

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Esk Valley Fell Club

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

Date/Time: Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 8.15pm

Present: Phil Conner, Mike Quinn, Clive Thornton, Dave Gibson, Chris Vanderhoven, Richard Veitch, Sid Bollands, Mick Garratt, Paul Williams

1. Chairman opens meeting

- a. Meeting started at 2030; decision made to progress with AGM despite low numbers, following unanimous agreement by ordinary members present.

2. Apologies

- a. Tim Parker, Simon Ashwell

3. Approval of Minutes from 2018 AGM

- a. A copy of the 2018 AGM Minutes was circulated and approved by those present as a true record
- b. No matters arising from 2018 AGM minutes

4. Committee annual report - Chair

- a. The Chair thanked all members for attendance and the committee for their continued support of the Club, and a special thanks to Clive Thornton for his continued assistance although not a formal officer of the club at present.
- b. A stable period for membership numbers with c. 40 members for the past 3 years.
- c. The Club organised 4 very successful races in 2018 with strong attendance at all:
 - i. Blakey Blitz (100)
 - ii. G'boro Moors (200)
 - iii. G'boro Woods (200 + 28 Jnrs)
 - iv. Capt Cooks (400 + 48 Jnrs)
- d. In 2019 we will organise 5 races, the 2018 list + Bllsdale (new race)
- e. Finances in very good shape (see Treasurers Report later)
- f. Training nights Tues/Wed continue to be well supported and offer running to a wide range of abilities

5. Treasurers report

- a. Dave Gibson distributed copies of the club statement of account to those present. The books are reported on a Calendar Year basis to align with the subscription year.
 - i. Opening balance (31/12/17) £4,914
 - ii. 2018 Income £5,422
 - iii. 2018 Expenditure (£2,583)
 - iv. Closing Balance (31/12/18) **£7,753**
- b. The club is clearly generating an annual surplus, and it is agreed that the current race entry fee and club annual membership are very reasonable. Therefore, the Committee was requested to draw up a plan to better utilise the club funds to develop the club and its contribution to the running and wider community in future. The following ideas were generated at the AGM, for further consideration as part of a more detailed action plan to be developed by the Committee:

- i. Website improvements
- ii. 10 yr club celebration
- iii. Race technology – initial hardware/system/set-up
- iv. 'Perpetual' Race trophies for EVFC races
- v. Alternative race/series prizes (vouchers, mugs)
- vi. Donations to charity

6. Election of Officers (bi-annually)

- a. Chair – Mike Quinn appointed; Clive (proposer), Paul (second)
- b. Treasurer – Dave Gibson re-appointed; Mick (proposer), Phil (second)
- c. Secretary – Phil Conner formally appointed for a further 12 months (after being filled temporarily by the Chair in 2018); Dave (proposer), Mike (second)

7. Election of Ordinary Committee (annually)

- a. Membership Secretary - Simon Ashwell
- b. Welfare Officer - Vacant
- c. Race Co-ordinator - Joint role: Bob Lillie/ Clive Thornton
- d. Training Co-ordinator - Joint role: Mike Quinn (Tues)/ Clive Thornton (Wed)
- e. Webmaster - Joint Role: Tim Parker/ Rorie McIntosh/ Rob Pollard
- f. Club Statistician - Vacant (though Clive has updated the race records)
- g. Junior Coordinator - Vacant

8. Constitution

- a. No changes

9. Club Membership fees – it was agreed that Club membership fees would remain unchanged for 2020, as below:

- a. Currently
 - i. Senior – £10
 - ii. Junior – £0.50
 - iii. England Athletics individual affiliation – (£14) £15 (01/04/19 – 31/03/20)
 - iv. England Athletics club affiliation - £100 (01/04/19 – 31/03/20)
- b. Effective from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020

10. Dave Parry Winter and Summer Fell Race Series

- a. The winter and summer series continue to go from strength to strength, with strong fields of runners. Focus for race organisers is on correct kit.
- b. 500 - 600 runners have participated in the 2018/19 race series
- c. 25p per runner goes towards prizes for each race series.
- d. 2019 Summer series prizes will be awarded at G'boro Woods Race (Dec'2019).

11. Race reports

- a. Highlights for members in 2018 included the Cleveland Way Relay (great team effort, fab day out), High Cup Nick, and the new Bilsdale Fell Race organised by Mike Quinn which was held last weekend and proved very successful.

12. Member achievements

- a. Kevin Baron – BGR
- b. Andy Hyde – BGR
- c. Mick Garratt – Mountain Trial

13. Club Development

- a. Better user of Technology for Races

- i. There is a general desire to introduce more technology into race organisation in 2020/21 to simplify race admin, improve safety, and utilise some of the accumulated club funds on improving the experience for club members and race organisers. The Committee will develop a plan of action over the coming 12 months for implementation in 2020/21.
- b. English Championship Event in 2020/21
 - i. Consider hosting English Champs event in 2020/21 (Bilsdale), and/or Junior Champs vent (Cock Howe).
- c. EVFC 10 yr Celebration
 - i. The club is 10 yrs old this year. Agreed that a celebration social event should be arranged by the Committee in October 2019.
- d. Club Championship Series
 - i. Members felt it would be good to 'resurrect' a Club Championship race series for 2020. Committee to propose list of 2019 (winter)/2020 races. Consider 'car clubs' and 'away-days' for targeted races, to develop and build our club community.
- e. Potential New Races
 - i. Bilsdale Show,
 - ii. Rosedale Show
- f. Website/ Social Media
 - i. Develop a strategy for how we want to use social media to communicate to our members, as we currently have 3 methods in use: EVFC Website, Facebook, and WhatsApp
 - ii. Improve the club website – Tim/Rorie in action on this.
 - iii. WhatsApp - consider 'merging' the Tues/Wed WhatsApp groups so we can have 'collective banter'(!) and actually feel like 1 club rather than 2.
- g. Training Nights
 - i. Consider combining training nights, say once per month and having social drink/meeting location after that training session to encourage the club social side and encourage runners to use both groups/ transition between as fitness/injury/energy dictates.
- h. Membership portal
 - i. Chris suggested that new members should receive a "welcome" email upon paying their club subscription. Committee to work the detail, and confirm what (can be/) is generated 'automatically' by the SportEntrySolutions application.
 - ii. Membership list needs a "clean-up"

14. AOB - none

15. Meeting closed by the Chair at 2145