



St. Theresa's A.C.



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015

Present (as recorded on the attendance sheet*):- Chris Gill (Chairman), Andrew Gardner (Secretary), Helen Swallow (Treasurer), Michelle Smale (Membership Secretary), Nicki Coop (Ladies' Captain), Karen Sherras (Training Co-ordinator), Paul McGreevy (Events Co-ordinator), Ian Sheppard (Webmaster), Mark Abdy, Tony Bullough, Phil Coop*, Kate Cronshaw, Paul Ebrey, Geoff Hardman, Pauline Hardman, John Johnson, Emma Longfellow, Kelly Madden, Anna Milburn, Tracey Parsons*, Joanne Powell, Alan Schofield, George Schofield, Jane Scott, Simon Sherras, Graham Shooter and Samantha Tinsdale.

**Some members were present at the meeting (because they spoke during proceedings), but omitted to sign the attendance sheet. There might have been other members present who did not sign the attendance sheet, who are therefore not recorded here.*

1. Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced at 8:34pm. Chris Gill welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Peter Boyle, Stuart Gall, Violet Gill, Steve Holmes, Mark Hodgson, Joanne Loftus, and Ray Love.

3. Minutes Of Annual General Meeting 2014

Copies of the minutes were circulated. Helen Swallow proposed and Nicki Coop seconded that the minutes be accepted: agreed.

4. Matters Arising From AGM 2014

The subject of transfer of race numbers had been in recent newsletters. There was a simple rule; numbers should not be exchanged except where the race organisers advertised it was allowed. There followed a discussion on how numbers could be exchanged between members.

5. Annual Report

Chris Gill presented a verbal report, as summarised:-

- 2014 had been just as busy as 2013. There were 198 members at the end of the year, of which three were social members and thirteen were second claim.
- The Winter Handicap race had been won by Rob Hughes.
- In the PECO League, the men's team had just managed to avoid relegation, while the ladies' team had finished third. Graham Shooter had won the M45 category, and Alison Varley had won the F45 category.
- The Beginners' Course had started with 60 of whom 26 graduated and had joined the club.
- The Summer Handicap had been held on a Sunday, accompanied by a barbecue, and the plan was to do the same again this year, with proposed date of 21 June.
- The Dalesway Challenge had taken place, all 84 miles, with Simon Sherras as the driver for the day.
- The YVAA race had been hosted in July with about 250 entrants. We were very lucky with the facilities and countryside. STAC could be hosting a race this year, but earlier and over a slightly different course.
- The Leeds Country Way had been entered by three teams, each with their own captain, and Stuart Gall as overall manager. Noted that 2015 was the 25th event, and that Nicki Coop was hoping for the club to enter a ladies' team.
- There had been a club trip to the Redcar Half-Marathon. Regrettably, it would be remembered as Mike Sellars's last ever race.
- A PECO League race had been hosted, with the biggest turnout ever. However, we were still the best club in terms of providing food; it was found to be a lot easier to buy the food.
- The Christmas Challenge had been a bit different, but it attracted a lot more people.
- The Club Championship had seen Andrew Gardner complete all fifteen races, while Wanda Macdonald and Terry Midgley had won the individual championships. However, it was expected that matters would be different this year. Eighty-one members had taken part in the Abbey Dash!
- It was hard to keep track of who had achieved what. In the YVAA Grand Prix series, Lynne Fallon was second F60, Pauline Hardman was second F65, and John Johnson was first M80. Craig Keedy had been second M40 in the YVAA 20-mile championship race at Spen. Several members had done well in the Leeds Athletics Network championship. Several members had achieved in a variety of marathons at home and abroad, together with a 24-hour challenge, Helen Swallow's ultra-run and the wine-athlon.

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6. Finance Report

Helen Swallow presented a written report that forms part of these minutes. It had been a busy year, and the PECO and YVAA races had boosted club funds. Paul McGreevy proposed and Alan Schofield seconded that the report be accepted: agreed.

7. Webmaster's Report

Ian Sheppard presented a written report that forms part of these minutes. A vote of thanks was proposed by Phil Coop. Alan Schofield queried updates of the social feed. Stuart Gall has sent comments about the club tracker results needing to be more prominent. James May proposed and Helen Swallow seconded that the report be accepted: agreed.

8. Election Of Committee

John Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee, which was greeted with applause. It was acknowledged that various other people also did much work.

There had been only one nomination for each of the eleven officers, thus:-

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairman:	Chris Gill	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Secretary:	Andrew Gardner	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Treasurer:	Helen Swallow	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Membership Secretary:	Michelle Smale	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Team Captain – Men:	James May	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Team Captain – Ladies:	Nicki Coop	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Training Co-ordinator:	Karen Sherras	Andrew Gardner	Martin Horbury
Events Co-ordinator:	Paul McGreevy	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Webmaster:	Ian Sheppard	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Additional member (1):	Stuart Gall	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury
Additional member (2):	Joanne Loftus	Karen Sherras	Martin Horbury

It was agreed by the members present to vote in the eleven officers *en bloc*.

Andrew Gardner announced his intention not to seek re-election at the following AGM. It was proposed that a job description be circulated prior to the next AGM.

9. Any Other Business

a) Tent

Helen Swallow, speaking on behalf also of Simon Sherras and James May, noted that the original club tent had cost £75, but had been destroyed by strong wind at the Winter Handicap. For a cost of £1100, the club could obtain a very sturdy tent with the club's name on it. James May proposed it might be worth doing some fundraising events to pay for the tent. Helen Swallow suggested the club could pay half, with special fund raising to pay for the other half. What did other clubs have? The general consensus was to go for a "top of the range" tent. Phil Coop suggested asking for sponsorship from local businesses. John Johnson proposed and Nicki Coop seconded that the club should buy the best possible tent: agreed, on the basis of the half-and-half payment.

b) Mike Sellars's Commemorative Tree

Nicki Coop reported that the planting ceremony would be at 8.30am on Saturday 28 February, before parkrun. A massive turnout from the club was wanted. The tree would be very near to the parkrun start line. Unfortunately the estate rules forbade a commemorative plaque. Original plan had been for a Sweet Chestnut, but it would now be an English Oak. There was a vote of thanks to Nicki Coop for organising this.

c) Easter Handicap

With parkrun takeover on the Saturday of Easter weekend, and the Guiseley Gallop on Easter Sunday, it would be asking too much to hold a handicap race on Good Friday. The counterproposal was to hold a handicap race on one Thursday evening near the end of the Beginners' Course. Karen Sherras asked the Committee to consider an event on the Thursday evening before Easter (*viz.* 2 April).

d) Constitution

Stuart Gall had drafted a new constitution, but it needed a lot more work doing on it.

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e) Tuesday Night Training

Paul Ebrey proposed having club “pacer” jackets or bibs, similar to those at parkrun. Helen Swallow noted that everyone needed to meet in one place. Karen Sherras was concerned that people needed to remember that the “group leaders” were only volunteers, and needed the same support on Tuesday nights as on Thursday nights and the Beginners’ Course. Martin Horbury suggested there needed to be more structure to the Tuesday night training.

f) Club Championship: Members’ Choice Race

Graham Shooter asked if the club could have its own race in memory of Mike Sellars. However, it was noted that the organisers would not be able to run as well. Alan Schofield suggested adopting the old “Paras’ Ten” as a memorial race. Paul McGreevy suggested that members should look at the calendar and then make suggestions to the Committee. Tracey Parsons proposed and Phil Coop seconded that the “Members’ Choice” race should be The Stoop fell race on 20 December, subject to this not clashing with PECO commitments; agreed.

g) Barnbow Social Club Facilities

Had STAC considered funding the facilities? Barnbow has not asked for anything yet. However, they did get plenty of trade from us with other private events.

h) Three Peaks Walk

James May proposed to arrange a Three Peaks Walk, possibly with a stay-over at the end of it, Martin Horbury suggest the Welsh Castle Relay 20 races end-to-end from Carnarvon to Cardiff.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

Andrew Gardner
Secretary