



Elvet Striders Annual General Meeting

CG85, Department of Chemistry, Durham University

15th October 2014

Present: There were 76 members present (see list at end) so the meeting was quorate.

Apologies: Pam Kirkup, Andy James, Dave Spence, Katherine Preston, Steph Walker, Simon Gardener, Katherine Hey-Heddle, Colin Dean, Graeme Walton, Katy Walton, Lindsay Rodgers, Sue Jennings, Debbie Macfarland, Dave Robson, Debs Goddard, Dave Arnott, David Gibson, Christine Farnsworth, Lucy Cowton, Liz Green, Roz Layton, Beverly Walker, Michael Tait, Jane Ives, Helen Hackett, Richard Hall (snr), Simon Hackett, Sarah Fawcett, Katherine Bartlett, Amy Farquhar, Shaun Roberts

The meeting opened at 8.15 pm

1. Welcome

Chairman Tom Reeves welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of the year.

2. Apologies

See above.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Available at <http://www.elvet-striders.org.uk/about/documents.php>

4. Matters Arising

Item 4.1 Court Inn Clamber status

Mike Elliot asked for an update on the Court Inn Clamber. He was referred to previous email correspondence following the event.

5. General Business

Item 5.1 Officials' reports - summary

5.1.1 Cross Country Captains

Geoff Davis provided an update on the success of the previous cross country season which saw 86 runners from the club competing. Katy Walton and Rob Everson were highlighted as strong performers at the fast end of the field. Innes Hodgson and Anita Dunseith were mentioned for significant improvement and dedication to cross country.

5.1.2 Club Captains

Paul Evans and Anna Seeley reported on a successful year for the club which now has over 250 members. They noted that the Grand Prix fixtures had been changed significantly for the next season but pointed out this was a fluid process and anyone with suggestions should contact them and John Hutchinson.

5.1.3 Treasurer

Michael presented an update of the club finances (attached). It was noted (see item 5.4 below) that with the proposed reduction in membership fees, club surplus would be significantly reduced next year.

5.1.4 Transport Officer

Tom Reeves provided a transport update in the absence of Andy James (report attached). It was agreed that wherever possible, all transport buses should have toilet facilities. It was discussed whether or not to subsidise transport costs – it was agreed that the GNR bus costs should not include the pub buffet but the committee would review the option of partially subsidising transport costs, dependant on club finances.

5.1.7 Kit

No report.

5.1.8 Web officer(s)

Tom Reeves provided a web officers report in the absence of Shaun Roberts (report attached). He noted that Dougie Nisbet and Scott Watson would act as Web Officers (subject to election).

5.1.9 Chairman

Tom Reeves had nothing further to add to his opening comments.

5.1.10 Couch to 5 K co-ordinator

It was agreed that the Couch to 5 k co-ordinator would provide a report at future AGMs.

Item 5.2 Changes to Club Constitution

Item 5.2.1 Voting arrangements

Changes to the constitution (allowing absentee voting) and balloting of attendees of the AGM on the positions (as detailed in attachment sent out prior to the AGM) were agreed.

Item 5.2.2 Quorum of committee meetings

It was agreed to increase the quorum from 5 to 6.

ACTION 1 Secretary & web officers to update constitution

Item 5.3 Election of new club officers

Following from discussions at last years AGM, it was agreed that the C25k co-ordinator is now a management committee member. All officers retire each year but are eligible for re-election. Role descriptors are available on the website. Roles that are bold are Management Committee roles according to the Constitution.

| Role | Nominees | Result |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Chairperson | Tom Reeves Alister Robson | Tom Reeves elected |
| Treasurer | Michael Ross | Duly elected |
| Secretary | Megan Bell | Duly elected |
| Club Captain – Men | Paul Evans | Duly elected |
| Club Captain – Ladies | Anna Seeley | Duly elected |
| Web Officer | Dougie Nisbet | Duly elected |
| XC Captain – Men | Geoff Davies | Duly elected |
| XC Captain – Ladies | Susan Davies | Duly elected |
| Kit Officer | Debs Goddard | Duly elected |
| Transport Officer | Andy James | Duly elected |
| Membership Secretary | Denise Benvin | Duly elected |
| Publicity Officer | Anita Dunseith | Duly elected |
| C25k Coordinator | Kate Macpherson | Duly elected |
| Vice Captain – Men | Peter McGowan | Duly elected |
| Vice-Captain – Ladies | Greta Jones | Duly elected |
| Email list manager | Dave Robson | Duly elected |

Congratulations to all new (and continuing) post-holders.

ACTION 2 Post-AGM Committee Meeting to be called in November (MB)

Item 5.4 EA Registration changes update and agreement of fees for 2014-2015 (MR/MB)

EA registration fees have increased for 2014/2015, however the Maiden Castle fee per member has been reduced due to the increased membership. Membership fees were agreed at £37 for full members (reduced from £43) and £17 for associate members.

Item 5.5 Runners of the Year / Most improved Runners of the Year (KS)

The runner of the year, most improved runner and Strider “all round good egg” will be voted for via an online poll and announced at the awards dinner.

Item 5.6 Club Awards Dinner / 'Christmas' party (KS)

Following the success of previous "posh" awards dinner, this years event will again be held at Durham Amateur Rowing Club on 29th November. It was agreed that the cost would be subsidised by the club. Joe O'Neill's band was booked to play and awards for item 5.5 above as well as Grand Prix winners will be presented.)

It was agreed that the annual 'Christmas' party would go again as planned (normally in February), again with some subsidy.

As it is the clubs 30th year, ideas for celebrating this should be put forward by all. The option of a Social Co-ordinator was discussed but it was agreed that the post was not required.

Item 5.7 Grand Prix Results

Megan Bell and Tom Reeves announced winners of the Grand Prix.

5.7.1 MENS RESULTS 2013-2014

| | Winner | Second place | Third Place |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Mud King | Will Horsley | Rob Everson | Jerry Lloyd |
| King of the Mountain | Paul Evans | Mike Bennett | Nigel Heppell |
| Sprint | Rob Everson | Gareth Pritchard | Graeme Walton |
| Endurance | Graeme Walton | Alister Robson | Gareth Pritchard |
| OVERALL | GRAEME WALTON | Rob Everson | Alister Robson |

5.7.2 LADIES RESULTS 2013-2014

| | Winner | Second place | Third Place |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mud Queen | Rachel Terry | Katy Walton | Helen Tones |
| Queen of the Mountain | Jan Young | Kirsty Steed | Katy Walton |
| Sprint | Katy Walton | Fiona Jones | Lucy Cowton |
| Endurance | Katy Walton | Rachel Terry | Lucy Cowton |
| OVERALL | KATY WALTON | Fiona Jones | Rachel Terry |

Item 5.8 Club awards, partnerships and initiatives (MB)

Kate Machpherson won "Volunteer of the Year" at the County Durham sports awards.

Partnerships continue with County Durham Athletics Network, local England Athletics networks and also more prominently with both Move into Sport the Tony Blair Sports Foundation which have contributed towards coaching qualifications.

Item 5.9 Honorary Memberships (MB)

It was proposed and agreed that honorary memberships would be awarded to **Alan Smith**

Item 5.10 Virgin London Marathon 2015 ballot for club places (MB)

Due to increasing numbers, it was proposed to exclude members who had already been the recipient of a club ballot place from future ballot(s). It was voted to exclude members for one year.

The successful members (drawn from a hat) were:

1. Sue Jennings
2. Helen Allan
3. Richard Hall (jnr)
4. Kelly Collier

Reserves: Ian Spencer, Alan Smith, Kerry Lister, Bill Ford

6. Any Other Business**Item 6.1 Holding AGM on Wednesday night**

It was agreed to keep AGM on a Wednesday night

Item 6.2 Monday Night Club Sessions

Megan Bell reported on request from Maiden Castle to only use the areas identified by them for the Monday night sessions (not the cricket pitch or back fields). Allan Seheult proposed that an increase in membership fees might allow use of better areas for a Monday night. The increase in cost would need to be discussed with Maiden Castle however many members felt that they did

not want to increase membership fees. Options could be discussed with Maiden Castle for a “pay as you go” scheme. Any changes to membership fees would have to be agreed at the next AGM or a specially convened EGM.

ACTION 3 **Discuss options for Monday night sessions with Maiden Castle and report back (MB/Allan Seheult)**

Item 6.3 **Junior Membership**

With local clubs such as Durham City Harriers and Crook AC having waiting lists for junior membership, the options of junior membership were briefly discussed. Clubmark is a pre-requisite of junior membership. In addition, coaches would be required to commit for all junior training sessions and would require to be CRB checked. Megan Bell and Jacquie Robson noted they both had experience in achieving Clubmark status with previous sports clubs.

ACTION 4 **Committee to investigate requirements for Junior Membership (MB)**

ACTION 5 **A briefing note on what Clubmark involves to be prepared for discussion (MB to co-ordinate)**

Item 6.4 **Items from the floor**

- Dave Shipman requested that members shower before descending on the Court Inn after a Wednesday night session.
- Several members asked about subsidised membership or flexible payment options.

ACTION 6 **Committee to discuss subsidised membership and flexible payment options (MR)**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Megan Bell December 2014

Members Present:

Alister Robson, Jacquie Robson, Angela Coates, Paul Pascoe, Anita Dunsieith, Louise Billcliffe, Kerry Lister, Denise Benven, Mandy Dawson, Nigel Heppell, Kate Macpherson, Anna Seeley, Celeste Veitch, Phil Owen, Mike Bennett, Kelly Collier, Angela Proctor, John Greathead, Scott Watson, Diane Watson, Paul Evans, Eric Green, Rob Everson, Alan Smith, Stan White, Jean Bradley, Malcolm Sygrove, Kathryn Sygrove, John Metson, Till Sawala, Rachel Terry, Philip Todd, Melanie Hudson, Stephen Jackson, Barrie Evans, Claire Galloway, Ann Towers, Dougie Nisbet, Greta Jones, Karen Jones, Mark Dunsieith, Fiona Jones, Jan Young, Barbara Dick, Geoff Davis, Danny Lim, Andrew Thurston, Laura Gibson, Kate Talbot, Sophie Dennis, Jennifer Cooper, Mike Elliot, David Shipman, Conrad White, Juliet Percival, David Brown, Susan Davis, Natalie Johnson, Mike Hughes, Rebecca Fisher, Richard Hall (jnr), Peter McGowan, Allan Seheult, Gillian Green, Ian Spencer, Megan Bell, Kirsty Steed, Thomas Reeves, Michael Ross, Paul Beal, Jon Ayres, Karin Younger, Steph Piper, Lesley Charman, Bill Ford, George Nicholson

Treasurer Report – Michael Ross

The club is in a strong financial position with £8610.56 in the bank with debtors of £785.50 and creditors of £3,500 giving a net worth of £5896.36. Debtors are made up of outstanding kit payments from members of £485.50 and Move into Sport funding for LiRF courses £300. Creditors are made up of the Maiden Castle usage fee for 2014/15 which has not yet been invoiced but agreed.

Expenditure since last AGM

| Expenditure item | | Amount £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Kate Macpherson | LiRF Course | 110 |
| Kate Macpherson | CiRF Course | 325 |
| Allan Seheult | Coaching Asst Course | 165 |
| Allan Seheult | CiRF Course | 250 |
| Kirsty Steed | LiRF Course | 130 |
| Jackie McKenna | Junior Coaching | 100 |
| Anna Seeley | CiRF Course | 125 |
| Laura Gibson | LiRF Course | 150 |
| Awards Dinner | (net Cost to club) | 724 |
| Striders Flag | | 244 |
| Striders tent | | 328.97 |
| Northern Cross Country | | 114.8 |
| Nationals Cross Country | | 35 |
| Cathedral Relays | | 45 |
| Calderdale Relays | | 120 |
| Clive Golledge Relays | | 90 |
| Durham Relays | | 120 |
| Northern Road Relays | | 36 |
| Christmas Handicap | Prizes | 73.48 |
| First Aid Kit | | 25 |
| Club Run | Barbeque | 61.25 |
| North East Harrier League | | 138 |
| Maiden Castle | Usage Cost | 3000 |
| Total | | 6510.5 |

Income Since Last AGM

| Received From | Amount £ |
|---|-----------------|
| Clamber Profit | 389.13 |
| C25K Funding | 998 |
| C25K Fees | 660 |
| Sale of Old Tent | 20 |
| TriHard Events | 240 |
| Northern FrontRunners | 150 |
| County Durham Athletics Network | 275 |
| Nova International | 200 |
| 2014/15 Memberships to Date (net of EA registration fees) | 8221 |
| Total | 11153.03 |

Membership

| Membership Type | Number |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Full | 224 |
| Associate | 22 |
| Honorary | 3 |
| Total | 249 |

Transport Report – Andy James

At present the buses run on an annual 'no subsidy' basis but that does mean that the lesser attended races have to be subsidised by the better attended ones if the fares are not to deter people from using the bus. That does not give me a problem but one person has queried why the GNR bus was so expensive at £11. The answer was that £1 goes towards a 'free' pub buffet and the profit of about £5pp balances losses on some of the other trips. If the meeting were to decide that the GNR bus should be charged at cost (given the high entry fee and that the volunteers use it), then an annual subsidy of hopefully no more than £400 would be needed at current bus usage and prices.

I attach the bus finances schedule for 2014 for information (GNR and Brampton not finalised yet and there may be a bus for the Morpeth XC).

| Elvet Striders - coach finances 2014 | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|-------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Race | Coach size | Charge pp | No. travelling | Receipt | Cost | Profit / - loss | Running profit / - loss | Remarks |
| Carried from 2013 | | | | 29 | 0 | 29 | 29 | £29 profit from 2013 carried forward |
| York Brass Monkey Sun Jan 19th 10.00 | Gillingham's 33 | 10.00 | 23 | 210 | 310 | -100 | -71 | 49 seater £390, 33 seater full price £330. Half price - Barrie Evans, Jon's 2 children, Kirsty |
| Alnwick H League Sat 1st March 13.15 | Gillingham's 49 | 8.00 | 47 | 296 | 300 | -4 | -75 | 33 seater £230. 47 travelled inc 1x free, 18 children and adults @ £4 and 28 runners @ £8 = 18x£4 + 28x£8 = £296 |
| Pier to Pier (not Bndrs) Sun 11 May 10.00 | Gillingham's 33 | 6.00 | 33 | 183 | 170 | 13 | -62 | 49 (no toilet) £190. (29@£6 + 3@£3 + 1 free child) |
| Blaydon (not Bndrs) Mon 9 June 7.15 | Gillingham's 57 | 4.00 | 55 | 220 | 200 | 20 | -42 | 33 @ £160. 49 with WC @ £190. 57 @ £200 |
| Coastal Run (not Bndrs) Sun 20 July 1.30 | Gillingham's 49 with toilet | 7.00 | 46 | 310.50 | 330 | -19.50 | -61.50 | 33 @ £280. (42@£7 + 2@£3.50. No park charge this time (£10)). |
| Darlington 10K Sun 10 Aug 10.00 | Gillingham's 33 | 4.00 | 22 | 88 | 180 | -92.00 | -153.50 | 49 seater £230 |
| Great North Run Sun 7 Sept 10.30 | Gillingham's 57 | 11.00 | 57 | 605.00 | 270 | 335 | 181.50 | 57 @ £220 + £50 towards grub. (54 x £11 + 3 x £5.50 + 1 FOC+£10.80 return joumeys). |
| Brampton - Carlisle Sun 16 Nov 11.30 | Gillingham's 49 with toilet | 4.00 | 40 | 160 | 330 | -170 | 11.50 | 33 @ £280. Leave Durham at 9.00 in 2014. |
| Totals | | | 323 | 2,102 | 2,090 | | 11.50 | £.....profit / loss from 2014 carried forward |

Web Officer Report – Shaun Roberts

Many thanks to everyone for sending in a multitude of great reports over the past year. Anyone outside the club reading about what we do will be in no doubt as to the vibrancy of the club, in terms of the huge breadth of running activities we get involved in. Also, by the speed with which the club gets almost complete beginners out enjoying races, and doing well in them as well.

After eight years working on the website, and as long-trailed, now is the time for me to stand down. Please keep all the reports flooding in - but it'll be Dougie, and new volunteer Scott who'll be doing the honours now.[If present perhaps both might take a bow?]

So thanks for all your support. I hope to be over the stress fracture in my knee soon, and so able to run again with you all soon. So long, and thanks for all the fish.