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26.2 RRC AGM Meeting - Minutes
8:30pm 7 October 2020 @ Zoom

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Attendees:
Bev Gow, Maria Cenalmor, Alastair McGeoch-Williams, Rike Jones, Howell Jones, Carol Smith, Michael Street, Andrea Bennett, Annabel Jones, David Maher, Richard Hall, Lizzie Wilson, Malcolm Watts, David Emery, Graeme Maisey, Dennis Brandrick, Javier Fuentes, Jane Waterman, David Pearce, Joseph Gonzalez, Chris Wilson, Simon Cook, Greg Whiteman, Jo Newstead, David Pimm, Paul Keddie, Daisy Street, Kate Hancock, Steve Ramek, Nicola Ronaldson, Robert Pyke, Richard Kirk, Vicky Kirk, Reyadh Mallam-Hassam, Maria Higgins, Peter Grecian, Peter Tozer, Paul Wallis, Dave Wilson, Matthew Pritchard, Jacqueline Chang, Joe Chang, Caroline Dawson, Jackie Morris, Bob Dean, Dmitry Selemir.

Apologies:
Laura Holford, Sarah Pettefer, Craig Partridge, Jon White, Jo Ross, Simon Pritchard, Ben Brook, Hilton Loos, Mike Bryant

2. **Approval of Minutes from AGM meeting held 15 May 2019**

David Pimm advised the Minutes were circulated 14 September 2020.

The minutes were proposed as a true reflection of the meeting by Jane Waterman and seconded by Caroline Dawson.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

3. **Any matters arising from 2019 AGM**

There were no matters arising from the 2019 AGM.

4. **Annual Chairman's report**

David Pimm advised the Chairman's report was uploaded to the website, and copies were distributed by email to all members 14 September 2020.

David highlighted some points from his report, in particular:

- The club continues to move forward with its policy of being accessible to all.
- We have had great results at the faster end in several races and Kevin Stone led another successful Zero to Hero with many runners moving onto 10ks/ half marathons / marathons.

- There was another successful Valentines 10k, which we were fortunate to hold before lockdown. Thanks to Bev and the volunteers. Numbers were up on last year despite the stormy weather.
- Thanks to all the responses from members during covid-19 lockdown including:
    - The Kirks mock London marathon
    - Virtual London Marathon in Bushy park
    - Ali and Aviva – Virtual steps, (last one was this Monday)
- It was a glorious summer evening in Richmond park in August for the first club run post lockdown. We had 20 runners in 5 groups taking the first steps to get the running club going again for those who want to start running again in groups.
- There are now 3 club runs a week. Monday and Wednesday evening, and Saturday morning.
- This Monday (5 October) was the first run back at the club.
- The aim going forward is to be as inclusive as possible in a safe environment whilst protecting the health of our members and the community.
- Thanks to all the people on the committee who were asked to stay on past April due to the lockdown.

Special thanks were given to:

- Departing committee members Laura, Becky, Sue, James, Peter
- Maria staying on but stepping down as club Secretary. Our thanks to her for the hard work
- And thanks to Ali and Bev who are stepping down as Captain and Vice-Captain. Thank you for all you have done for the club.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised.

Chairman's report was proposed by Michael Street, seconded David Pearce.
Members unanimously voted for the report.

5. Statement of Accounts and Balance sheet presented by the Treasurer

David Pearce went through the accounts in detail. Highlighting some key points:

This covers the period May 2019 to April 2020.
The majority of the accounts are pre-lockdown.

1st page - income and expenditure

- There are two main sources of income: membership renewals and V10k. Both are strong.
- There were 311 member payments which is still our largest source of income
- Valentines 10k - £3,900 surplus, our second most profitable event to date
- Good marketing efforts from Richard Kirk. Two running clubs made it a Grand prix event
- Thanks to every marshal

Page 3 – increase in cash surplus is additional runners
Bigger surplus than planned. Several events did not happen due to lockdown e.g. Awards night
Green Belt Relay entry fees rolled over to next year

Page 4 – balance sheet, good cash position, increase in pre-payment side
April to March payment to Surbiton Racket and Fitness
Club is in the healthy position of being able to absorb cancellation of Valentine 10k event if needed.

There were no questions for David Pearce.

Accounts submission proposed by Peter Tozer, seconded by Kate Hancock
All voted in favour. Accounts passed

Thanks to David for the hard work.

6. Constitution and GP rules proposed amendments

The Committee proposes a change to the Constitution to reduce the maximum number of ordinary committee members from 10 to nine. The number of ordinary members was not reduced when a new honorary position (vice-captain) was added to the Committee.

There were 82 votes in favour, 6 against and 10 abstain. The proposal is passed.

7. Election of Honorary President

The Committee proposed David Emery to continue in the position of Honorary President.

There were 93 votes in favour, 1 against and 4 abstain.

David Emery is elected as Honorary President

David Emery addressed the club.

8. Election of Honorary Officers – Secretary, Captain and Vice-Captain

Secretary:

David Pimm thanked both for standing up for this position

- Carol Smith
- Matthew Pritchard

There were 41 votes for Carol Smith, 50 votes for Matthew Pritchard and 7 abstain.

Matthew Pritchard is elected as Secretary.

Captain:

- Peter Grecian is elected unopposed as Captain

Vice-Captain:

- Jacqueline Chang is elected unopposed as Vice-Captain

9. Election of Ordinary Committee Members

- Maria Cenalmor
- Michael Street
- Richard Kirk
- Steve Ramek
- Carol Smith
- Paul Wallis
- Jackie Morris
- Graeme Maisey
- Howell Jones

All nine were elected unopposed.

21 October, 8:30 by zoom is the date for the next committee meeting

10. Election of Life Members

Peter Tozer was nominated for Life Member.

Peter steps down this year after 20 years on the committee, a couple of years as Chairman and ordinary member and newsletter editor.

There were 90 votes in favour, 0 against and 8 abstain.

Peter thanked the club. Long may it continue.

New Captain's report

David Pimm asked the new Captain and Vice-Captain to share their views for the year ahead.

Jacqueline Chang:
Objective is to bring back competitive running side to the club. Encourage runners to be the best they can be. Looking at Wednesday night re structure to boost the levels for all runners.

Peter Grecian:
Grateful for Covid co-ordinator David Pimm in his success at re-starting running at the club. Country and families going through a crucial phase and running is very important. Being fit and healthy is crucial to our mental health. It is safe to run outdoors in what is a non-contact sport and gives more benefit than any risk we are taking.

We will look at how we can make sessions better and safer every week. We have a run leader to every 5 runners. Please volunteer to be a run leader, it is a very crucial role. We have gone from small steps from meeting in parks back to the tennis club. Let's encourage people to run and let's get the club running again.

11. AOB

Peter Tozer – answered the question 'When did the club first go to Surbiton?'
Showed the newsletter from Autumn 1993
Hold the front page – Ruxley Lane HQ in Ewell failed to reach an agreement with the club, we then switched to our current HQ in Surbiton.