

YTRRC AGM

Tuesday 24 May 2022

The Red House
6.00pm

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Guy Williams and Simon Rowbottom, Anita Farquhar Rufus and Sue Mallinson. A list of attendees can be found at the end of the minutes.

2. Minutes of last AGM 2021

Proposed by Phil, Seconded by Jo Henely, Dave Mears, June Moule.

3. Chairman's report AGM 2021

Hello and welcome to the Yeovil Town RRC AGM.

Well it has been another interesting year with Covid-19 still lingering on but this is now hopefully on the decline.

We managed to hold the Santa Dash in December 2021 which, alongside the defib training, raised £600 pounds for the Breast Cancer Unit at Yeovil Hospital.

The Easter Bunny was also a great success again, with Bungy as Race Director, and a fantastic club turnout of volunteers to help out yet again.

The ever-busy Graham Still has taken over as Race Director for the three remaining Yeovilton 5k Series races that we hope to run this year with the continuing support in IT and practical help from my good self and Lindsay.

Also Adam's town tree trail is looming large on the horizon, as well as the amazing school cross country races he organises, of which the final one is tomorrow at Mudford rec, setting up from 3.00 pm with races beginning at 5.00 pm. Any help would be gratefully received.

Club membership is still recovering after Covid-19 and is now around the 180 mark, even with all the other running clubs locally competing for new members.

As always, I need to say a massive thank you to all the Committee who all put many many hours in behind the scenes just to keep the club running smoothly and meeting all the governing bodies requirements.

Hopefully there may be one or two London marathon ballot places available in April so I thought I would just go through the actual requirements as they stand. Members must be in their second year of continuous club membership; have paid their annual club membership fee by the date of the AGM in the year of the ballot; not have run in the previous two London Marathons irrespective of their method of entry to the event; have never obtained a place in the London Marathon by way

of a club ballot place; have helped with at least three Yeovil Town RRC events; have an entry form that states they are a member of Yeovil Town RRC; present a valid rejection slip/email from the next year's London Marathon.

On the running front, races seem to be getting back to normal again with Anita Rufus joining the 100 Marathon club, along with Lynne Thumpston and Richard Dodge and now on 200 hundred marathons are JC and Guy I believe.

Also on a personal note it was really appreciated that club members stepped forward to help myself and Lindsay with her epic, 100k in a day, Jurassic Coast Challenge, which again goes to show what a fantastic friendly and caring club we have. Don't worry I haven't dodged the bullet as I have deferred until next year and now, unfortunately, know the scale of the challenge. Although, I won't despair as I am encouraged by Graham Still saying he will run the first 58k with me (during the day) and then Yunmi saying she would keep me company through the night.

The North Dorset Village marathon was also a great turnout and I think all who turned out enjoyed it and once again a fabulous run from Paul Card who, at 49, is definitely getting quicker.

Malcolm and Lesley both had their England vests on for the Chester half marathon which is a fantastic achievement indeed.

I believe we are all up for re-election again with hopefully a couple more committee members joining us to fill our available posts.

Thanking individuals who all have busy lives, but runners generally are doers who do not sit around. Angela fits in our admin role whilst juggling lots of other things and is much appreciated. Denise has now taken over the Awards evening along with her team of Mel and June in the catering department, along with numerous other helpers.

Simon continues to be our Treasurer which is a lot more work than most people realise.

Phil still puts in hours every week, even after his operation, sorting out pub runs, parish notices and compiling club records.

Jo Henley has stepped into the Covid Health and Safety role and is now going to support me as Vice Chair too.

Lesley still sorts out the championship races and results (while still running at an amazing pace (as I can testify at the Weymouth 10 miler this year) and also sorts out our beloved caps, which is another time-consuming job.

Hopefully this year and next will allow us to run at least nine club races which goes to prove that this is such a great club with so many hard working and fun-loving members. As always it is an honour to represent you all and I wish you all a successful and injury free season.

4. Treasurer Report

I am pleased to present the latest set of accounts and can report that the club finances remain in a sound state despite the Covid-19 pandemic that has continued to impact all club activities throughout the year and prevented the hosting of many club events, although the easing of restrictions did allow for some semblance of a return to normality in the second half of the year. As a result, in the year of 21/22, we have seen a surplus of £1,591 of income against expenditure for the 12 months (deficit £1,056 in 20/21) with an asset base of £13,521 in the balance sheet as at 31/03/2022 (£11,930 @ 31/03/2021)

For simplicity, the accounts are again prepared on a cash flow basis and I am providing you with a summary income and expenditure and copy of the balance sheet. I adjust income and expenditure to reflect funds held within our PayPal account as well as our NatWest bank account that have the effect of inflating some gross figures but have no overall impact on our true 'net' position. In addition, year on year comparisons must be made with caution, reflecting the timing of payments around our year end of 31 March. Once again, the accounts are subject to any scrutiny the committee wishes to undertake.

These accounts show the return of some race income but reduced net membership income partly reflecting the Covid 19 impact on 20/21 and 21/22 membership renewals. I have amended the presentation of the accounts this year so that net membership income is after England Affiliation Fees (£15 in 21/22 and now £16 for 22/23 have been paid); this gives a clearer indication of surplus funds from the £30 membership available to the club. Race income includes club earnings for 'hosting' Ash and Santa Dash races and entries for Easter Bunny 2022 received before 31 March 2022. Cake and drink sales although not shown separately form a significant part of overall race day profits; many thanks to all who contribute.

Expenditure has increased slightly during the year to £7,010.49 as we start to host races again. After the payment of ARC, England Athletics and Somerset County Affiliation Fees the only major area of committed expenditure is for website hosting costs. Costs in this area have been reduced and further action is being taken to keep these to a minimum going forward.

Against the background in 2020 and 2021 of virtually no race income the committee undertook a review of expenditure that highlighted areas of potential savings but also made the decision that at least for 2021 members would pay for their own awards hats. The awards Christmas dinner was also run on a break even basis after a £500 club donation deposit from a previous year. Whilst the club will continue to pay SSDC for the use of the track, £2 donations from club members attending on a Friday are now sought in addition to increasing existing non-member fees to £5. It has been decided that track fees will continue for 2022/23.

Charitable donations totalling £1,100 are committed to be paid in 22/23 so far.

Whilst the present cash balance at the bank is comfortable there is a desire to minimise any ongoing or future deficits until our profitable races are re-established. Given the expectation that we will once again be able to host club races this summer we aim soon to restore income to a level that will allow members to again enjoy the additional benefits that the club has historically been able to provide. The best way you can help is by offering to volunteer at club races, it is actually great fun!

5. Additions or Alterations to the Club Rules or Constitution

One addition, in terms of associate members. The club would like to have an associate member, this would be £10 for those who wanted to join as associate member but not run. This would recognise those who help out a lot such as Tris Samuel, Steve Membury. It was agreed by unanimous vote that the club would have associate members going forward.

6. Election of Officers and other Committee Members

Following a show of hands and no objections received, the following were elected:

- **Chairperson – Steve Warren**
- **Vice Chairperson – Jo Henley**
- **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) – Vicky Scrowston**
- **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, Guy and Lindsay Saunders**

7. Appointment of Auditors

Paul Gilbie volunteered to check over the accounts.

8. **AOB** – Travellers – whilst the Steam Fair is on, the gates to the football club will have a chain over them but not locked.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm.

List of Attendees

Guy Williams

Karyl Gill

Adam Hawkins

Alison Griffiths

Andy Holloway

Angela Dobbs

Charles Jardine

Dave Stanfield

David Mears

Deborah Stanfield

Denise Byrd

Eleanor Damon

Frances Malin

Graham Still

Jackie Casey

James Hutt

Joanna Henley

June Moule

Kenneth Berry

Lesley Nesbitt

Linda Membury

Lindsay Saunders

Louise Ward

Lynne Thumpston

Magdalena Kusmierczyk

Malcolm Maxted

Matt Driver

Mel Dodge

Nigel Parker

Paul Card

Paul Gilbie

Phil MacQuaid

Rachael Jones

Richard Hooper

Steve Warren

Taryn Monks

Tim Willis

Vicky Scrowston

Yun Mi Jang