

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Esk Valley Fell Club

Venue: Royal Oak, 123 High Street, Great Ayton, TS9 6BW

Date/Time: Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 8.15pm

Those Members Present: Phil Conner, Clive Thornton, Dave Gibson, Simon Ashwell, Bob Lillie, John Bolland, Mike Quinn, Richard Clark, Tim Parker, Richard Lindsey

1. Chairman opens meeting
 - a. Phil Conner welcomed those present, and thanked Clive Thornton for making the arrangements for the AGM.
 - b. Phil Conner opened the AGM having confirmed that the required quorum of 10 members was present
2. Apologies
 - a. Received from Dean Stockwell, Ian Robinson, Louise Campbell
3. Minutes from 2017 AGM
 - a. A copy of the 2017 AGM minutes was circulated to those present, and were formally approved by those present as a true record.
4. Matters arising
 - a. No matters arising from the 2017 AGM minutes.
 - b. Observation that great progress has been made in 2017 to fully establish the Wednesday night training sessions, which has increased membership and is fully aligned with stated objective to expand member base to a wider range of runners and bridge the gap to the faster/longer training sessions held on the Tuesday night.
5. Committee annual report
 - a. Phil Conner expressed thanks on behalf of the whole EVFC committee for the huge effort and dedication that Clive Thornton (Secretary) has given to the club over the past 2 years following the huge upheaval following Dave Parry's death. Without Clive's dedication it is hard to see how the club would have made it through the period, and many more of the North Yorkshire series races would have failed to survive.
 - b. There has been excellent participation in the local summer and winter race series, and the numbers of runners (both senior and juniors) continues to be strong. The English Championships Junior Race held at Chop Gate was a major highlight of the club's achievements in 2017.

- c. Poor weather in February/March 2018 unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of 2 races in the winter series, Glaisdale Rigg and Blakey Blitz. A new date will be sought for Blakey Blitz, later in 2018 (confirmed as 29 April 2018).
- d. Simon Ashwell (Membership Secretary) confirmed that the online membership arrangements that were set-up in 2016 have worked well, and we had 48 fully paid-up members on the books for 2017. The arrangements have made the administration of members much simpler/quicker, and we already have 31 members signed up and fees paid for 2018 (a record!). Reminders have been issued to 2017 members who have not yet paid 2018 membership.
- e. Bob Lillie (Race Coordinator) suggested that the club could sustainably arrange 3 races per year. More volunteers are required to act as Race Marshalls to support the Race Organisers, and to share the burden of race entry administration that has largely fallen upon Clive Thornton and ad-hoc helpers. A wider club membership participation is required to sustain race organisation in the future, and will be a standing topic for the Club Committee going forwards.

6. Treasurers report

- a. Dave Gibson distributed copies of the club statement of account to those present. The club continues to hold a very healthy balance, and continues to make significant donations to local charities, and is keen to support members who are interested in gaining formal coaching qualification/training that can be deployed for the wider benefit of the club membership. The accounts were duly approved by those present.

7. Election of Officers

- a. Secretary - Clive Thornton (current – notified intent to stand down)
 - i. Clive Thornton had notified his intention to step down from the role after his current 2 year term, ahead of the AGM.
 - ii. No nominations had been received prior to the AGM and none present were willing to volunteer for the role.
 - iii. Phil Conner (Chairman) agreed to take on the role temporarily until a permanent new Club Secretary has been found. **ACTION: Club newsletter and social media will seek a volunteer, and the Club Committee will appoint in due course.**
 - iv. A discussion took place around the future role of the Secretary, and it was agreed that the scope of the role currently performed by Clive Thornton was not representative of the core role in future. The coordination of the Summer Series and Winter Series races was taken

on by Clive Thornton, following Dave Parry's death, but is not part of the Club Secretary's role. Clive will continue to work with other local Clubs to further diversify the responsibilities for local races amongst the local Running and Fell Clubs.

- b. Membership Secretary - Simon Ashwell (current)
 - i. Simon agreed to continue in role for another term. Duly nominated and seconded by those present.
- c. Welfare Officer - Louise Campbell (current)
 - i. Louise was not present, but was nominated and seconded by those present to continue in role, upon confirmation that she was willing to stand; this has subsequently been confirmed.
- d. Race Co-ordinator - Bob Lillie (current)
 - i. Bob advised that he was unable to continue in role as he now lives in Scarborough and feels unable to provide the future commitment. He was however quite happy to continue to be a Race Organiser for the Club, and continue doing this for the foreseeable future.
 - ii. Role will be vacant until new volunteer has been found. **ACTION: Club newsletter and social media will seek a volunteer, and the Club Committee will appoint in due course.**
- e. Training Co-ordinator - Mike Quinn (current)
 - i. Mike agreed to continue in role for another term. Duly nominated and seconded by those present.
- f. Webmaster - Vacant
 - i. Tim Parker volunteered to take on the role, and was duly nominated and seconded by those present.
- g. Club Statistician - Cameron Taylor (current)
 - i. Cameron not present, has been inactive, and not attended any Committee Meeting in the last 12 months; currently at University.
 - ii. Richard Clark volunteered to take on the role, and was duly nominated and seconded by those present.
- h. Junior Coordinator - John Williams (current)
 - i. John was not present, but was believed to be unlikely to wish to continue in role due to other commitments.
 - ii. Those present agreed that the role should remain vacant until someone came forward with the necessary passion and commitment to take on the role. Role will be vacant until new volunteer has been found. **ACTION: Club newsletter and social media will seek a volunteer, and the Club Committee will appoint in due course.**

8. Constitution

- a. No changes raised or identified

9. Membership fees

a. Currently

- i. Senior – £10

- ii. Junior – £0.50

- iii. England Athletics individual affiliation – (£14) £15 (01/04/18 – 31/03/19)

- iv. England Athletics club affiliation - £100 (01/04/17 – 31/03/18)

- b. Those present agreed that the fees should remain unchanged in 2018, and represented excellent value and presented no barrier to membership or club participation.

10. Dave Parry Winter and Summer Fell Race Series

11. Race reports

12. Member achievements

- a. Bob Graham Round completed successfully by Mike Quinn and Paul Williams
- b. Martin Perry came 3rd in the 2017 Mountain Challenge
- c. Membership of Esk Valley Fell Club has been the catalyst for members who started running in the local fell races to spread their wings and run and race across Britain and further afield.
- d. Paul Williams gained 28th place in the Glencoe Skyline
- e. Martin Perry won the overall and mens senior Summer Fell Series 2017, Stephen Pugh claimed the V45 title, with Esk Valley second in the team competition.

13. Club Development

- a. Club took part in Cleveland Way Relay for first time and finished in 2nd place, not far behind the winning team. Strong support by those present to put a strong team together for 2018, and perhaps try to get an 'A' and 'B' team. Interest post-meeting from club members has been strong.
- b. Wednesday night training sessions have been supported very well, and are widening the club's reach as hoped. Thanks to those Members who lead the respective groups.
- c. Although we did not get a place in the 2017 Hodgson Relay, the club has been promised a place in 2018 (held on 7th October 2018). Will require 8 people, and run in pairs; venue is in the Lake District. Prestigious event.
- d. Membership is broad, and we have wide spectrum of abilities from Elite to beginners.
- e. Agreement from those present for the club to fund Mike Quinn to undertake the FRA Coaching Course in 2018.

14. Any other business (received by Sunday 18th March 2017)
 - a. None AOB had been notified
15. Close of Annual General Meeting
 - a. Phil Conner closed the AGM at 21:30

MINUTES prepared by/issued:

Phil Conner & Clive Thornton, 23rd April 2018