whilst membership income fell slightly Race Entry Income was up over £4,500 on 17/18 with increases in income for the summer 5km series, Town Tree Trail & Yeovil Marathon & Heron Half. Some of this again reflects the timing of receipts of payments from 'Full on Sport' & increases in entry prices to reflect extra race costs particularly around the demand for higher quality finisher medals. The Easter Bunny & Yeovilton 5km Series remain our key income generating races & support of club members is essential to ensure this remains the case going forward.

-You will also see from the accounts that the club subsidised the Awards Dinner by approximately £5 per head with a further contribution of £420 made towards coach travel to the Bristol Half Marathon & Bristol 10km races, entry fees & transport for the Wessex Ridgeway Relay & club member entry for the Wessex Cross Country. The Committee also decided this year to further invest in financing Run Leader & Coaching Courses for those individuals who have committed to act as run leaders on Tuesday nights & run bespoke coaching sessions. Additional investment in Traffic Management Courses proved invaluable at the recent Easter Bunny. Your club also invests over £1,600 per annum making Yeovil running track available to all members free of charge on a Friday evening.

-The further success of the 4th Yeovil Marathon supported this year by the Heron Half allowed donations totalling £4,600 to be shared between the 3 supported charities. Other donations are listed below the Balance Sheet & it was fantastic to see a total of nearly £6,650 given or pledged during the year by the Club.

- Although finances remain healthy the decision was taken 2 years ago to raise our own Membership Fees by £5 for 2017/18 with the expectation that they be held at that level at least until 2020.

-Having healthy finances sustained by a strong membership & popular hosted Races will further allow your club to support members in the future. This will not only be in the form of continuing to subsidise club events but also in providing quality trophies & awards such as the ever popular caps.

## **ADDITIONS TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION & CLUB RULES**

### **1 Constitution (10) Discipline and Appeals**

"The Club will not tolerate abuse, harassment, discrimination or defamation of any of its members on the Facebook page.

Any member may be disciplined or excluded from membership of the Club if his or her conduct has been likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the Club. Also, in the case of social media, the member may be removed from the closed Club Facebook page."

Proposed by Lindsay Saunders. Seconded by Lynn Thumpston. Passed unanimously.

### **2 Club Rules (6) London Marathon Ballot - Additions**

"Have never obtained a place in the London Marathon by way of a Club Ballot place."

Proposed by Mel Dodge. Seconded by Linda Membury. Passed unanimously.

“Have helped with three Yeovil Town RRC events between the Easter Bunny or first Yeovilton 5k of the year (whichever comes first) and the last Yeovilton 5k of the year. It is the responsibility of the member to inform the race director on the day of the event that they have attended and which role they were designated.”

Proposed by Anita Garrett. Seconded by Katie Brooks. Majority in Favour – one vote against.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **CHAIRPERSON**

As agreed at the last Committee meeting a paper ballot was conducted by Brian Mountjoy Row assisted by Lynne Thumpston for the election of a new Chairperson, the contenders being Anita Rufus & Steve Warren.

Anita Rufus 22 Votes

Steve Warren 41 votes

### **STEVE WARREN elected as Chairperson YTRRC**

**VICE CHAIRMAN**                      **DANIEL McFARLANE**                      Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Mark Copping & Seconded by Linda Membury

**SECRETARY (Job Share)**                      **ANGELA DODDS & PHIL MacQUAID**                      Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Lindsay Saunders & Seconded by Guy Williams

**TREASURER**                      **SIMON ROWBOTTOM**                      Re Elected by show of hands

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**                      **ADAM HAWKINS**                      Re Elected by show of hands

**KIT MANAGER**                      **FEZ PARKER**                      Re Elected by show of hands

**CLUB CAPTAIN**                      **GRAHAM STILL**                      Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Phil Mac Quaid & Seconded by Magdalena Kusmierczyk

**RUN CORDINATOR**                      **PHIL Mac QU AID**                      Re Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Jo Henley & Seconded by Linda Membury

**WELFARE OFFICER FEMALE**                      **JUNE MOULE**                      Elected by show of hands

**WELFARE OFFICER MALE**                      **BENJAMIN MAHONEY**                      Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Kevin Doherty & Seconded by Brian Mountjoy Row

**DATA PROTECTION OFFICER**                      **TIM HOWES**                      Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Brian Lane & Seconded by Guy Williams

**SOCIAL SECRETARY**                      **DENISE BYRD**                      Re Elected by show of hands

Proposed by Anita Garrett & Seconded by Mel Dodge

At this point the retiring Chairman Malcolm Maxted stood down and the new Chairman Steve Warren took over.

**AOB**

**YEOVIL MARATHON & HERON HALF MARATHON**

After much heated discussion on the logistics of staging this event, covering such topics as:

Recruitment of marshals

Marshal positions

Numbers at each Marshalling point

Toilets on the course

Relief for marshals

The new Route & the requirement for more marshals

Water Stations

Feeding the marshals

Help from other clubs & organisations

By common consent it was decided to continue with these events at least as long as the Race Director remained in post.

**Meeting closed at 9.00 .m.**