



20th June 2022

Dear members,

Please find below the proposed agenda for the AGM to be held on Thursday the 23rd of June 2022 from 19h00 at the Barnstaple Football Club.

We really hope as many as possible of you can attend. Your input is important!

Some notes prior to the AGM:

- There will be a cash bar, but the club will NOT be supplying food this year.
- Attendees at the AGM will be offered a 50% discount code on Club Kit, (excluding softshell jackets, unless in stock).

In addition to the agenda, I have included a summary of what each agenda item aims to answer.

If you have any additional agenda items you would like the committee to consider, please forward them by 19h00 on Wednesday the 22nd of June 2022.

As normal, all committee positions are considered 'open' after the current committee have reported on the status of the club in the past year. After which the new committee will form.

Please do feel free to state your intention to stand for any committee position prior to the AGM by replying to this email, albeit you will still be able to stand for any committee position on the night regardless. Where more than one person stands for a particular committee position, the membership will have the opportunity to vote to decide the successful candidate.

A summary of current committee positions can be found here: <https://www.northdevonroadrunners.com/Cms/Spaces/DEFAULT/Meet+the+Committee>

As it stands, the positions that will be vacated by current committee members at the AGM are as follows:

- Club Treasurer
- Welfare Officer
- Arlington Court Canter Race Director *
- Jewson Barnstaple Marathon & Half Marathon Race Director *
- Hartland Hartbreaker Race Director *

** See agenda item (1) - Note that the Race Director positions will only be deemed open, once the membership have agreed which, if any, races are to continue in 2022/3.*

The Club Treasurer however is a critical position on the committee, and we would urge you to consider your availability for this position. The Club Treasurer does not require any formal qualifications, but skills in numeracy and basic bookkeeping would be advantageous. You will likely have to dedicate 1 – 5 hrs per month to the Treasurer duties, normally pooled around the time of the financial year-end and around the time races are run, when invoices become due. You are welcome to write to the treasurer (Simon Haywood) at

admin@ndroadrunners.com should you require more information as to what the position entails.

Should the Club Treasurer role not be filled, the club may need to outsource the position which will have a financial cost important to consider when discussing Agenda Item (1).

Agenda items detail:

- 1. NDRR revenue generation going forward**
 - a. Races and/or**
 - b. Beginners Courses and/or**
 - c. Membership Fees and/or**
 - d. Consolidation of current expenses**

Based on feedback from the recent email on our website and while also considering the potential administration and reputational damage to the club, the committee have agreed to continue with the **Jewson Barnstaple Marathon & Half Marathon** this year (2022), led by Zoe Smith as Race Director, but with the support of other members on the committee.

The committee will put it to members, whether the race is to continue in 2023, and if yes, that a member step forward to 'shadow' Zoe as assistant Race Director this year, and as she will not be standing as Race Director in 2023.

The **Arlington Court Canter** has been cancelled for 2022 and the entrants refunded. The membership will be given the opportunity to vote on continuing to run this race going forward, but this will also be reliant on the appointment of a Race Director.

The **Braunton 10** races will not be run this year, to allow full focus on the Jewson Barnstaple Marathon & Half Marathon but will aim to run as normal in January 2023. The committee will be looking to appoint a Vice Race Director to ensure succession going forward.

The **Hartland Hartbreaker** is so intertwined with Simon and the unique stamp he has put on the race, that we do not intend to continue running this race in future years but may offer it to the Hartland Community to take forward and as a big part of the race is the involvement of The Hartland Abbey.

The races above, namely The Arlington Court Canter, The Hartland Hartbreaker and The Jewson Barnstaple Marathon & Half Marathon provide the club with roughly **£13,000** profit a year. Critically, the club's general running expenses are currently around **£5,000** a year. Based on the current membership base of 140, income from membership is roughly **£3640**.

As it stands, the club would not be able to sustain itself going forward if these races were to be abandoned

Depending on what, (if any), races the membership vote to support going forward and the relevant election of Race Directors, the club may also need to vote on and agree the following:

1. The club would need to raise membership fees to circa **£40** per annum just to cover operating costs, assuming membership levels remain the same, and this would mean subsidies for coaches, dinners, the Braunton Athletics track etc would fall away and/or...
2. The club would need to follow a model similar to that of Just Jog, which aims to have a large membership base to cover costs. This would mean running multiple Beginners Courses a year to keep the membership base high, (for which we would also need significant volunteers), and/or...

3. The club would need to cut costs to a level that could be sustained by our current membership base. This could mean ending our agreement with the Leisure Centre in favour of gathering in a public space, potentially closing the website and cancelling other software providers to name a few.
2. **NDRR Club Venue:** The membership will have the opportunity to vote on whether we continue to use The Tarka Tennis Centre / New Leisure Centre as our base /or to actively explore alternatives. The committee will update the membership on the status of our facilities after having met with the Leisure Centre management in recent weeks.
3. **New London Marathon Ballot criteria following removal of Thank You points:** We agreed at the last AGM to remove "Thank You Points" as a criteria to enter the London Marathon Ballot. In the current [rules](#) the latter is covered under 31 (c) & (e). The committee proposes removing these requirements and will take suggestions from the membership as to replacing them with alternative requirements, (if any).

LONDON MARATHON.

31. Every year, the Club applies for a number of guaranteed London Marathon places (herein-after referred to as 'club places'). Members wishing to apply for a club place must do so by registering for the 'ballot event entry' via the club website and before the deadline advertised by the management committee.

32. For a member of the club to stand chance of being awarded one of the club places, the following criteria must be met:

a. The member; The Member must have been a fully paid up club member for the 12 months, prior to the date of the London Marathon in question. You must also have taken out U.K.A. Membership in the qualifying year of the ballot. The Committee reserves the right to open up the ballot to non-U.K.A. registered members ONLY where no valid U.K.A. members have applied.

b. The member must have independently applied for a place in the London Marathon in question and that application must have been rejected.

c. The member must be able to provide proof that they have completed three races in club colours and must have accumulated a minimum of 10 tokens, (now known as "Thank You Points"), in the period from January to the ballot-draw-date for the London Marathon ballot place in question.

d. Any member who has secured a place in the previous year shall not be eligible to reapply in the club ballot in the following year.

e. To apply for the club ballot place, you must register for the ballot event entry on the club website and pay with 10 tokens, (now known as "Thank You Points"). In the event of you NOT securing the club place, the 10 tokens, (now known as "Thank You Points"), will be returned to you.

f. The member who wins the club ballot must wear their club vest / t.shirt on race day, even if running for charity (The charity logo can be added to the club vest / t.shirt at the runner's discretion).

g. At the time of entering the ballot, a member should believe themselves to be fit and able to complete the London Marathon and also have the intention of running the London Marathon in the following year. Requests for deferrals should not be made by a member without undue reason.

33. Following receipt of application forms (Rule 31), the member's applications that satisfy all criteria as set out in rule 32 shall be randomly drawn, to the number of club places available, to decide the members who shall be awarded the club places. The draw to take place on a club night in front of all members present.

4. **Club kit (design update):** The committee would like to propose updating the design of the current club clothing & logo. We will tender designs from a graphic artist and poll members to agree the preferred options. We will also move our clothing orders to an online supplier, meaning that we would no longer hold stock. Current stock will be sold off at a 50% discount and you will still be welcome to participate at events in existing clothing,
5. **Tuesday night 4-mile / 6-mile groups. Sweeper / Tail Runner:** At a recent meeting, the committee discussed the possible implementation of a weekly volunteer "tail-runner" on the Tuesday 4 & 6 mile routes. The purpose being to ensure not just the safety of the whole group, but also to encourage, people of all ages and abilities. It would ensure that the slightly slower, (but still awesome), runners are never left alone and always feel included. We have a fantastic age and ability range within the club and so it would be beneficial to implement the above to ensure that everyone is catered for. With lots of willing volunteers it would mean tail-running a couple of times a year. The committee proposes that all members volunteer unless you specifically opt out. You will be given the opportunity to do so at the AGM.
6. **Lifetime membership nominations:** The committee has two nominations this year, which will be disclosed on the night for the membership to vote on.
7. **Any other business (at the discretion of the Chair):** If you have any additional agenda items you would like the committee to consider, please forward them by 19h00 on Wednesday the 22nd of June 2022.

Kind regards,
Justin Beckley
(Chairman)



North Devon Road Runners Club Ltd - Affiliated to Association of Running Clubs

NDRR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2022)

Thursday the 23rd of June 2022 :: Barnstaple Football Club

Agenda

1. Apologies	
2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM	5 mins
3. Chairman's Report	5 mins
4. Membership Secretary's Report	5 mins
5. Treasurer's Report	5 mins
6. Report on NDRR Races run so far in late 2021, early 2022	5 mins
7. Election of new 2022/23 Committee	
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BREAK FOR NEW COMMITTEE TO ASSEMBLE	15 mins
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8. NDRR revenue generation going forward	15 mins
a. Races and/or	
b. Beginners Courses and/or	
c. Membership Fees and/or	
d. Consolidation of current expenses	
9. NDRR Club Venue	10 mins
10. New London Marathon Ballot criteria following removal of Thank You points	10 mins
11. Club kit (design update)	10 mins
12. Tuesday night 4-mile / 6-mile groups. Sweeper / Tail Runner	10 mins
13. Lifetime membership nominations	5 mins
14. Any other business (at the discretion of the Chair)	10 mins
15. Meeting Closed	

25 mins + 15 mis + 70 mins = 110 mins