

YEOVIL TOWN RRC – AGM 10TH MAY 2016

Held at Yeovil Town Football Club at 8.20 p.m.

Present: Malcolm Maxted, Jo Henley, Simon Rowbottom, Pete Jakeman, Phil MacQuaid, Kenneth Berry, Richard Howes, Rob Jones, Gary Stickley, Zoe Brockman, Lynne Thumpston, Pippa Howarth, Catherine Hansford, Brian Lane, Alison Griffiths, Paul Meadows, Chris Biggs, Emily Wharton, Daphne Barfoot, Sarah Hyett, Louise Ward, Fez Parker, Adam Batson, Linda Membury, Bryn Phillips, Ellie Harrington, Katie Brooks, Stephanie Brearey, John Curtis, Tim Howes, Gareth Thomas, Anita Rufus, Guy Williams, Terry Byrne, Paul Walford, Sally Walford, Mike Bird, Kat Hurford, Chris Hurrell, Debs Hurrell, Dave Stanfield, Deb Stanfield, June Moule, Debbie Neal, Denise Byrd, Mel Dodge, Katie Pearce, Steve Warren, Pete Darton, Debbie Keeble.

Apologies: Lesley Nesbitt, Hazel Ford.

Minutes of the AGM 2015

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

Chairman's Report - Malcolm Maxted

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the YTRRC AGM.

Club membership today stands at 156. Our membership secretary has worked extremely hard this year organising the Club membership to satisfy the increasing demands of the UKA. At Committee meetings held this year proposals were approved to clarify various aspects of membership and subscription payment. It was decided to put these together and add them to the membership section of the Club Rules. This will be dealt with later in the meeting. I would encourage all those members who have not yet paid this year's subscription to do so as soon as possible as after 1st June, their UKA affiliation will cease. This in turn will affect the number of ballot places for the London Marathon that we receive from UKA.

This year has seen the creation of a new running club in Yeovil but I am pleased to report that to date only five members of our Club have changed allegiance, which has not had any significant effect on our membership.

The Club continues with a full weekly programme of activities and we are all kept informed through Guy Williams' Sunday Blog. I personally think the blog is excellent and keeps everybody in touch with the club even if they are in another part of the world on holiday.

The Club would like to congratulate Pete Jakeman on achieving his coaching qualification and adding another training option to Tuesday Club nights.

Phil continues to do a brilliant job co-ordinating Tuesday nights despite the increasing number of "Parish Notices" and his weekly request for run leaders. Please try to help him out as much as you can.

Last year, sadly, I had to report the untimely death of a well respected Club member, Dave Richardson. He was a keen track runner and it was decided to organise a 3k track handicap race in his memory. The first one will take place on Friday 27th May and if you wish to take part please email Tim Hawkins with a recent timed race and the distance involved so that he can calculate your handicap.

Last year saw the inaugural Yeovil Marathon, which was a great success and 33 YTRRC runners completed the course. Bryn and Guy have been working hard on this year's race, which I am sure will be even better but for once we do not want the weather to be too hot.

The Santa Dash recorded over 200 entries for the first time and the Easter Bunny was also a great success despite the best efforts of Storm Katie.

With the increasing number of races generally we have been under pressure to move the Ninesprings 10k to the Saturday evening and also the Aldon cross country from the Sunday to the Saturday.

As always many thanks to Adam Hawkins for arranging the children's fun runs, which are becoming increasingly popular. This may well be due to his primary school cross country races and possibly the Park Runs, which encourage children of all ages to get running. It is important that we keep in touch with these runners so that when they get to 16 they wish to join the Club. On 11th June Club members will marshal the Park Run at Montacute and promote the Club.

Participation in major events continues with our International Marathon Group taking on the world in the Bahamas Marathon. 80 Club runners completed the Yeovil half, which was over a new course, 16 completed the London Marathon and 19 the North Dorset Marathon.

In July Club members supported Ben Smith in his marathon on the Yeovil course, in his quest to run 401 marathons in 401 days. He was interviewed at the London Marathon and I was delighted to hear that he was on course to complete his challenge, which will finish around October this year.

Club Champions for 2015 were Leyton Green and Jo Henley and Points King and Queen were Richard Dodge and Debbie Keeble.

Finally, I would like to thank all Club members for what they have done to make YTRRC the Club it is. Many thanks to people who have attended the Committee meetings, marshalled and helped in other ways with Club events, the leaders on Tuesday nights and other weekly events, race directors and of course, the Committee who have helped and supported me throughout the year.

Please remember this is your Club and if there is anything you would like to change or add to the Club please don't hesitate to come to the Committee meetings and let us know. I wish you all an injury free and successful season.

Treasurer's Report 1.4.15 – 31.3.16 – Simon Rowbottom

I am delighted to present my first set of accounts and am pleased to report that the Club finances are in a healthy state with a surplus of income over expenditure for the 12 months ended 31/3/16 of £3,937 (£3,094 deficit in 1/15) and an asset base of £20,528 in the balance sheet as at 31st March 2016 (£16,591)

For simplicity the accounts have been prepared on a cash flow basis. I am providing you with a summary income and expenditure and a copy of the balance sheet.

In 2015 the accounting year-end was changed from 30th April to 31st March to bring the Club financial year in line with English Athletics and the association of running clubs (ARC). The impact of this was felt in last year's accounts and consequently comparisons with the figures for 15/16 have to be treated with caution.

Each March, April and May the Club receives a net inflow of money. This arises from annual membership fees and race entry fees (Easter Bunny, the 1st Yeovilton 5k and the Yeovil Marathon). The timing of the receipt of this income will determine how accounts compare from year to year. With increased use of online booking through Full on Sport cash flow timings is now dependent on their releasing payments to the Club.

Turning to the Income and Expenditure Figures annual income in excess of £34,000 was received from 200+ members and race entries. Income was up dramatically on previous years as a result of the Yeovil Marathon.

This year's accounts show a net income surplus of £3937 partly as a result of the fact that 2 East Bunny races have taken place within the 15/16 financial year. The figures for the Easter Bunny exclude a further £2,200 income received from Full on Sport since 31st March but with further cost reductions to follow as well.

The success of the 1st Yeovil Marathon allowed donations totalling £3,500 to be shared between 2 charities. Other donations are listed below the Balance Sheet and it was fantastic to see a total of over £6,000 given during the year.

You will also see from the accounts that the Club subsidised the Awards Dinner by approximately £4 per head with a further contribution of £350 made towards coach travel to Bristol half marathon.

It is important that funds held by the Club are used for the benefit of club members and we need to decide what level of cash resource is appropriate to run our club (in excess of £16,000 at 31st March) and what should be done with any surplus.

In addition once all the main spring/summer races are behind us I intend to produce an updated summary of the income/expenditure for each of our hosted events (that cuts across artificial accounting year ends) so that as a Committee we can decide what entry fees are appropriate for our 2017 races. Costs for all our events are increasing; we need to ensure these are covered whilst remaining competitive with other races.

Election of Officials

All the officers who offered themselves for re-election were re-elected.

Jo Henley resigned from her post as Club Secretary and the Chairman thanked her for her contribution to the Club.

Catherine Hansford was elected to the post of Club Secretary.

Committee Members for 2016/17

Chairman	Malcolm Maxted
Secretary	Catherine Hansford
Treasurer	Simon Rowbottom
Membership Secretary	Adam Hawkins
Run Co-ordinator	Phil MacQuaid
Club Championships	Lesley Nesbitt
Webmaster and Sunday Blog	Guy Williams
Men's Captain	Rob Jones
Ladies Captain	Lesley Nesbitt
Kit Manager	Fez Parker
Welfare Officer	Lynne Thumpston
Social Secretary	Katie Brooks

Race Directors

Great Western	Lesley Nesbitt
Easter Bunny	Nick Brook (requires an assistant for 2017)
Summer 5k Series	Dave Stanfield
Ninesprings 10k	Mike Shead
Ash Town Tree Trail	Adam Hawkins
Dave Richardson Trophy	Pete Jakeman
Yeovil Marathon	Bryn Phillips
Ash Eight	Adam Hawkins
Santa Dash	Linda Membury

Other Positions

Chief Marshall	Simon Rowbottom
Risk Assessments	Pete Jakeman

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1 Alteration to Club Rule 6 London Marathon Place.

It was unanimously accepted that the following version of Rule 6 should replace the existing version.

The Club is allocated a place or places for the London Marathon. The number of places is determined by the size of membership of the Club. These places will be allocated by a Ballot.

To be eligible for entry into this Ballot for the allocated club place(s) members must

- a) Be a first claim member of the Club.
- b) At the time of the Ballot the member must be, at a minimum, in their second year of continuous membership of the Club.
- c) The member must have paid his annual club membership fee by the date of the AGM in the year of the ballot.
- d) The member must not have run in the previous two London Marathons irrespective of their method of entry to the event.
- e) Have an entry form that states the applicant is a member of Yeovil Town RRC.
- f) Present a valid rejection slip for the next year's London Marathon to a member of the Committee.

The Ballot will be drawn at the Christmas dinner or other date to be announced by the Committee.

There is an expectation on the recipient of a Club place to show a commitment to the club by training and actively participating with the Club following the award of the place.

The recipient of a Club place is expected to wear the club colours when competing in the London Marathon.

2 Addition to Rule 5 Club Membership

It was unanimously agreed that the following addition be made to Club Rule 5.

The Club Membership Year runs from 1st April to 31st March the following year.

The Membership fee will be decided by December of the year before.

Club members must pay their annual subscription by the AGM so that their UKA affiliation can be processed by 1st June.

If a person wishes to join the Club up to 31st December of the Club membership year they will pay a full subscription.

If they wish to join from 1st January of the Club membership year they can pay a full subscription, which will be valid until March the following year. However, until 1st April of the new Club Championship year they will not be covered by UKA and must apply for UKA races as an unaffiliated member, unless they pay an extra subscription to English Athletics.

They will be covered by ARC Insurance for other activities such as training and Club runs as long as they sign a new runner's form at each attendance.

If a member has not renewed their Club Membership by 1st June their UKA affiliation will become unregistered and their membership of the Club will lapse.

If a member has allowed their Membership to lapse and wishes to re-join the Club, they will pay the normal renewal subscription. If they require a new running vest they will have to pay for it themselves.

If a person wishes to join YTRRC having previously been a member of another running club or if he/she wishes to resign from YTRRC they must follow the procedures laid down by English Athletics before their UKA affiliation can be renewed.

3 Start times on Tuesday Evening

Over the last year a lot of discussion about the start times on Tuesday evening has taken place. At the last Committee meeting it was decided to have a straight vote on the matter at the AGM. A show of hands showed 9 members in favour of a 6.15 start and 28 members in favour of a 6.30 start. Therefore, for the present the start time will remain at 6.30 p.m.

Rob Jones was of the opinion that more discussion should take place on this matter together with the organisation of Club nights. The Chairman proposed that this should be discussed at the next Committee meeting as a major topic.

4 Ballot for venue for Annual dinner and awards night

Anita Rufus organised a ballot to gather opinions on the venue with a combination of emails and votes on the night.

The result was 51 votes for Haselbury Mill, 12 votes for Yeovil Town Football Club and 3 voters had no preference. It was therefore, decided that the venue would be Haselbury Mill.

5 Race For Life

Brian Mountjoy Row informed the meeting that after this year he will be giving up his position as Chief Marshall for the Race for Life. Most of the marshalls come from YTRRC and he would be grateful if a member of the Club would take over his position next year.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.