



Seaford Striders Running Club
Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY 2018

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Seaford Striders 2018, held on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 8pm in the Olympic Bar at the Downs Leisure Centre.

1. Welcome & Members Present

MB welcomed everyone present and congratulated all who had done the Brighton Half Marathon, thanking Matt for the results summary. MB was delighted to see the progress being made and the resulting achievements.

Members present - Martin Bulger, Rob Plant, Tom Roper, Simon Homer, Peter Forster, Trevor Jones, Julie Taylor, Stacey Jones, Anneka Redley, Becky Souissi, Joel Eaton, Emily Eaton, Andy Farley, Tim Dymott, Terry Ward, Hilary Humphreys, Tony Humphreys, Nick Farley, Deb Plant, Joe Plant, Kristy Sherry, Matt Franks, Chris Le Beau, Victoria Maleski, Peter Weeks, Richard Honeyman.

2. Apologies for absence

Kevin Ives, Michelle Varndell, Chris Wrathall, Gareth Hutchinson, Glynis Young, Lisa John, Linda Jennings, Sandra Standen, Alice Lennie, Sue Garner, Verity Skinner, Sue Wallis

3. Vote to adopt 2017 AGM minutes

The 2017 AGM minutes had been circulated previously. CLB asked for a correction to be noted as £6,859.66 had been given as profit for the Mince Pie Mile when this should have been recorded as income. The profit figure was £3,218. The vote to adopt these minutes as approved was proposed by Pete Weeks and seconded by Terry Ward.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2017 AGM minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

MB presented his report which noted increasing numbers of Striders entering races, the ongoing success of the Mince Pie 10, the remarkable success of the two C25k schemes, renewed achievements in the Sussex Grand Prix and the Striders' own Club Grand Prix. MB anticipated a new era of success for Seaford Striders but felt the time was right for him to stand down as Chairman.

MB received a vote of thanks and generous applause from all present.

6. Treasurer's Report

CLB circulated the Treasurer's Report. 2017 was a successful year financially for the Striders with income exceeding expenditure by almost £2,700. Membership subs were up by 60%, marshalling donations more than doubled because two payments were received in one year for Beachy Head from Eastbourne BC. Kit sponsorship increased from £500 in 2016 to over £1,200 in 2017 enabling all new members to receive free t-shirts or vests. For the first time Nice Work were employed to manage the Mince Pie 10 to include chip timing, income was £400 higher than 2016. The total subsidy for the awards evening was £547. Kit stock was rationalised and prices adjusted to reflect increases from suppliers.

CLB asked all present to consider how the surplus carried forward could be used by the club.

The Treasurer's report was approved by all present and adopted as proposed by Hilary Humphreys and seconded by Terry Ward.

7. Election of Chairman and Committee

The following posts were nominated, their election was agreed by all present as proposed by Hilary Humphreys and seconded by Tony Humphreys:

Honorary Club Captain	-	Martin Bulger
Treasurer	-	Chris le Beau
Secretary	-	Victoria Maleski
Membership Secretary	-	Linda Jennings
Men's' Captain	-	Josh Rudd
Women's Captain	-	Emily Eaton
Mince Pie Race Director	-	Terry Ward
Junior Coach/Leader	-	Simon Nixon
Social Secretary	-	Anneka Redley/Kristiane Sherry
Newsletter Editor	-	Hilary Humphreys
Press Officer	-	Katherine Elton
Kit Organiser	-	Hilary Humphreys
Website Organiser	-	Tony Humphreys
Social Media Rep	-	Kristiane Sherry
Cross Country Rep	-	Luke Borland
Grand Prix Rep	-	Matt Franks
Club Grand Prix Rep	-	Chris le Beau

8. Mince Pie Report

No report received in Linda Jennings' absence. The success of the event had been noted in the Treasurer's report.

9. Juniors Report

PW reported that it had been a successful year for the Juniors and that numbers had increased. It was good to see three former Juniors had progressed through to the seniors. Simon Nixon has agreed to take over as noted above. A vote of thanks was given to PW.

10. Sussex Grand Prix

No report was available but it was noted that it had been a successful year for the Striders. The Men's team was 3rd as was the Vet. Men's. Also noted that Simon Fletcher had won the V3 for the forth year in succession.

11. Club Grand Prix

CLB reported there was a new format for 2017 with 15 races selected ranging from parkruns to half marathons. By the year end there were 19 ladies and 27 men on the listings. The overall winners were Luke and Kristy. A similar format is being adopted for 2018 and the first event took place at Preston Park parkrun with 24 Striders taking part.

12. Website and On-line Membership Proposal

TH reported that general updating and changes had been made to the website during 2017 with a link added to Strava, the hosting costs had been renegotiated at a saving, everything was backed up to the Cloud for security.

Regarding membership Data Protection, the upcoming requirements of GDPR had called for a review of how membership data is held. Striders had been recommended to consider Member Mojo which is used by Eastbourne Cycling Club and a number of other running clubs. Member Mojo offers a free 60 day trial and it was suggested that this should be taken up to coincide with the new C25K intake. A query was raised on whether it could cope with UK Athletics affiliation and it was confirmed that different classes of membership could be created to allow for this. It was agreed by all present to progress a trial with Membership Mojo as proposed by Rob Plant and seconded by Victoria Maleski.

KS reported that Striders continue to use social media to report and share information. This is mainly through Facebook and Twitter. Everyone is encouraged to like, comment and share to help get the Striders name out there. A query was made about Instagram, but it was agreed to rely on the great photos available on Flickr.

13. Seaford Parkrun

JE reported that he, Andy Farley and Michelle Varndell are progressing this, subject to funding. Discussions are ongoing with Seaford Town Council and local businesses regarding fundraising and grant applications. It was stressed that this is not a Seaford Striders matter but it was hoped that Striders would support this new venture by volunteering or taking part in it when it was operational.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 *Formation of new Coach to 5K group – Tom Roper*

Interest has been expressed by a number of people for another C25K intake. After discussion it was agreed this should start on Tuesday 17th April, with a non club night being selected so this would not impact on club night running for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering for this should email tom.roper@gmail.com

15. Date of Next AGM – **Wednesday 27th February 2019**

16. Close