

Minute from the 39th Burnham Harriers AGM, 2 February 2021, 7.30pm

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Present: Matt Powell (Chair), Mark Benton (Treasurer), Steve Dorrall (Secretary), Steve Wilcox (Member Secretary), Clive Baker (Captain), Jonathan Williams, Tim Byrne, Victoria Nixon, Reg Huxtable, Stuart Anderson, Tony Gore, Tracey Thomas, Alex Hamilton, Hazel Thomas, Ganesh Gudka, Georgina Della-Valle, Jason Roberts, Phil Hobbs, Lewis Perry

Apologies: Sue Nicholls, Ian Booth, Tracey Benton, Katrina Bufton, Bev Gore

1	Opening and Welcome	Matt opened the meeting at 19.40pm and delivered a fitting tribute to Brian Beale in his welcome.
2	Notice convening the AGM	All members agreed to the notice of AGM, posted on the Organisation page of the Harriers website.
3	Apologies, additions and changes to the agenda	No additions or changes. Apologies noted above
4	Minutes from the 2020 AGM	Minutes agreed as accurate.
5	Matters arising Covid update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid-19 risk assessment review• Club run risk assessment review	<p>Appointed Officers: Reg asked whether the club should have a greater proportion of female appointed officers. The current structure consists of 13 males and 1 female officer. It's positive to see an increase in the number of female runners attending the Tuesday night club run, and proposals to attract female officers were made. These include promotions on the Tuesday Night club run and Harriers Facebook page leading up to the next AGM; encouraging Run leader opportunities, and female leadership on the couch to 5K programme were all suggested to increase female leadership.</p> <p>Covid update: Tuesday night club runs currently suspended owing to the current lockdown. The club will continue to follow England Athletics guidance for guidance in terms of club runs and organisation/delivery of our races: https://www.englandathletics.org/athletics-and-running/news/guidance-update-2021/.</p> <p>Covid 19 risk Assessment : Steve D asked everyone to review the current club Covid risk assessment and provide feedback on any suitable changes: https://www.burnham-on-sea-harriers.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Harriers-Covid-19-RA.pdf.</p> <p>Club run risk assessment: As above, members asked to review and provide Steve D with feedback on any required changes: https://www.burnham-on-sea-harriers.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BOSH-club-run-risk-assessment.pdf</p>
6	Constitution, Additions, Changes	Our thanks to Reg and other members for the new club constitution which was approved by attendees at today's meeting: https://www.burnham-on-sea-harriers.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Constitution-Rev-4.pdf .

7	Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair: Matt nominated by Mark B, seconded by Reg ● Vice-chair: Sue N nominated by Matt P, seconded by Reg ● Treasurer: Mark B nominated by Reg, seconded by Steve W ● Club Secretary: Steve D nominated by Matt P, seconded by Mark B ● Members Secretary: Steve W nominated by Matt P, seconded by Steve D ● Social Secretary: Clive B, nominated by Matt P, seconded by Mark B ● Captain: Clive B nominated by Matt P, seconded by Mark B ● Vice-Captain: Tracey T nominated by Mark B, seconded by Matt P ● Race Directors: To be selected at a later date owing to the uncertainty of future races caused by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. ● Webmaster: Steve D nominated by Mark B, seconded by Steve W
8	Club Reports	<p>Chair: Matt thanked everyone for their efforts during a difficult year. Congratulated members that were able to race and members for organising events away from the running circuit.</p> <p>Treasurer: Mark B presented an overview of accounts for the past year. With no race income in 2020, the club saw an overall loss of £738. Membership overall increased by 12%. An investigation is also underway into a £10 direct debit to the National Deaf Society - the origins of this payment is unknown. This monthly payment has now been cancelled.</p> <p>Members were asked to give thoughts on the club making a charitable donation or support to a local community scheme.</p> <p>Secretary: Steve D thanked everyone for their efforts during 2020 including race participation where possible, club runs and the virtual events to keep the club running and provide social activities we all craved during the pandemic.</p>

		<p>Captain: Clive B gave thanks to the run leaders for adapting and organising the weekly club runs, which saw the creation of mini groups in line with Covid guidance. Hopes are for a better 2021 where we can participate in races and parkrun again.</p> <p>Race Director: No report as the Harriers were unable to deliver its annual races owing to the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>Webmaster: Gave thanks to members who contributed to the website. Site remains well maintained and ideas welcome. The Harriers mailbox does receive marketing emails from providers advertising a new site or means by which our website gains higher listing on Google, but the club remains happy with its existing layout and provider.</p>
9	Special Awards	<p>Congratulations to Kelly Sherriff as the recipient of the Burnham Harriers special award for 2020. Kelly made a great contribution to the club with many initiatives to keep the club going when we couldn't run, as well as supporting colleagues when we could. A very well deserved award.</p>
10	General	<p>Annual subscription of £20 for running members and £10 for social members to remain for 2021. Social members won't be registered with England athletics.</p> <p>Matt welcomed ideas on how the club championship should be structured. There is recognition that the championship does create an environment where individuals enter too many races, so changes to the competition may mean a race limit or awarding of points at specific races were among the suggested changes.</p> <p>Clive also confirmed that runner details taken when participating in club runs during Covid track and trace purposes are destroyed after 6 weeks in line with Data Protection.</p>

11	AOB	<p>Steve proposed an idea raised by Adrian Smith on a Brian Beale 1-mile run event. With races limited, the event was suggested in memory of Brian who used to accurately measure distances and muted as a means of generating an internal club race at stages through the year. The runs could also be part of the club's 40th anniversary - the club was founded on 19 September 1981 and Brian was club member 001.</p> <p>Victoria N also proposed that the club organises an event, even if it is virtual whilst races and the ability to run as a club is suspended. A small working group was formed at the meeting that will look at ideas and organisation of a suitable event or activity.</p> <p>Queries were asked on enquiries made to relocate to the BASC. Steve D confirmed that approaches were made to the BASC committee but there was no direct reply to our formal approach and no interest to our request. Steve D is happy to make another approach if and when the club re-opens.</p>
11	Next meeting/Close	<p>A meeting will take place in May (date to be confirmed) to discuss Harrier races in line with Covid guidance. Meeting closed 8.35pm.</p>