Notes of Annual General Meeting (2023)

Esk Valley Fell Club

Venue: Upstairs Meeting Room, Royal Oak, Great Ayton

Date/Time: **Tuesday 21st March 2023, at 8.00pm**

Attendees: Phil Conner, Mike Quinn, Dave Gibson, Clive Thornton, Paul Cook, Jordan Millward, Nicholas Rowley, Richard Veitch, Sid Bollands, Bob Lillie

1. Chairman opened the meeting
2. Apologies accepted from:
   * Tim Hill
   * Tim Parker
3. **Chairman’s Annual Report** (Mike Quinn)
   * Very busy race season
   * Upcoming membership renewal (1st April)
   * Arranged 2 English Champs races in 2022 which had been deferred due to COVID
   * Bob Graham Rounds. Joint attempt by Dave Berry and Andy Mochrie. Both finished with Andy completing within the time (23h 40m), whilst Andy delivered an epic endurance round in 30 hrs. Well done to both!
   * Paddy Buckley Rounds: Danny Braun had 2 attempts
   * Training is back upto consistent and good numbers post-COVID (Monday night social, good recovery/ intro point; 8 regulars), Tuesday training well attended
4. **Treasurer’s report** (Dave Gibson)
   * 2021 – COVID affected finances for the 2022 calendar year. Much higher race entry figures due to English Champs Races
   * Self-sustaining ‘fixed costs’ funded from membership fees
   * Approx £3,000 up on Year
5. **Election / Re-Election of Officers** **due for re-election in 2023**
   * Club Chair - Mike Quinn re-elected (seconded by PC/DG)
   * Club Treasurer - Dave Gibson re-elected (seconded by MQ/RV)
6. **Election / Re-Election of Ordinary Committee (Annually)**
   * Club Captain *[vacant]*
   * Membership Secretary Phil Conner – re-elected
   * Welfare Officer Tim Hill – re-elected
   * Race Co-ordinator Bob Lillie/ Clive Thornton - re-elected
   * Training Co-ordinator Paul Cook - elected
   * Webmaster Tim Parker – re-elected
   * Club Statistician Martin Perry – re-elected
   * Junior Coordinator Tim Hill – re-elected
   * FRA Club Ambassador *[Vacant]*
7. **Confirm 2023 Club Membership fees**
   * Agreed no change to club membership fees, EA affiliation fees passed on
8. **Race Coordinator’s Report** (Clive Thornton)
   * 9 winter series (2021/22) races ; 395 competitors (281 M/114 F), winners Lee Kemp (EVFC), Sarah Walsh (Scarboro’),
   * 10 summer series (2022) races ; 379 competitors, winners Sam Ledley (EVCC), Kath Williams (Scarborto’)
   * 12 winter series (2022/23) races, started at Lockton with 160 runners; 607 competitors (475 M/195 F) - winners xx (Scarboro’), Trudy Murray (Scarboro’)
   * 2 x English Champs races ; 3 Tops Senior Race – over 300 entries, £1500 to charity incl. £1000 to CMRA
   * Over £5,000 of charity donations
9. AOB
   * Members feedback on EVFC Website/ Facebook
     1. New website works well
   * Club/ member support for hosting an English Championship Race in 2024
     1. Considering 3 routes; a ‘short’ Bilsdale, High Cliff 400, and 3 Tops. Clive Thornton in contact with Nick Barber
   * Training groups/ feedback
     1. Monday group – stay informal, works well, WhatsApp Group to communicate – Sid Bollands is contact point, website info is fine
     2. Tuesday single group setting off at 6:30pm – update website
     3. No Wednesday group – check no reference on website
   * Club championship for 2023/24
     1. Discussed FRA relays (Keswick) which has 2 single and 2 pairs (ie 6 people)
   * Honorary Member (Life)
     1. Proposed and agreed that Bob Lillie should be awarded an Honorary Life Member of Esk Valley Fell Club commencing 1 April 2023. Bob was delighted to ac. Bob was delighted to accept
   * Club Kit
     1. New vests order – better material / mesh
     2. New ‘merchandise’ – discussed Hoodie, and hats. Clive agreed to investigate options