

Street Striders AGM – 18th March 2022

Minutes

7.30pm – Victoria Sports Club, Street

With 28 members joining us the meeting was quorate.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Martin opened the meeting welcoming everyone. There is not a great deal to talk about as it has been another strange year but noted it was great that we were able to get back to training together more this year.

The return of races was mentioned and highlighted a few achievements, notably Richard's prison marathon and coast to coast ultra. Andrew's half ironman, the race to the stones crew and of course the full monty in which we had an impressive 22 striders running - the biggest participation of any club at the event.

Treasurers Report

Teresa gave an overview of the club's financial position. A copy of the Income and Expenditure report is included on the following page. Teresa explained the reason for a loss this year – membership carried over from 2020 to 2021 so no charges were taken for previous members. Hub hire was noted as our biggest expenditure and an investment in some kit for stock. Taking all of this into consideration the balance is healthy. Teresa explained that she is looking to step down as treasurer as she is no longer running.

Income and Expenditure Report

Street Striders

9 March 2022 - 8 March 2022

Balances at 9th March 2021

Current Account	£2,503.73
Petty Cash (hub money)	ongoing

8th March 2022

INCOME

Annual membership fees	£240.00
Kit	£340.00
Hub money	£70.00
Members' England Athletics memberships	£105.00
Total income	£755.00

EXPENDITURE

Kit	£765.00	Includes £74 refunds from last year, £561 purchase from Scimitar of which xxx remains as assets (unsold stock)
2021 AGM costs (trophies)	£0.00	
Bank charges	£10.00	
Association of Running Clubs (ARC) affiliation	£0.00	
England Athletics Affiliation	£150.00	
Members' England Athletics memberships	£105.00	
Hub hire costs	£430.00	
Love Admin fees	£24.05	
Webmail and hosting costs	£55.95	
Misc admin expenses (hub storage)	£112.98	
Misc	£20.00	NJ Time to Listen course
Grant Expenditure	£76.75	
Total Expenditure	£1,749.73	
<i>Net Profit</i>	<i>-£994.73</i>	

Balances at 8th March 2022

Current Account	£1,509.00
Petty Cash (hub money)	ongoing

Payments pending

Race kit refunds - Direct (Sean Dickinson)	-£38.00	Carried over from last year!! Still owed!
C25K resources (Parish Council grant)	£523.25	£600 c/f from last year, only £76.75 spent

Prepared by Teresa England, Treasurer, 10 March 2022

Membership Report

Charlie presented an update on the club's membership position which has grown 20 members this year.

Membership renewals will need to be done on 1st April and will be £15 – Charlie explained this would not be automatically done but members will get a reminder email at the time.

England Athletics members will need to renew through LoveAdmin, fees are due in April and have gone up an extra £1 to £16.

Charlie explained about EA affiliation and how it works – benefits - reduced race entry fees at UKA races.

Welfare Update

Nick mentioned the unfortunate dominance of covid over the past two years but thanked everyone for their co-operation with following guidance, which enabled us to run club nights when we could.

Nick explained how we only had one message of concern this year from a member about taking care on runs, namely following the run leader and respecting the pace of the fellow runners in the group. Nick reminded everyone about keeping an eye out for each other and thanked everyone for their continued efforts to try to do this.

Nick also explained how members of the committee have recently attended England Athletics webinars to keep us up to date with the latest governance. He stated that our club governance and risk assessments are up to date.

Run & Talk – Nick closed with bringing up the “Run & Talk” initiative England Athletics launched last year. We successfully held one official Run & Talk run that went well, and we hope to host more this year.

Team Captains

Anna announced she will be stepping down from her role as ladies team captain. She stated how C25k went well but unfortunately the darker evenings towards the end meant a drop in numbers.

Jamie praised everyone for their continued effort to turn up to club nights and get out running despite it being another challenging year. He echoed what Martin said about races and well done to everyone for some amazing efforts and to keep entering races! He also stated how we hope to put on more social runs going forward and eventually our own race.

Nominations and Election of Committee Members

Martin announced all the committee were happy to stay in their positions except for Teresa who wished to step down from treasurer and Anna from Ladies Team Captain.

Brad put himself forward for treasurer – proposed by Rich and Jamie.

Emma put herself forward for ladies’ team captain – proposed by Shaun & Charlie.

Martin announced that we are looking for a few more general committee members, to add more voices to the committee and potentially take on the role of kit manager. Martin has already had a discussion with Tim about coming back to the committee (previously a committee member in 2019/2020).

Anna, Rich, Ed and Fee put themselves forward.

A ***drinks break*** was declared whilst the committee discussed the propositions.

After the break the new members were accepted onto the committee and Ed agreed to be kit manager.

AOB

Premises – Martin announced that from April onwards we will meet for club nights at the Victoria Club. He said how Brookside has been very accommodating over the past few years but the room we meet in is not as sociable as before. He also mentioned how being that side of town our run routes are limited.

Moving our meeting place to the Victoria Club means this will open new routes to Glastonbury and we should have a lockable room to leave kit. Martin mentioned how other places were considered namely Strode Car Park and Street Baptist Church but when everything was taken into consideration the committee concluded that the Victoria Club would be the best option moving forward.

The first club run to start from the Victoria Club will be on Monday 4th April 2022.

Shaun asked whether members would need to pay for membership of the Victoria Club. Charlie answered that the Victoria Club said they would like us to encourage our members to become members of the Victoria Club but it is not compulsory – it is £22 a year if people want to.

Shaun also asked if this meant tea and biscuits would return – Martin answered that we do not know for sure yet, we need to finalise details and check out the lockable room first.

Mel brought up about start times for club nights, she feels it should be earlier and people are being put off because of the late start time. Martin explained that it is always an issue to accommodate for everyone and their preferences. He did state that we are open to looking at it as ultimately the most important goal is to get people running. Two sessions could be a possibility, but we will need to discuss the logistics of this.

Fee mentioned about pace and fitting into groups and how it may be off-putting for some people if there isn't a run option at their pace. Nick echoed what he said earlier about responsibility within the group, taking care of other members and doing our best to make sure others are comfortable.

Rich mentioned about how he used to enjoy the interval sessions we used to do occasionally. Martin mentioned how we are looking to get some more members complete the LiRF courses through England Athletics now that the courses are returning to face-to-face learning. Martin also mentioned how hiring Millfield Track once a month has been brought up and this is potentially something we can do – we need to get more information about cost etc.

Awards

Martin announced the winners:

Most improved – Emma Powell (voucher to follow)

Trophies given out to:

Men's Champion – Ben Harmsworth

Ladies Champion – Carol Martyn

Congratulations to all for an amazing effort.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

Martin thanked everyone again for coming along and the committee looked forward to seeing everyone at a club night soon. Meeting was closed at 9.30pm.