

# **EAST HULL HARRIERS AND ATHLETIC CLUB**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse**

**Apologies:** Doreen Barnes, Ken Barnes, Graham Brummitt, Alison Burnett, David Butt, Keith Conkerton, Carole Fee, Christopher Harvey, Beverley Jackson, Mike Jackson, Mike Murray

**In Attendance:** Tony Alcock, Richard Alsop, Paul Andrews\*, Tracey Ashton, Paul Backen, John Baker, David Borrill, James Braithwaite, Mary Carrick, Bernard Child, Tony Cross, Dave Dearing, Pete Dearing, Gary Fee, Julie Ferguson, Neil Gordon, Dave Gowans, Matty Hayes, Ron V. Kemp, Phil McCoy, Sheila Maddison, Paul Nippres, Shirley Oglesby, Dave Playforth, Mike Petersen, Tim Simpson, Nigel Sisson\*, Steve Tichopad, Darren White, Graham Wilkinson,  
\*arrived after the start of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the President Richard Alsop at 7.34pm.

The meeting was opened by observing a one minute's silence in memory of Eric Chambers, Life Vice President who sadly passed away in March 2016. Eric was a three times Club Champion and had achieved His 50 years with the Club in February 2016.

### **ACTION**

#### **1 Minutes of AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record proposed by Pete Dearing and seconded by Dave Playforth.

#### **2 Matters Arising**

**Under 18 Category:** has been removed from the Fixture Card.

**Constitutional Change:** Julie Ferguson confirmed that the Constitution was updated in line with the agreed change and a copy is displayed in the Clubhouse and available on request.

**Long Term Strategy:** A survey had been commissioned on the Clubhouse and showed it to be in reasonable condition with the roof likely to last another 1-2 years. A gully has been installed in the men's changing area to improve drainage. The Committee are currently exploring insulation. There are 20+ years to go on the lease. Tracey Ashton suggested enquiring of our local councilor the plans for the area for the next 25 years.

**Winter League:** It was felt that a small number of guests bring additional competition.

**JF**

#### **3 Presidential Address**

Richard Alsop gave his Presidential Address. See Appendix 1 Reports

#### **4 Committee and Membership Secretaries Reports**

Julie Ferguson and Paul Nippres gave their respective reports. See Appendix 1 Reports

#### **5 Treasurer's Report**

Neil Gordon talked through the Auditors Report prepared by Richard Dearing. The Club has had a healthy year financially with a surplus generated from the races. A new timing clock has been purchased, some costs are increasing (first aid, road closures) and Championship entry fees are subsidised. £10,000 has been put into a year long savings account with a 1% interest rate. Easyfundraising is a good way of generating funds for the Club. Neil agreed with Paul's proposal for next year's subscription rates. Richard gave a vote of thanks to Neil and Richard.

#### **6 Subscriptions 2016/17**

It was noted that the Club had received notification that the England Athletics registration fee is to rise to £14.00. Richard noted we need to consider increasing costs, roof replacement and the cost of using chip timing in future events. After discussion there were 4 proposals on the table:

<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Vote in favour</b>
Paul Nippress	Matty Hayes	Senior £28.00 FT Students £4.00 Sen Citizens £7.00 Unattached £5.00	<b>13</b>
Pete Dearing	Mary Carrick	Rates to stay the same across the board	<b>4</b>
Richard Alsop	Paul Backen	Increase each by £1 from last year's total. Unattached to remain £5.00	<b>12</b>
Paul Nippress	Paul Andrews	Increase senior rate to a total of £40.50 so easily divisible by 3 installments.	<b>1</b>

The first proposed was carried.

**7 Election of Officers:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>President</b>	Richard Alsop	Richard Alsop	Ron Kemp	Julie Ferguson	Carried
<b>Secretary: Committee</b>	Julie Ferguson	Julie Ferguson	Dave Gowans	Dave Playforth	Carried
<b>Secretary: Membership</b>	Paul Nippress	Paul Nippress	Dave Playforth	Pete Dearing	Carried
<b>Treasurer</b>	Neil Gordon	Neil Gordon	Ron Kemp	Julie Ferguson	Carried
<b>Life Vice Presidents</b>	Richard Alsop, Grahame Brummitt, Peter Taylor, Ron Kemp, Dave Gowans, Geoff Griffin, Derrick Pickering, Peter Dearing, Brian Jennison, Ken Barnes, Paul Andrews, Julie Ferguson, John Baker	Beverley Jackson	Mary Carrick	Sheila Maddison	Carried
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	William Eldridge Janet Dolling, John Savage Beverley Jackson Mike Jackson	Existing en bloc including Beverley Jackson if doesn't wish to accept position of Life Vice President Matty Hayes	Pete Dearing  Ron Kemp	Julie Ferguson  Mary Carrick	Carried  Carried
<b>Men's Captain</b>	Matty Hayes	Matty Hayes	Nigel Sisson	David Borrill	Carried
<b>Men's Vice Captain</b>	Nigel Sisson	Nigel Sisson	Mary Carrick	Tony Cross	Carried
<b>Ladies Captain</b>	Alison Burnett	Alison Burnett	Tracey Ashton	Mary Carrick	Carried
<b>Committee</b>	Guy Gibson, Mike Murray Steve Coates, Dave Playforth David Borrill, Mary Carrick	Tim Simpson David Borrill Dave Playforth Mike Murray Mary Carrick Tony Cross	Matty Hayes Pete Dearing Richard Alsop Pete Dearing Matty Hayes Julie Ferguson	Pete Dearing Julie Ferguson Mary Carrick Julie Ferguson Dave Gowans Dave Playforth	Carried Carried Carried Carried Carried Carried

Position	2015/16	2016/17	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
<b>Men's Track Captain</b>	Tony Cross	Mike Petersen	Dave Playforth	Matty Hayes	Carried
<b>Ladies Track Captain</b>	-	Ladies to enquire of Linda Huart as had expressed an interest in serving on the Committee			

Auditor: Richard Alsop to approach Richard Dearing to see if he is willing to act as Auditor. Darren White from the Media Team mentioned that he could do with some support to manage events on the website.

## 8 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Current:

### 5. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

(f) New Member:

Subscription shall be paid in full on application. For application after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 50 per cent of the appropriate and for application after 30<sup>th</sup> June 25 per cent of the appropriate rate: any remaining balance shall be used to offset the amount due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October following.

Proposed by Paul Nippres and supported by Nigel Sisson, Kelvin Westerman, Graham Wilkinson and Rob Wells:

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1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March UKA fee plus full club subscription

1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September UKA fee plus half club subscription

Pete Dearing was opposed to the change, everyone else was in favour. Julie Ferguson to update the constitution.

JF

## 9 Date of next AGM

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 7.30pm in the Clubhouse

### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

**Tables:** Nigel thought we should acquire some new tables for the meeting room and some additional paste tables for races. To discuss at Committee.

JF

**Ladies Showers:** Tracey reporting that the ladies showers keep losing pressure and blocking up. It was noted that there is a problem with the showers in both changing areas tripping out. Matty/Alison looking into new shower levers.

MH/AB

**Dehumidifiers:** the purchase of dehumidifiers for the changing rooms was discussed.

Tim Simpson to look into and discuss at Committee

TS/JF

**Red Vest Hill Work Session:** Pete Dearing brought it to members attention a red vest Hill work session on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Will advertise on Facebook

PD

**Club Vest:** a new vest design was discussed, Richard will circulate next week, to discuss at Committee meeting next week. Dave Gowans mentioned the rules restrict the size of lettering on vests and numbers.

JF

**Hull Marathon:** Richard asked those who are volunteering to help man the drinks station on Great Union Street to register.

**Major Stone update:** Richard reported that entries were down, there are some spare tee-Shirts which will be sold once all of the officials have received one. Feedback was generally good. Some costs of staging the event have risen whilst others have fallen. Not easy to avoid other races but will keep in touch with Hull Marathon for 2017 Event. Adjudicator brought up some minor points. Will look to chip time next year.

The meeting closed at 21:26

### 2016 AGM Presidential Address

So here we are again, the AGM. It is unbelievable how fast the EHH year seems to have gone. So much has happened, so many PBs smashed and friendships formed.

On the race front we once again staged successful promotions in our regular open events, starting with the Boxing Day 10k which attracted another bumper field, possibly due to the mild weather.

The '20' proved incredibly popular, with potential entrants being turned away as we were full to capacity. A great team effort again, led in great style by Nigel. I approached the clubhouse with some trepidation when I saw a row of small holes in the pavement surrounded by red paint, but could rest easy when it was explained to me!

The Summer League and Major Stone were similarly popular, and it was at the latter (only 3 days ago) where Peter Taylor produced his last set of results for the club having chosen to 'hang up his mouse' on his impending 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Peter's service will be missed by many at this club, City of Hull AC and runners in the area generally. We must now look to the future, which is likely to be a combination of chip timing and volunteer results producers.

The Winter League was again hotly contested with more and more ladies becoming involved in cross-country. Mike Petersen took on the daunting role of Handicapper for the series and made a great job of it. He has volunteered for a repeat performance this coming winter so I expect an even better, closer league to be the outcome. Mike's enthusiasm for the task is infectious and that alone should guarantee a few extra runners.

We have once again benefitted from having Captains and Vice Captains who encourage runners with their training and ensure the club is well represented at relay events. Our leading runners are still bringing home trophies from far and wide with a few new faces 'in the mix' such as Danny Jones, Rob Weekes and Richie Buckle. There are many other runners who are thriving in the club environment and it is fair to say the club is booming, with a steady stream of new members and very few leavers.

The thriving social side of the club continues, the BBQ this year ending at The Lodge where our members entertained the singer with their dancing skills!

Our Facebook page and Newsletter/website continue to be well supported and it is great to see so many contributing articles documenting their races, often in places nobody else would think of going. Races usually have one or more photographers, so wherever you run locally you can be sure there will be a picture of it somewhere.

I'll end by mentioning the re-design of the club vest to update it and ensure we have well-fitting kit for both sexes. A proof has been created, reviewed by the committee and alterations made. The next step will be to set up an agreement with a supplier, the plan then being to issue all paid-up members (at December 31<sup>st</sup>) with a new style club vest. T-shirts and long-sleeved tops will follow, and possibly other items..

I'll end by thanking all officers and committee members for their efforts in ensuring your Harriers experience continues to be a good one, and to the membership in general who all help create the club we are today.

Richard Alsop  
President – East Hull Harriers & AC

## Committee Secretary's Report 2015/16

Another year has passed and here we are once more. Thank you to those who have taken the time to attend the AGM this evening.

The Committee continue to work hard in ensuring that the Club is thriving and that our events are organised and run smoothly. Thanks go to all those who have served on the Committee for their dedication and support and to our Race Directors who co-ordinate the races we host: Nigel Sisson, Peter Dearing, David Borrill, Steve Coates, Richard Alsop, John Baker together with the army of volunteers who all give their time freely to Club activities and which raises valuable income. Thanks also to Keith Conkerton for his organisation of this year's 12 week initiative and those who supported the runs.

We are unique in Hull in that we have our own clubhouse to be proud of and which we need to maintain; this year work on the gulley in the men's shower area has been completed and the clubhouse has recently had a repaint. Going forward we will need to look at a new roof in the next 2-3 years. Internally we are reliant on members helping to keep our facilities clean and tidy and ensuring that electricals are unplugged after use, windows are closed and lights turned off when locking up.

Membership continues to rise which Paul will elaborate on but this supports our Sport England Grant commitment to increase throughput by 10% each year.

The Website is developing nicely thanks to Darren White and the Media Team and from which an excellent newsletter is produced each month.

The Committee are always open to new ideas so please approach a member of the Committee if you have any suggestions you would like to be considered.

I am happy to continue in my role as Committee Secretary but equally happy to support any member who would like to undertake this role.

Regards

Julie Ferguson  
Committee Secretary

## Membership Secretary's Report 2015/16

The number of active members at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 stands at 235 an increase of 42 against last year's figure of 193 and the previous year of 164.

We have 69 active female members and 166 active male members and this continues to increase steadily, This is I believe because of our own new runners initiative again organised by Keith Conkerton this year , the members participation in Parkrun including red vest day and more recently the pacers event. The manning of the first water station at the Hull marathon also helped to promote the club in a positive way. All these continue to erode the image of the Club as 'elitist' .

We have also attracted a number of runners from other clubs because of the positive attitude to training. The speed and hill sessions organised by Pete Dearing and the various off road meetings including winter nights away from the club organised by Matty Hayes and others. These are often promoted via social media. 99 members opted to pay online this year up from 59 last year and 38 the previous year which continues to ease the admin burden. 2 Members opted to pay by standing order of 3 instalments which was introduced the year. England Athletics increased their registration fee in April this year by £1 and will do so again next year. I therefore propose that we increase subs as follows

Senior (over18) £28 + £14 = £42

FT Student(19-21) £ 4 +£14 = £18

Senior Citizens £7 (decrease) +£14 = £21

Non-active £5

I believe we offer great value for money , proven by the increased membership again , together with great camaraderie often seen at races and social events we hold.

Having stood as membership secretary for the past 3 years I would be happy to stand aside and let someone with new ideas take over the reins.

Paul Nippress  
Membership Secretary