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HELSEBY RUNNING CLUB

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Minutes of 2019 AGM Wednesday May 15th 2019

1. Apologies

- Andy Smith
- Mike Searle
- Jane Ashbrook
- Laura Baynham Hughes

The meeting was quorate

2. Acceptance of last year's minutes

The minutes from the 2018 AGM were distributed and accepted

3. Chairman's Report

Report as circulated

Jackie thanked the committee and all members for their help and support throughout the year. Of particular mention were Tim for his guidance and support, Phil for the member's survey, Joe, June and John for their help with coaching duties. Special mention was made of Hannah Cowley for her successes at County level.

4. Captain's Report

Male Captain – Colin Thompson

Report as circulated

Highlights included:

- Road races – numbers and time down
- Fitzzy's marathon P.B.
- Colin Bishop's UK ranking success
- Winning the Warrington Way relay
- Maintaining Division 1 status in the Borders League
- Ben Crossley gaining County colours in the fells

Female Captain – June Whitehead

Report as circulated

Highlights included:

- The help she received from Debbie
- The strength in depth of the Ladies section
- The sense of community in the Ladies section

5. Head Coach's Report

Joe highlighted:

- Our best wishes for Charlie
- Good performances by both teams in the Borders League
- The need to increase turnouts in both the fells and cross country

6. Treasurer's report

Jo presented the initial accounts

Jo pointed out that the money from our subscriptions wasn't enough to cover our running costs, this was subsidised by the money that we made from our events i.e. the Four Villages Half Marathon, the Sandstone Trail Race and the Wobbler. It is critical that members continue to support the administration and marshalling of these events in order to ensure the financial viability of the club.

In the 4VHM entries were down but this was balanced by some cost savings, allowing us to make £9,000 of charitable donations.

7. Half Marathon report

Report as circulated

8. New Club

Report as circulated

9. Codes of practise

It was agreed we need to investigate our position on use of photographs from open events.

10.1 Other race reports

Sandstone Trail Challenge

New race Directors Dave and Leslie were able to report on a successful event with good weather and some outstanding performances from Helsby runners. They wanted to thank the Ben and Andy for their experience and support. It was agreed that a separated committee should be set up to manage the event in the same way as the 4VHM

The Wobbler

We were able to report on another very successful event with 170 runners and £750 of profit. There was some discussion on how we limit the size of the event to avoid runner's frustration and environmental impact. CBH to review

Border League

Report as circulated

10.2 Club Training Nights

The revised winter programme was considered a success, the variety of different events helped maintain people's interest. It was agreed that this level of variation was not yet required for the summer as we have plethora of races and a fantastic hill to run on.

10.3 Kit

The new kit co-ordinator Sue has had a busy few months, but the adoption of the new kit has proved successful

11. Honorary Membership

John Gallon was elected an honorary member of the club.

12. Subs

It was agreed that:

- Full membership would be £40; an increase of £2
- Concessionary membership should be £30; an increase of £2
- Junior membership should be £20; an increase of £2
- Concessionary membership would start at the age of 60
- Second claim and non-running membership should remain at £25
- Concessionary second claim and non-running membership should remain at £20

12. Election of officers

After 7 years of fantastic tenure, Jackie indicated that she wished to stand down from the position of Chair. As there were no nominations from the floor, it was agreed that an EGM should be held as soon as possible to allow the jobs of the Club Officers to be redefined (to reduce the amount of work done by the Chair) and candidate invited to apply prior to the EGM.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman Vacant
Secretary Phil
Treasurer Jo, Tim to take over in one year
Men's Captain – Colin T
Men's Vice Captain – Mario
Ladies' Captain – June
Ladies Vice Captain – Debbie Reed
Ladies' Fell Captain – Laura
Head Coach - Joe
Press Officer – Carol S
Social Secretaries – Helen and Louise
Half Marathon Director – Laura
Assistant Half Marathon Director – [vacant](#)
HCSC Representative – Betty with support from Tim and Phil for the new club
Border League Co-ordinators – Chris F and Vanessa
XC Co-ordinators – Janet and Rachel
Sandstone Trail Organiser – Dave and Lesley
Webmaster – Steve R
Stats – John
Welfare – Jane A and Geoff
Calendar Co-ordinator– Karen Horsley and Tim P
Kit Co-ordinator – Sue B
Blog Writers – Colin T, Chris F, Jim J, Gaz, Karen, Susie W-M