



Burnham Harriers AGM 2022 Minutes

Present: Matt Powell (Chairman), Mark Benton (Treasurer), Steve Dorrall (Club Secretary), Steve Wilcox (Members Secretary), Alex Hamilton, Alfie Pope, Julie Lench, Tony Gore, Tony McKee, Sue Nicholls, Katrina Bufton, Steve Tucker, Hannah Tucker, Tracey Benton, Jeannine Darling, David Darling, Jonathan Williams, Tracey Thomas, Phil Hobbs, Reg Huxtable.

1. **Opening and Welcome:** Matt opened the meeting at 7.40pm and welcomed everyone.
2. **Notice Convening of the AGM:** No comments made
3. **Apologies, Additions, Changes to the Agenda: Apologies:** Clive Baker, Jason Roberts, Tim Byrne, Victoria Nixon, Georgina Hainsby, Kelly Sheriff, Stuart Anderson, Ian Booth, Hazel Thomas, Trish Rex
4. **Minutes from the 2021 AGM:** Minutes agreed by everyone present.
5. **Matter Arising:**
 - a. **Covid-19 Update/Risk Assessment** – Measures have now eased with no limitations. Thanks to SD for updating the Covid risk assessment, available on the Harriers website.
 - b. **Club risk assessment:** Risk assessment updated by Steve D – comments welcome from members. Assessment is available on the Health & Safety webpage of the Harriers site.
6. **Constitution, Addition & Changes:** New constitution drafted by Steve D and available on the organisation page of the Harriers website. No comments made at the meeting, and members welcome to provide feedback.
7. **Election of Office Bearers:**
 - a. Chairman – Matt Powell (Seconded by Steve Wilcox)
 - b. Treasurer – Mark Benton (Seconded by Matt Powell)
 - c. Vice Chair – Sue Nicholls (Seconded by Matt Powell)
 - d. Club Secretary – Steve Dorrall (Seconded by Mark Benton)
 - e. Members Secretary – Steve Wilcox (Seconded by Mark Benton)
 - f. Social Secretary – Tony McKee (Seconded by Matt Powell)
 - g. Captain – Alex Hamilton (Seconded by Mark Benton)
 - h. Vice-Captain – Tracey Thomas (Seconded by Alex Hamilton)
 - i. Race Director – Stuart Anderson
 - i. Burnham Half – Matt Powell
 - ii. Pawlett Plod – To be decided
 - iii. Brent Knoll – to be decided.
 - j. Webmaster - Steve Dorrall (Seconded by Steve Dorrall)
8. **Club Reports:**
 - a. **Chair:** Matt thanks the committee for all their efforts. Thanks to Jeannine too for organising kit orders. Matt asked whether there was renewed interest in Core Fitness sessions – Highbridge Community Hall not available on Thursday's. Reg is happy to resume Core Fitness sessions, but they need to be viable with good regular attendance. Reg also recommended that Run Leaders further engage runners as they are considered coaches too.

- b. **Treasurer:** Mark highlighted a difficult year owing to Covid which meant that no income came from the three races organised by Harriers. However, membership increased by 17% in 2021 to 87 members. Overall, the budget showed a loss of £1571 in 2021, mainly due to a lack of income from its races. Funding is available to members to complete the Leader or Coach in running fitness courses and 2022 aims include income from the 3-races the club organises and continue to build memberships. **Action:** Mark & Tony G will also discuss alternative bank accounts as the current account now incurs a £10 monthly charge (club/charity account admin fee).
- c. **Secretary:** Steve D congratulated everyone that was able to run at an organised race in 2021. Highlighted Covid and supporting everyone that may have anxieties or require support as we continue to experience challenging times. Steve acknowledged that whilst he doesn't race, he's happy to update risk assessments, manage the Harriers email account and other club associated correspondence.
- d. **Captain:** No captain's report available as there was no club captain.
- e. **Race Director:** No race director reports because the three races organised by Burnham Harriers – Brent Knoll, Pawlett Plod and Burnham half marathon were all postponed. There is hope that these races will resume in 2022 and a race planning meeting will be scheduled for late April.
- f. **Webmaster:** Steve D thanked Matt P and Katrina for their support in uploading future races and race results. Members recognised the website as one of the best running club websites around. Requested updates included a possible hit counter and an amendment to the Members Benefits page which noted the previous kit supplier (**SD to action**).

9. **Special Awards:** Winner of the Captains award was Alex Hamilton. Congratulations Alex.

10. General:

- a. **Club Subscriptions:** Member fees to remain at £20 as no changes to the EA affiliation fee (**Action – Mark B to update online membership form**). Social membership will remain at £10. The meeting discussed whether social members are insured if they run with the club. However, social members to date have not run with the club and would run at their own risk if they did. Club committee should also consider junior membership and a under EA guidelines, the club requires a welfare officer (**Committee to action**).
- b. **Club Championship:** Matt outlined the club championship, which didn't run in 2021 owing to Covid and because the format did raise issues. Matt is reviewing the format and is in discussion with Stuart who has indicated that he would support the running of a new championship, resuming again in 2023. Volunteer points was also suggested for the championship. Alex offered to post a weekly summary to the website/Instagram noting news and results achieved by members (**Action – Alex**).
- c. **UKA licence/data protection:** No updates or comments

11. Any other business

- Query raised on removing parkrunners listed as Burnham Harriers when they are no longer members - Difficult to remove or edit parkrunner profiles.
- Members are encouraged to complete the Leader or Coach in running fitness course if interested.
- Steve W has contact with the BASC ground and hopeful that progress could be made to hold running sessions at the venue.
- Couch-to-5km to be considered, and would be supported by Tony M and Georgina H.

- Meeting suggested an informal survey seeking the views of new members; simply asking why did you join? and how has the club welcomed you? Survey Monkey suggested format
- Committee to organise race planning dates and committee meetings, to take place every 3-months (**Action committee**).
- Reg recommended run leaders enrol on the movement skills course to further their run/coaching abilities. Course cost is approximately £20, delivered by EA.
- Reg offered to put on a run leaders' workshop, agreed by all (**Action – Reg**).
- Consideration to be given to entering a team at cross country events next winter.
- Club Kit – Concerns raised over some of the garments e.g., sizing and design. Discussion with Joma or suppliers recommended to see if alternatives or amendments could be made. Alex highlighted another supplier that the club could look at to provide some alternative garments for runners (**Action – Alex/Jeannine**).
- Social Media – Meeting agreed to form a private Facebook page for members only.

Next meeting: Race Planning meeting – end of April; Committee – June

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.