

CREWKERNE RUNNING CLUB

Hon. Secretary: Martin Cook 23 Broadshard, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7NF 01460 72505

Minutes of the CRC AGM held on Monday 14th March 2022

Before the meeting a Presentation took place and Cheques were handed over to representatives of the Friends of Haselbury School (£400) and North Perrott Cricket Club (£400) with the proceeds from the Haselbury Trail event. A Photo was taken handing over cheques. £220 was also spent on Queens Jubilee Mugs for the School Children.

Those who attended had a free drink on the club and then just after AOB a buffet of food was served.

18 members attended the AGM.

1. APOLOGIES:

Caroline & George Smith, Nigel Key, Clive Harwood, Rich Blackmore, Dave Carnell, Nigel Newberry, Steve Cousins, and Joy Nixon

2. MINUTES OF YEAR ENDING MARCH 2020

These were accepted by those present as a true record.

Reports

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: (Derek Boles)

Derek handed out accounts sheets to those present and a more detailed copy to the Hon Sec (Martin Cook). See attached document at end of the minutes.

In summary Accounts started at £6867.7 and were at £8239.63 at the AGM, but donations of £1020 were handed over at the AGM (or shortly afterwards).

The Club does not pay anything to the GRC anymore, but have arranged a £50 donation to the Aqua Centre so that any club members attending runs can use the toilets if required.

These accounts were agreed at the meeting. Proposed by Stuart Stacey.

4. CAPTAINS' REPORT: (Rebecca, Darren and Andy)

It is good to see a few events now taking place but the numbers attending club nights is still well down on Pre Covid times. The club needs to try and address this. Hopefully things will improve with the lighter nights.

Andy, Darren and Rebecca wish to step down as Club Captains, but Ben Adams is keen to get involved possibly with this role.

5. SOCIAL REPORT: (Darren)

For a good part of 2021 we have not had a person in this role and also with Covid we have not had many events. However any events have been arranged by sharing with other committee members and club membership.

A few social events such as Pub runs, Christmas Dinner, Tinsel Run, and Run to West Bay have taken place.

Next likely to be the run to Lyme Regis.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Mal)

Mal reported that he had nothing much to say apart from the fact this will be his last Chairmanship of the Club and he wished the new Chairperson and the committee success in the coming years and was only a phone call or email away to clarify any of the contacts and jobs he has carried out.

Jenny Pocock thanked Mal on behalf of the club for his years of juty to the club.

Events: Reports on previous year and future.

7. Crewkerne 10K 5th June this year Nigel Key

In the absence of Nigel, Derek and Darren spoke about a few things as there was some confusion regarding a few things. It was agreed that a separate meeting will be arranged to bottom out these issues ASAP.

(Post meeting: Wednesday 23rd March 8:00 at the Wine Bar Crewkerne 10k meeting.)

8. HASELBURY TRAIL RACE (North Perrott) 3rd AUG Derek

Last year event went well and the bottles of North Perrott juice were well received. Derek will once again use his Barcode system for the timing.

9. **FULL MONTY-CUTE 5th DEC** Martin

Martin gave a brief talk on this. He confirmed that we will be looking to use Chip Timing for this event along the same lines as the 10K. Unfortunately we can't use the same timing people for the Monty as they do the timing for the WSM Christmas Cracker which is on the same date this year. Martin is looking to use the company (based in Portland (Isle of)) which Chard used for the New Year's Day run.

Social and Club Business

10. **Affiliations, to ARC (Assoc of Running Clubs) / EA (England athletics) Registrations and race permits**

The Club EA affiliation will be £150 again and each members registration £16.00 (up £1 on 2019).

Members are reminded that both Club and EA membership/ EA affiliations will become due again on or before the 1st April 2022

Those registered with EA save £4.00 an event (if an EA event) and will have a chance of the club London Marathon place offered by London Marathon.

Derek has paid the ARC (£121) membership fee for the coming year and all our events are permitted via ARC (Not EA).

Individuals do not need to register and pay any addition fee with ARC so if an event is ARC permitted then they pay the lower figure.

You can enter ARC organised events without paying this extra fee or providing an EA Registration number.

11. **George Reynolds Centre (GRC)**

We have not used the centre since the Pandemic and the demise of the Charity that ran it. The club used to pay a one off fee to use the club, but since the council are now running it they wanted to charge by the event/ by the hour. The club continues to meet outside with the toilet option in the Aqua centre if needed. Committee meetings were held via Zoom but now are in the back room of the Wine Bar.

12. **Club Communication**

It was recognised that communication has taken a hit during the past 2 years. Most communication has been via the closed Facebook account, emails and Newsletters. As the newsletter has fallen to the remaining contributors and the lack of things and events to report it has not been sent out that much.

It was recognised that not everyone uses Facebook and with multiple means of communication messages do not always get through. Sometimes Facebook Messenger messages are sent out but they are hidden and email notification is a bit random.

It was encouraging that Gemma, Catherine etc. suggested the club does more to promote its self via social media and to add other streams such as a club Instagram page and notifying other local Facebook/ website groups of our activities.

13. **Club Kit**

Tony Strugnell has taken over the sourcing of club kit and making a fine job of it. Kit is ordered via Yellow Box in Yeovil. If you need any kit then please contact Tony.

Tony had two packs of kit with him for those who wanted any at the meeting.

Jenny Pocock asked the question of what is happening with regards to the decision to give members a free Jacket (see below extracted from 2020 AGM Minutes):

'The main discussions related to suggestions from Clive and Derek as to whether to reduce membership fees for existing members or to provide existing members. This stemmed from the healthy club accounts and that it would be good for the club to celebrate 40 years of the Crewkerne Race. After much debate it was agreed that club subs would remain at the same level but the club would purchase Club Jackets and be offered free on the terms below.

Members who had paid their membership fees in the year March 2019 until 9th March 2020 (before the meeting) would be entitled to claim one free club Jacket if they renew membership by 1st May 2020. This also applies to the new members who paid there subs before the 9th December. Any subsequent new memberships after the 9th March will still be entitled to a free running vest or Tee shirt but not a free Jacket.

Jacket price is currently £30.

Those who had just purchased a Jacket and met above criteria who be allowed a refund from the treasurer.'

It was explained that unfortunately this had not happened, partly due to the Pandemic situation, but mainly due to the fact that for those who had purchased Jackets we found that the quality was poor with some failings. During the past 2 years Tony and Derek had looked at alternatives and even asked the general membership but nothing was found. It was agreed that the club should still honour this agreement but we need to renew our efforts to find a suitable jacket. Derek pointed out that he had been getting real problems trying to locate suppliers of T shirts for the 10k as a lot of the supply seems to have dried up or gone to the wall.

14. **Club Championships, handicaps etc.**

Although nothing happened in 2020/21, Rebecca has agreed to get something going this year.

15. **Training Courses and club nights**

Sarah Warrens Club night training sessions had stopped due to Covid and then as she was about to get going with then she has had a few injuries stopping her from doing so. Hopefully she will be able to start up again soon. In 2021 the committee started to look at running a Couch to 5k course to hopefully get new members. Nothing was launched, but this subject was raised at the meeting.

Darren's wife (Fran) is keen to help with this as is Jenny P and some of the other ladies. It was agreed that a group could look into the best way for us to instigate this and how we stand with being competent to run the course on behalf of the club. It may be necessary get some additionally Run Leader training done. Catherine Moffatt said the courses are now online rather than having to attend a full day course somewhere.

It seemed a sensible suggestion to charge those interested either £10 or £15 for the course, in effect give the club membership so they are then covered by ARC/EA 3rd party liability etc.

16. **Committee/ Club Volunteers**

The existing committee feel that new blood is required within the CRC committee and outside it. Being part of any 'committee' may seem daunting but really it is not. The 3 events that the club organise, plus social events and Handicaps take up most of the discussions at meetings. The organisation of club events has fallen to the same few People and if we are to carry on providing these 3 events for the local running community then we do need new blood to take on some of these roles.

It was encouraging that at the meeting several new names came forward to be on the committee or take on a role to look into other aspects and report to the committee.

17. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

It was agreed that membership fees should remain as 2020. In 2021 all existing members had a free membership, new members was £15 and EA was charged at £15.

The club would subsidise the EA element by £1.00 (club pays £16)

Proposed and accepted change.

£15 new members (with vest), existing members £10

£30 new members (with vest) & EA License, existing members £25

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Associated with the election of the committee below. It was stated that although as an organisation we have to elect the key roles of a committee, the running of a successful club should not and does not get run by them alone. Every member has a role to play to make the club a success. Any member of the club can attend the monthly committee meetings. Other roles such as looking after the Website, Facebook, training nights, organising the C25K do get run by members or groups of members who can report back to the committee. To that end the final item of the AGM lists those who were happy to join the committee and those with specific roles to support the club's activities.

19. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:**

After discussions with those present the list below is the agreed committee etc.

The following members will form the new committee: -

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| President: | Clive Harwood |
| Secretary | Martin Cook (Monty) |
| Chairman: | Darren Frost |
| Treasurer | Derek Boles (Haselbury) |
| Captain | Ben Adams |
| Vice Captain | Steve Cousins (Voted in on separate meeting on 23rd March) |
| Club Championships | Rebecca Wetherall |
| Social Secretary | Steve Cousins (not present at meeting) |
| Club Merchandise | Tony Strugnell |
| Crewkerne 10k | Nigel Key |
| Social Media Manager: | Gemma Hughes |
| Additional committee members: | Sarah McDermott, Andy Dickinson, Jennie Strugnell, Catherine Moffatt |

Associated helpers: Tim Hoyle (Website), **Sarah Warren** (Training), Jenny Pocock (Facebook, C25K)

Date of next meeting for the committee will be Wednesday 13th April at 7:50 for 8:00 at the Oscars Wine Bar. Crewkerne 10K meeting 8:00 Wednesday 23rd March.

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Financial Report Summary - March 14th, 2022 - Oscars Wine Bar

| Item. | Income | Expenditure | Remarks |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|---|
| Brought Forward | £6,867.70 | | £5589.91 last year, £5778.15 in 2017. |
| Membership. | £204.00 | | Subs were suspended but some paid which will be credited. 10 EA licences |
| Haselbury Trail | £1,703.52 | £1,693.69 | Donations £400 to Haselbury School, £220 to jubilee mugs for kids, £400 to NPCC, £9.83 retained.. |
| | | | Income includes £69.52 retained from last year. |
| Full Montecute | £3,030.05 | £1,721.61 | Major fund raise for the club and its members. £1368.44 for club. |
| EA members. | | £150.00 | Individual members EA affiliation fees at £15 per member. 10 EA affiliated members paying £15 each. The club pays the extra. |
| Affiliations | | £341.00 | EA (£100), SCAA (£20), ARC (£221) |
| Christmas Party | £758.05 | £1,047.45 | 23 attended, Club paid for wine. |
| Club kit | £40.00 | £55.08 | Clothing. free vest or T shirt to new members. Some cash is tied up in stock inventory. |
| General club exp. | £10.00 | £222.34 | Income is net donations from the long run. Club expenses include handicap prizes, trophies & engraving, hall hire & food plus web hosting. |

NOTES.

Balance in bank at AGM = £8239.63 Donations at AGM = £1020.00

Available balance after March 2018 AGM donations = £7219.63

The figures shown are intended to give an overview of our 2021 activities. The numbers do not match the £7219.63 final balance exactly due to a number of reasons. Mainly some of the Haselbury expenses were paid in cash from 'on the night entries' and other legacy transactions. This is detailed in the spreadsheet which is here tonight and I am about to hand to the secretary.

We have donated £50 to the Aquacentre in return for members using the toilets on club nights. Don't forget you are entitled to use the Aquacentre toilets.

Using ARC race permits we have retained 100% of unattached fees for a permit cost of £25 per event.

Club expenses, main items are various affiliation fees, club handicap prizes, hall rental and food for breakfast run, tinsel run, handicap, AGM drinks & food and Xmas wine.

Detailed accounts are on a single spreadsheet which is linked to the HSBC account, this ensures accuracy, increases transparency and reduces the treasurers workload. This spreadsheet is available for inspection on request and a printout is here tonight.

My expenses.

I do not claim for printing, paper, printer ink, the odd stamp etc. I only claim for materials specially purchased to make trophies for club events or any other items which I need to pay for in cash. My expenses for actual purchases are detailed in the accounts documentation and below.

I own the PA, radio mic, loudhailer and radios used at our races. These are items only used at our races and I take a token £20 per event towards purchase, storage, maintenance and batteries totalling £40 this year. Many years ago we were paying £160 plus for the hire of a PA only for each race.

I make the trophies for the Haselbury Trailrace and the Full Monty-Cute races only charging for items such as engraved plates, varnish and felt pads. For the 26 trophies used in 2021 this amounted to £44.45.

The shareware software 'FsTimer' was used for the Haselbury race. This uses a laptop, race numbers with barcodes and a handheld barcode scanner. Last year it worked perfectly giving the winners and all the age groups without error which was a relief.