

## **Minutes of the Beeston Athletics Club Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 20 November 2019, Beeston Marina**

**Present:** Simon Elliott (Chair), Chris Bexton, Andy Hunter, Mark Rowson, Geoff Pennington, Penny Page, Jackie Welburn, Jane Lewis, John O'Donnell, Gary Fox, Nigel Adcock, Paul Page, Steve Rooney, Ken Allen, Harry Taylor, Neil Byford, Stephen Mason, Charlie Pearce, Lucy Grant, Mike Davey, Chris Bell, Sophie Eadsforth, Catherine Simkins, Tony Rushton, Phil Herd, Steve Brown, James Isherwood, Dick Sobey, Ndiarka Mbodji, Simon Hall, Clint Southern-Warburton, Holly McCain, Simon Barnes, Dave Bish, Dave Evans, Julia Barham, Dan Rawson, Helen Rawson, Malcolm Ray, Paul Dennis, Karen Barnfield, Stuart Moore, Alec MacLean, Caroline Challender, Marie Pardon, Gemma Daykin, Morgan Field, Richard Eadsforth, Matt Jones, Michael Lyons, Rob Henderson, Juliet Harrison, John Harrison, Caitlin Bradbury, Stephen Connor, Oliver Angeloni, Genie Mihaylova, John Gibbon, Jen Beverley, Elaine Clifford, Janet Barnes, Liz Rawding, Greg Hopkinson, Megan Elliott, Julie Lord, Mick Lord, Shane Fenn

**Apologies for absence** were received from: Juliet Jones, Nick Woodrow, Gaby Neher, Matt Robson, Graham Beniston, Paul Hartshorne, Chris Robson, Ken Morell, Andy Granville, Paul Russell, David Broadbent, Robert Evans, Guy Barwell

**1. Minutes of the AGM held 6 November 2018:** Approved.

### **2. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution**

The Chair proposed an amendment to the Constitution, seconded by the Club Secretary. Currently the constitution is: "7 (g) The quorum for AGMs will be 25% of the membership as declared by the Treasurer on the night."

The constitution was constructed using a template from Sport England; however, with a membership of 200+ getting 25% attendance could be problematical. This is an issue affecting other local athletics clubs. In order to avoid an AGM or EGM being unconstitutional due to being non-quorate, a change to read "7 (g) The quorum for AGMs will be 20 first claim members." Was proposed.

The amendment was APPROVED by those present.

### **2. Treasurer's report**

The club has 194 first claim members and 7 second claim members, this is a total increase of 10 members compared to last year.

Income for the year has totalled just over £8,000 and has mainly come from membership payments (just under £4,000), payment for club kit (just over £2,100) and Trent 5 race entry income (just under £2,000). Expenditure for the year has totalled £7,900, with main costs being England Athletics registration (just under £3,100), payment received for club kit (£2,500), cost of Trent 5 (just over £1,000), club race entry (ie summer league and cross country) (£600) and training courses (£400).

The bank balance at the end of October 2019 was a healthy £2,200 cash in bank and assets of 42 vests and 9 buffs.

The current membership fee payable by the Club to England Athletics is £15; this will be rising to £16 for 2020/21 but for the moment there will be no increase in the fee payable by members to Beeston AC.

The accounts will be verified independently by Steve Mason.

#### **4. Road Race Secretary's report and presentation of road league trophies**

There has been a record turn out on the road this year with 129 runners taking part in at least one race on the calendar. Phil Herd is the mens champion, Rob Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> and Andrew Taplin 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sophie Eadsforth is the womens champion, Caitlin Bradbury 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lucy Grant 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Overall in the Summer League: Teams

Beeston AC's vet women finished 4<sup>th</sup>

Beeston AC's senior A team finished 5<sup>th</sup> and the B team finished 12<sup>th</sup>

Beeston AC's vet men A team finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the B team finished 16<sup>th</sup>

Individuals: 2<sup>nd</sup> V35 Phil Herd; 2<sup>nd</sup> V65 Ken Morrell; 3<sup>rd</sup> V65 John O'Donnell; and 3<sup>rd</sup> V35 Lucy Grant.

County Championship medals

Catherine Simkins: V35 Gold for Half Marathon

Chris Bexton: V55 Gold for 10K and Silver for Half Marathon

Lucy Grant: V35 Silver for 10 miles and Senior Bronze for 10 miles

We've a lot to look forward to in 2020 with overseas trips to Malta and Prague in the spring and a large contingent going to the Lake District in the summer for the Lakeland Ultra Trail races.

Well done to the many runners who have achieved PBs during the year and I wish everyone an injury free 2020.

#### **5. Fell Race Secretary's report and presentation of fell league trophies**

The winner of the men's trophy was Greg Hopkinson, with Dave Bish and Andy Hunter coming joint second. The winner of the ladies' trophy was Holly McCain, who had competed in 18 races out of the 22 on the League Calendar. No other ladies qualified as they had not completed 8 races. In addition, both Greg and Holly were selected to represent Notts for the Fell Inter-Counties after their performances in the Wolfs Pit race.

Participation was slightly down on the previous year but there were some good results. A highlight of the year was that Beeston AC sent a team to the British Fell Relays Championships for the first time, which proved to be a very enjoyable experience and one which we hope to repeat.

#### **6. Cross Country Secretary's report**

The Cross Country discipline continues to grow in popularity in the Club, and again there was a high level of participation in races from Club members. The winner of the Men's trophy was again George Russell, with Dan Rawson second and Mike Kirk third. The winner of the ladies' trophy was Lucy Grant, with Catherine Simkins coming second and Salome Maybanks third.

The highlight in the year was participation in the National Cross Country Championships at Harewood House, Leeds on a warm and sunny day in February. We are now back to real cross country weather with plenty of mud to enjoy.

#### **7. Chair's Report**

The Chair thanked the Committee for all their hard work during the year. The Club has had a great social calendar this year, which will be rounded off by the Wham! Tribute act for the Christmas do.

The Club has been successful in a bid under the England Athletics Club Run programme. In brief, we are entitled to three coach-led sessions within a 12-week period during January and February 2020. The dates will be advertised in the weekly newsletter.

The Summer League race at Balderton can no longer take place due to permanent building work on the car park. This has started already. The Summer League series has "host" clubs who organise the courses, marshals and licences. Southwell Running Club host Hexgreave, Holme Pierrepont host the race at the NWSC, Notfast hosted Balderton, Worksop Harriers host the race in Clumber Park and Sutton Harriers host the final race at Teversal. All costs such as venue hire, licence fees, first aid, toilet hire etc., are paid for by AAA.

Beeston AC has offered to host one of these races and we made enquiries into the hire of Wollaton Park. After a little negotiation we agreed a figure of £500 with the NCC which is their charity race rate. We presented this to the AAA road race AGM last week and were given the go-ahead. Summer League 3 will now be hosted by Beeston on 17<sup>th</sup> June, start time 7.15pm.

We chose Wollaton Park as it is close to our base and is large enough to handle the 600 runners that normally compete. We understand that a lot of our members will still want to take part so we may need to call on friends and family to help with marshalling. For this reason, we chose Wollaton Park rather than Newstead Abbey or Colwick Park.

We will be responsible for: course design and marking; marshals; start area; finish area funnels; licensing including risk assessment, race referee, course maps etc. plus lead bike and tail bike. The AAA are responsible for timings and results. They also have a rope to split the runners into separate men and women funnels at the end.

Summer League rules mean that the race must be at least 5 miles but no more than 10K. The race will start at 7.15pm and the park closes at 9.15pm so it may be easier to make it closer to 5 miles than 10K so the finish area can be closed down and team managers can finish their token duties before the park closes. We've been told that if we are late there may be a surcharge.

The Club goes from strength to strength and members appear to get a lot of enjoyment out of Club running and social activities, which is the most important thing.

## 8. Election of Officers

| <b>Position</b>          | <b>2018 Postholders</b>  | <b>Proposed 2019 Postholder</b> | <b>Proposer</b>  | <b>Seconder</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Chair:                   | Simon Elliott            | Simon Elliott                   | Rab Acid         | Mark Rowson     |
| Treasurer:               | Juliet Jones             | Juliet Jones                    | Geoff Pennington | Chris Bexton    |
| Secretary:               | Chris Bexton             | Chris Bexton                    | Sophie Eadsforth | John O'Donnell  |
| Road Race Secretary:     | Mark Rowson              | Mark Rowson                     | Rab Acid         | John O'Donnell  |
| Fell Race Secretary:     | Andy Hunter              | Dave Bish                       | Penny Page       | Simon Elliott   |
| Cross Country Secretary: | Dan Rawson               | Charlie Pearce                  | Lucy Grant       | Chris Bexton    |
| Ladies Representative:   | Jackie Welburn           | Jackie Welburn                  | Penny Page       | Helen Rawson    |
| Social Secretary:        | Jane Lewis               | VACANCY                         |                  |                 |
| Coaching Coordinator:    | Mike Blades/ Neil Byford | Neil Byford                     | Rab Acid         | Chris Bexton    |
| Trent 5 Race Organiser:  | Rab Acid                 | Rab Acid                        | Chris Bexton     | Mark Rowson     |
| Members representative:  | Penny Page               | Penny Page                      | Jane Lewis       | John O'Donnell  |
| Members representative:  | Geoff Pennington         | Geoff Pennington                | Daniel Rawson    | Neil Byford     |

All approved. The Chair thanked Andy Hunter and Dan Rawson for their sterling efforts as Fell Race and Cross Country Secretary respectively with Andy having been in post for many years, and welcomed Dave Bish and Charlie Pearce on to the Committee in their place. If anyone is interested in taking on the Social Secretary role (with a lot of the events being looked after by other people, for example the Frothy 5) they should talk to a member of the Committee.

**10. London Marathon draw**

First Michael Lyons, second Paul Cross and reserve Caroline Challender.

**11. Presentation of Athlete of the Year trophy**

This was won by Neil Byford.

**13. Annual Mystery Pub Crawl**

This will be on Wednesday, 11 December. Meeting point and instructions to follow.

**14. Date for Trent 5: 20 May 2020.**