



North Devon Road Runner's AGM

1930hrs Friday 8th October 2021

1. Apologies

Zoe Betteridge, Sally Bunney, Jacky Hevingham, Sue O'Grady, Phil Thorne and Colin Williams

Members Present

Justin Beckley, Caroline Bennett, Steven Bennett, Gill Bryan, Trev Bryan, Simon Haywood, Ruth Henry, Darran Irwin, Nick Moore, Jackie Morris, Becky Mountford, Hugh Muirhead, Lynne Nancekivell, Alan Nicol, Barbara Nicol, Jason Rana, Carol Rattigan, Steve Rattigan, Helen Roseveare, Laura Scott-Lowe, Tristan Scott-Lowe, Trina Smale, Zoe Smith, Jenny Stone, Alan Talmage, Bill Thorne and Kirsty Webb

2. Minutes of last AGM (Thursday 3rd December 2020 – Virtual)

Minutes of the 2020 AGM were accessible for all those present to review and approve as a true record of the meeting. No objections were received. There were no matters arising from the previous AGM. The minutes will be uploaded to the website via Dropbox.

3. Chairman's Report

Please see attached report.

4. Vice-Membership Secretary's Report

Please see attached report.

5. Treasurer's Report: Set of accounts ending April 2021 and current standing

SH reported the following with regards to the status of the club from 1st April 2021 when he took on the Treasurer role.

SH told members that when we have a set of accounts for 2020-21 from Karen Bowerman, this will be sent to members.

Total current balance of approximately £19,000. This balance includes Hartland income, of which the majority of expenses have not been paid, due to the race being postponed in 2020.

SH told the Committee that the Barnstaple Half Marathon figures have not yet been finalised, however, the race is expected to make approximately £8,000 including entries from the virtual half marathon.

Each race makes a substantial donation to charity as we are a not-for-profit club.

SH said the general running costs for the club last year were £6,000 which includes a cost of £45 per week for use of Tarka Tennis Centre.

SH confirmed that the club did receive a rebate for the months that Tarka Tennis were closed due to Covid-19.

JBE confirmed that towards the end of 2019, we were looking for other venue options, however, this was put on hold due to Covid-19. JBE said we had enquired about using space in the new leisure centre and now that the building work has started, it would be worth having another meeting with our contact at Tarka Tennis/Leisure Centre to enquire whether the facilities they are able to offer, and the cost of these would be viable for NDRR. If required, an EGM will be held to decide.

6. Current Status of NDRR Races 2021 / 2022

An overview of the races we have run in the last two years was presented to members – Hartland Hartbreaker 2020 and 2021 were postponed due to Covid-19, in addition to the Barnstaple Half and Full Marathon not running in 2020 and only the Half going ahead in 2021. Braunton 10 did not go ahead in 2021, though it is hoped that it will be run in 2022, as well as Hartland Hartbreaker and finally, that Barnstaple Marathon will also return in September.

7. Proposed Retirement of Committee positions

The members agreed with the committee at this stage to retire the Women's and Men's Representative, Vice Treasurer and Vice Membership Secretary positions until further notice.

8. Election of New Committee 2021 / 2022

JBE presented the proposed Committee structure and asked whether there were any objections to voting for the roles 1-5, 7, 9 and 11 as a block vote to which the members present agreed. Carol Rattigan proposed this, which was seconded by Alan Talmage.

JBE asked members whether they had any objections to the Race Directors, Timing Administrator and Logistics Officer remaining as they are currently – there weren't any objections to this.

Tristan Scott-Lowe volunteered for the Coaching Representative which was proposed by Justin Beckley and seconded by Carol Rattigan.

Gill Bryan volunteered for the Welfare Office which was proposed by Simon Haywood and seconded by Kirsty Webb.

The Beginners Representative remains vacant at present, however, JBE said he would plan a programme to begin in January 2022 and Jackie Morris said she would be willing to shadow this process. BT volunteered to run an improvers course at the beginning of May 2022.

9. Dissolution of token system

JBE told members that we wanted to reward members fairly for volunteering their help at the club – at races, winter handicap, beginner sessions etc, which is why the token system, latterly known as 'thank you tokens' was introduced. Whilst this system motivated some members, it was found that some members would volunteer regardless although they appreciated the thank you. The system also created additional administration for Race Directors. JBE told members that the committee were proposing dissolution of the token system in favour of the Race Directors being able to use their discretion to reward members who volunteered their time – for example, free coach travel to Hartland, the proposed after party for Barnstaple Marathon.

Steven Bennett asked to amend the proposed wording which stated that "Race Directors may at their discretion offer rewards to volunteers at each race" to the following:

"Race Directors may at their discretion, **in discussion with the committee**, offer rewards to volunteers at each race".

The wording amend was proposed by Zoe Smith and seconded by Nick Moore. The members present agreed to the above changes.

It was raised that the rules regarding the London Ballot which included references to the token system would need to be amended, to which JBE confirmed an amended draft would be proposed at the AGM in 2022.

10. Proposed increase of club membership fees

SH told members that the current fees are £26 per person and proposed increasing this by £10 when each members membership is next due. The members had a discussion about this and agreed to wait until AGM 2022, and when further information should be known with regards to the cost of hiring the leisure centre, rather than Tarka Tennis.

11. New Leisure Centre venue

Members discussed needing a venue, rather than a 'meeting space' outside, and said that it was preferable to have a venue available inside during the winter months, but they were happy to meet outside throughout the rest of the year. A summary of the most important areas to consider when choosing a venue were as follows: location – safety/the area being well lit and safe, toilets, space we can use as our own.

The majority of members present, agreed that in the short term, we would continue to use Tarka Tennis until we knew whether using the new leisure centre facilities is an option and to then reconsider our options, if the leisure centre isn't viable.

12. Any Other Business

Coaching:

The committee and members had a discussion around coaching and how we try to get more people involved to run sessions. JBE asked for a show of hands as to which members would be willing to run a session – Laura Scott-Lowe, Zoe Smith, Jackie Morris, Bill Thorne and Simon Haywood have volunteered for this.

The Meeting closed at 21.54hrs