

YTRRC AGM 9th May 2018

Meeting held at Yeovil Town Football Club

1. Present: Malcolm Maxted, Catherine Thompson, Simon Rowbottom, Bryn Phillips, Adam Hawkins, Phil MacQuaid, Lindsay Saunders, Denise Byrd, Lesley Nesbitt, Anita Rufus, Lynne Thumpston, Emma Machin, Jo Henley, Linda Membury, Louise Ward, Deb Stanfield, Ali Griffiths, Katie Brooks, Kevin Doherty, June Moule, Brian Lane, Pete Jakeman, Nat Robins, Trevor Strelley, Barnaby Hicks, James Day, Rob Jones, Nathan Gardiner, Tim Willis, Steph Breary, Graham Still, Dave Stanfield, Claire Shucksmith, Louise Hallett, Els Fontana, Julie Barton, Terry Byrne, Claire Middleton, John Curtis, Pete Darton, Alan Smith, Matt Driver, Steve Lye, Richard Howes, Tim Howes, Sarah Hyett, Brian Mountjoy-Row
2. Apologies from Rachel Gosney and Kimberley Weston
3. Minutes from last years' AGM confirmed as a true and accurate record
4. Chairman's report:

Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the YTRRC AGM.

The 2017/18 season has been a mixed year.

The sudden and unexpected death of John Enright was a tremendous loss to the Club and like many other Club members I still find it difficult to believe. I still expect him to come jogging up to the Football Club on Tuesday nights, always in his shorts, and always with a ready quip to start the evening off.

More recently Sian Brammer has been involved in a serious road traffic accident and is in Southmead Hospital in Bristol. She appears to be progressing slowly and the Club sends her our best wishes.

Pete's sudden and devastating illness has affected the whole Club but we are delighted that he is here with us tonight.

Of course, Phil didn't want to be left out so he fell down the stairs and sustained a severe injury to his left elbow, which can best be described as a bag of bones. However, following surgery he is making excellent progress and only missed one or two Club nights and no Pub runs!

The Club's response to these events has been amazing demonstrating what a true Club we are. The personal support especially for Pete has been exceptional and I would like to mention Lindsay Saunders and Steve Warren in particular.

Nathan Gardiner took on Pete's training sessions adding the Tuesday evening session and the Friday track session to the hill climbs that he was already providing. More recently, other

Club members have helped out with these sessions to give Nathan a well-earned break. In response the Club has financially supported Nathan so that he can undertake a more advanced training course.

Also, seven members of the Club attended the Run Leaders course in Taunton, the majority of whom were supported financially by the Club.

Lindsay Saunders, Steve Warren and Guy Williams have all taken up roles as Race Directors. I have also been impressed by the way other Club members have become involved such as Kevin Doherty organising the trip to the Bristol 10k, Graham Still and Matt Driver for organising teams and transport for the Wessex Ridgeway and all the others who arranged relay teams for the North Dorset Villages Marathon.

The Club is run by the Committee but all members are welcome at the meetings. Our new Club website, which was set up at the request of you the members, and at considerable expense, contains a wealth of information including minutes of the Committee meetings, details of the Constitution and Rules, details of events and races and it is a place where important urgent information is posted. I do encourage you to visit this site on a regular basis to keep updated.

Times are changing. Two years ago, YTRRC was the only running Club in Yeovil. Then Running4time appeared followed by Bower Hinton and Martock Runners, Sherborne Running Club and more recently Ilminster Running Club so we are no longer the only option.

Despite this the membership last year was 204 first claim members, which is similar to the previous year. Many new members have joined this year and to date we have 170 paid up members.

The cost of EA affiliation appears to be rising each year. We have no control over this and although we had planned to absorb it this year, an annual rise seems inevitable. Club members raised the possibility of a non-affiliated membership (which every other Club in the area offers) but as always this has its pros and cons. Initial interest was high and I was asked to arrange an extraordinary general meeting to offer this possibility this season but the meeting voted against this proposal so all Club members remain affiliated.

Attendance at Club nights is good and more and more Club members are taking part in events both locally and further afield. Phil tells me that one weekend 57 Club members ran in various events.

As always, we had a great turnout for the Yeovil Half Marathon and as well as individual runners, we had four relay teams in the NDVM. A few races still have team events and we try to ensure that we have a good number of runners to take part. This season the teams had success in the Crewkerne 10, the Yeovil Marathon, and more recently the Glastonbury 10. The Chard Flyer sadly did not have a team event but if they had we would have won it.

Financially, we are in a satisfactory position thanks to Simon's stewardship of the funds. Although I have no concerns about his veracity (Mel Informs me that no Caribbean currency has found its way into the 5k float) I was keen to get the accounts audited as we used to do. Fortunately, this year a Club member has come forward to do this but as this is a recent development, she will not present her findings tonight but will report to the Committee when they are complete.

The Club still arranges eleven races a year and hosts one of the Wessex Cross Country events. Many thanks to all those who help out from Race Directors to marshalls and

especially to Mel Dodge, Denise Byrd and their team of cake makers. The income from these events helps us to support members going on courses, setting up and maintaining the website, hiring coaches and subsidising other events such as the Annual Awards Dinner. Despite this we still managed to donate £6,000 to local charities.

Our work with the community is demonstrated by our involvement in the Yeovil Primary Schools cross country event and as the stand in for Adam Hawkins said this spring, "We could not do this event without YTRRC."

As for the future Catherine is setting up a small group of members to develop a two to four-year plan for the Club so please contact her if you are interested or have any ideas.

The Club Committee is made up of the Officers of the Club and the Race Directors and I would like to thank them all for the work they have done throughout the year. Also thank you to all those who have helped in any way to make YTRRC the Club it is.

I wish you all a successful season free from injury

5. Yeovil Town RRC – Treasurer's Report 1/4/17 – 31/3/18

I am pleased to present the latest set of accounts & can report that the club finances remain in a healthy state with a surplus of income against expenditure for the 12 months ended 31/3/18 of £1,820 (£4,032 deficit in 16/17) and an asset base of £18,318 in the balance sheet as at 31st March 2018 (£16,498)

For simplicity the accounts have been prepared 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 at no charge to the club & that will include a review with me of the information that we are providing to members at the A.G.M.

There is also a change that will impact on this year's Balance Sheet regarding the valuation of club kit that is still shown in these accounts as the valuation at the start of the year. Club kit is now sold through Sports of Bond Street & although an amended kit valuation figure has been provided clarification is needed of monies owing to the club so Balance Sheet figures will be subject to slight change with any revisions presented to the committee at the next meeting & made available to all members online.

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.

Turning to the Income & Expenditure Figures, total annual income of nearly £41,000 was received from 200+ members and race entries. Membership income is showing a significant increase & whilst this is partly due to an increase in fees last year it is more a reflection of the use of PayPal to pay over £3,100 of 18/19 memberships before 31/3/18. Race Entry Income was up over £6,100 on 16/17 with increases in income for the Easter Bunny, 5km series & Yeovil Marathon. 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.

With only residual payments on the setting up & running costs of the new Club Website we saw significant cash saving in this area compared with the previous year.

You will also see from the accounts that the club subsidised the Awards Dinner by approximately £5 per head with a further contribution of £395 made towards coach travel to Bristol Half Marathon, entry fees & transport for the Wessex Ridgeway Relay & a contribution towards the cost of the annual Argentan Trip. The Committee also decided this year to 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. Your club also invests over £1,500 per annum making Yeovil running track available to all members free of charge on a Friday evening.

The further success of the 3rd Yeovil Marathon allowed donations totalling £3,000 to be shared between the 2 supported charities. Other donations are listed below the Balance Sheet & it was fantastic to see a total of nearly £6,350 given or pledged during the year by the Club.

Although finances remain healthy the decision was taken last year to raise our own Membership Fees by £5 for 2017/18. It is hoped that membership fees can 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.

6. Election of officials:

Current officers of the committee:

Chairman	Malcolm Maxted	
Vice chair	Vacant	
Secretary	Catherine Thompson	
Treasurer	Simon Rowbottom	
Membership secretary	Adam Hawkins	
Webmaster	Guy Williams	
Kit manager	Fez Parker	
Men's Captain	Bryn Phillips	
Ladies Captain	Vacant	
Run co-ordinator	Phil MacQuaid	
Welfare Officer	Lynne Thumpston	
Data Protection Officer	Catherine Thompson	
Social Secretary	Denise Byrd (new in post)	
Championship Secretary	New Post - Lesley Nesbitt has been proposed	Unanimously agreed
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7. London Marathon Ballot

The Following amendment to the Club Rules concerning the London Marathon Ballot was agreed by majority vote.

b) At the time of the ballot the member must be a minimum, in their second continuous Club Membership Year. The Club Membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March the following year. Part years prior to the first full Club Membership Year do not count.

8. AOB

Club presence at the end of Yeovil Half Marathon

A club member asked if it was possible to have a club presence at the end of the Yeovil Half Marathon as several runners asked where they can join the club. When the race finished at the Football Club, Phil had Gazebo was always set up. This was not considered when the finish was moved to the town centre.

It was agreed that this should be further considered for future events. Steve Elliott to be contacted to find out the practicalities of this by Catherine Thompson.