

Notes of Annual General Meeting (2024)

Esk Valley Fell Club

Venue: Upstairs Meeting Room, Royal Oak, Great Ayton

Date/Time: **Tuesday 28th March 2024, at 8.00pm**

Attendees: Phil Conner, Mike Quinn, Clive Thornton, Paul Cook, Gary Talbot, Sid Bollands, Phil Baines, Kirsten Baines, Hilary Allan, Jordan Millward, Josh Woodacre

1. Chairman opened the meeting
2. Apologies accepted from:
 - Dave Gibson
 - Ian Robinson
 - Sid Bollands (late)
3. **Chairman's Annual Report** (Mike Quinn)
 - Tribute to Clive Thornton's coordination of a very challenging race coordinators meeting!
 - Monday training group getting 10-12 people regularly. Quite a number of 'ultr' runners. Everyone accommodating. A number of new EVFC members have joined after attending Monday training sessions. Ian/Jenny/Gary coordinating and leading the Monday sessions and coordinated via a 'Monday group' WhatsApp - happy to maintain this format for now. Meet at 6 for 6:15pm start.
 - Propose to get a Cleveland Way relay team together (June) – needs min. 1 female runner
 - Propose to get an EVFC Hardmoors 60 relay team together (Sept)
 - FRA '50 at 50' races. Some club members looking to 'complete the set'
 - 2 club members doing the Yorkshire 3 Peaks race this year
4. **Treasurer's report** (*not present – account details provided post-meeting – see Appendix 1*)
 - Slight loss this year explained by the expenditure of buying clothing (bobble hats etc)
 - Larger level of charity donations than previous years as some were delayed from 2022
 - Club finances remain in a very healthy position
5. **Election / Re-Election of Officers due for re-election in 2023**
 - Club Secretary - Phil Conner re-elected (nom. MQ, sec.TH)
6. **Election / Re-Election of Ordinary Committee (Annually)**
 - Club Captain Gary Talbot (subject to agreed role description)
 - Membership Secretary Phil Conner – re-elected
 - Welfare Officer Tim Hill – re-elected
 - Race Co-ordinator Bob Lillie/ Clive Thornton - re-elected
 - Training Co-ordinator Josh Woodacre (subject to training, supported by club)
 - Webmaster Phil Conner/ Flav
 - Club Statistician Phil Baines - elected
 - Junior Coordinator Vacant
 - FRA Club Ambassador Phil Baines - elected

7. Confirm 2024 Club Membership fees

- Agreed no change to club membership fees £11.20 (Snr), optional athlete EA affiliation fee £19. Both membership/affiliation periods commence 1st April 2024 and last 12 months.

8. Race Coordinator's Report (Clive Thornton)

A year in review:

- 2023 - 24 events 2972 competitors
- 40th anniversary Captain Cooks Race (38th event) Graham Robinson Pickering RC completed all events
- 70th anniversary Roseberry Topping Race
- Winter Series 2022/23
 - 12 events with 232 different female runners, 579 male runners, 811 in total. Male winner Dan Bateson - Scarborough AC, EVFC competitors - Steven Donaldson Runner up, Steven Pugh 12th and Tim Hill 19th. Female winner Rhona Marshall - Scarborough AC, Jayne Bowers best place EVFC in 20th overall.
 - Team competition won by Scarborough AC Male and Female, EVFC male were runners up and 5th, females 6th=.
- Summer Series 2023
 - 14 events with 154 women and 350 men, 504 total. Cath Williamson Loftus and Whitby AC female winner with EVFC Ronni Kirkham 12th. Tom Levi of Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers overall men's winner with Stephen Pugh 9th, Neil Ridsdale 17th. Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers won both the men and womens team events, in the womens team they placed 2nd, 7th and 9th. EVFC runners up in the mens team.
- Winter Series 2023/24
 - Projected 11 events will be completed (two cancelled due to snow Eskdale Eureka and adverse weather Guisborough Woods)

9. AOB

- Facebook; some confusion about the different Facebook pages/groups. Clarification email to be issued by Club Sec (via SIEntries) to clarify and send links to all current club members. Phil Baines offered and was accepted as Admin for the EVFC Members facebook group – Membership Sec to provide current list of members.
- Website photos could do with refreshing/ updating. Photos need sending to the club webmaster(s) who will update accordingly.
- Encouragement for participants in 'Reports' from races/events/challenges (eg BGR, Y3P, FGR, etc) that we can share on the Club website.
- Suggestion that we should order an 'EVFC Flag/ banner' that can be used as a locating/meeting point at bigger events
- Merchandise – following items available now, or will be shortly
 - i. Lightweight vest/tee
 - ii. Heavyweight vest
 - iii. Bobble hats
 - iv. Hoodies ("sprinters"); long sleeve with logoi, short sleeve with logo
- Suggestion we should get a team together for the FRA relays (19th Oct) which are held on same course each year at Appletreewick in Wharfdale
- Safeguarding discussion due to recent concerns around a runner attending local events known to be on the sex offenders register. Concerns for female and junior participants.

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report – Club Finances

EVFC accounts 2023 (for period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023)			
Opening balance 01/01/2023 £ 9,454.61			
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Membership	777.73	Charity	4643
Race entry	11073.14	EA membership	337
Clothing sales	191	Laptop	229
Interest	51.03	Prizes	3103.51
		Race expenditure	300
		Race numbers	214.61
		Race venue hire	344
		Club clothing purchase	1785.6
		Sportident	910.8
		Stationary	84.29
		Sundries	47.7
		Transfer to other clubs	1547.8
		Website hosting	137.45
Total	<u>£ 12,092.90</u>		<u>£ 13,684.76</u>
Opening balance	£ 9,454.61	Current	£ 1,841.56
Income	£ 12,092.90	Savings	£ 6,021.19
Expenditure	£ 13,684.76	Total	<u>£ 7,862.75</u>
Closing balance 31/12/23 <u>£ 7,862.75</u>			