**Minutes of the Saltaire Striders AGM on 03 December 2015 at Caroline Street Social Club.**

Present: 67 Club Members (approximately)

Chairman: Mike Moss

***Agenda (rearranged in the order discussion actually took place)***

1. Apologies
2. Charity donations
3. Membership
4. Treasurers report
5. Minutes of 2014 AGM
6. Chairman’s statement
7. Election of officers
8. Social events update
9. 2016 Club trip
10. 2016 Club organised races & relays the club enters teams into
11. 2016 Club Championship
12. 2016 Strider of the Month
13. AOB

Chairman Mike Moss welcomed everyone to the 33rd AGM, with such a good turnout. Mike also thanked Caroline Street Social Club for their hospitality.

1. ***Apologies***

Apologies were received from Helen Brant, Tim Mosedale & Simon Frazer

1. ***Charity donations:***

Each year the club donates part of the profits made from the club hosted races (John Carrs & BMWR) to charity.

This year the Club had decided to donate £1,500 to Wheatfields Hospice in memory of Emma Craven and a members vote had then been held to decide three other charities to donate £500 each to. The winning charities were Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Manorlands Hospice and Friends of Baildon Moor.

The presentation of cheques was made to the four charities by John Tinker (Wheatfields & Yorkshire Air Ambulance), Emma Cartledge (Manorlands) and Darren Longhorn (Friends of Baildon Moor).

1. ***Membership***

Rachel Parker reported on the membership developments in the year and began by thanking the previous membership secretary, Barney Lerner, for his help during the year. Club membership has now grown to a record figure of 212 members. We have seen record numbers of members turning out for Pecos, the Abbey Dash and Park Runs.

It was proposed that membership fees for 2016 be increased by £3 to £25 due to the increase in the annual fee levied by England Athletics. This fee increase was approved by all members present although Richard Stone did query why EA needed to increase fees every year.

1. ***Treasurer’s Report***

Sarah Bruckshaw talked the meeting through the club accounts for the year ended 31st October 2015. The main features were:

* Total income increased from £16,247 to £20,287. The main increases were in subscriptions & John Carr entry fees.
* Costs had increased from £15,911 to £19,726. The main increase was John Carr race costs.
* This left a surplus of £560 this year compared to £336 last year.
* The club had £9,191 cash in the bank at the year-end but still owed the £3,000 charity donation costs presented earlier in the evening.

It was proposed that the accounts be accepted and this was approved by all members present.

Mike Moss announced that due to pressure of work Sarah Bruckshaw was stepping down as treasurer. To thank her for her contribution to the cub in the treasurer role over the last 18 months Mike Moss presented Sarah with flowers and a bottle of wine.

1. ***Minutes of the AGM held on 04/12/2014.***

The minutes had been distributed to all members by email. It was proposed that these minutes be accepted and this was approved by all members present. There were no issues arising from the minutes that needed further discussion.

1. ***Chairman’s report***

Mike Moss reported as follows:

The club has grown. We are now reporting over 200 members compared to 150 this time last year. We have rung the changes with our training options with multiple runs on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday & track sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Most evenings we get good turnouts and have seen over 60 members at the same training venue.

Track training sessions on both Tuesdays and Wednesday are gaining in popularity and Ali & Louise Nash have done a great job in organising the Tuesday sessions.

We have run a couple of beginners groups one up to 5K and one extending to 10K and have attracted new runners many of who have joined the club. We are planning another 8 -10 week course in January that hopefully Lindsey will be leading as part of her coaching experience.

We continue to support Park Run in Bradford both in Lister Park and Horton Park.

We put on the John Carr Race Series again which was very successful despite issues with the position of the turn round point the first week and the finish on the last week. We are looking to repeat the series this year but are currently searching a different venue since our relationship with Esholt Sports and Social club has come to an end.

The BMW relay was again organised and was enjoyed by all that competed. We have competed in the traditional relays as well as contributing team members to the Airedale Athletics teams and we assisted with the Epilepsy Action 10K and the Bradford City runs.

We have had a number of social events ably organised by Dairine (see later notes). Mike thanked Dairine for all her work and presented her with a bottle of wine as a token of the club’s appreciation for her efforts.

We have grown our qualified leaders’ team to try and ensure the role of leading is not too onerous. Mike thanked Chris Jones for organising the monthly leaders’ and all the leaders for their commitment. Lindsey Pearson has attended the Coach in Running Fitness course and is looking to assist people in improving their running.

Recently we had the first PECO race where we have had a big turnout of 53 club members. Next race on 13th December

We have seen some impressive performances from individuals. Evidence of that is in the number of nominations for Strider of the month each month and why that is being reformed (see later).

Over 100 people have scored in the club championship but again that is something that is being reconsidered and we will be sharing some of the changes (see later).

We have re-energised our participation in the Yorkshire Vets under Martin Love and Kirstie Holmes.

Mike said that there are too many people to thank for making this the club it is but wanted in particular to thank Sarah who is standing down as treasurer. She has done a wonderful job for the club but now due to pressure of work she feels she has to step down.

1. ***Election of officers***

The following positions were up for election at this year’s AGM:

* Chairman
* Club captain
* Ladies’ captain
* Chairman of coaches
* Welfare officer
* Men’s vet captain
* John Carr Chair.

The following members have put their names forward:

* Chairman – Mike Moss to stand for re-election
* Club captain – Will Kerr to stand for re-election
* Ladies’ captain – Jen Willingham to stand for re-election
* Chairman of coaches – Jack Verity to stand for re-election
* Welfare officer – Lindsey Pearson to stand for re-election
* Men’s vet captain – Martin Love to stand for re-election
* John Carr Chair – Helen Pennington to stand for re-election

It was proposed that these committee members were all re-elected and this was passed unanimously.

In addition to the above notice had been given that Sarah Bruckshaw was to stand down as club treasurer and that Richard Stone was prepared to stand for election for that position. It was also disclosed to the meeting that Kirstie Holmes was taking a break as ladies’ vet captain for the 2016 season and it was proposed that Louise Nash took her place for that season.

Both these appointments were approved unanimously.

1. ***Social events update***

Dairine Nethercott outlined some of the any social events that had taken place over the last year including trips to the Saltaire Brewery Beer club, Ladies’ book club meetings, the fun bus trip to the Liverpool ½ marathon, the Burnsall trip in the summer and the cub trip to Iceland.

Further events were planned before Christmas – the Pickles dinner on 11/12 (sold out) and drinks in the Junction pub on 17/12.

Dairine is happy organizing some of the events but also would like more club members to become involved in organising events. If people have ideas for social events they should mention them to committee members but it would be great if they could be heavily involved in the organizing themselves. The committee would also like to see some of the younger club members start to get involved in organizing social events.

The club dinner will take place at the Halfway House on 19/03/2016 and menu options were explained and distributed to the meeting.

Mike thanked Dairine for her efforts with the social events and stressed the need for people to help and support her with the organization of future events.

1. ***2016 club trip***

Will explained the plans for the club trip to Iceland in early June 2016. The estimated costs will be around £300 to £350 per person. He is hoping further details and a more precise costs will be available in the next few weeks.

A second club trip to Amsterdam is proposed for mid-October 2016 – further details to follow.

1. ***2016 club organized races and relays the club enters teams into***

Jeremy explained that the John Carr races and the BMW relay were the main sources of club funds that gave us money to spend during the year and that these races were also our way of giving back to the local running community in return for all the races our members participate in each year.

The John Carrs will be on 04/05, 11/05 & 18/05 and the BMW relay will be on 26/06. In the New Year Richard Stone will be sending emails to ask for volunteers for marshals for these events and it is hoped that with over 200 members it will rove easier to get people to marshal than it has been in previous years.

Will then explained the three main relays the club enters teams into – Calderdale Way in May (probable date 15/05/2016), our own BMW relay in June ( planned date 26/06/2016) & Leeds Country Way in September (probable date 04/09/2016). It is hoped that we can get more members involved next year & enter more teams.

Michelle Eyres asked why the BMW relay was now help in late June. Mike Moss replied that it was moved a few years go to avoid clashing with fathers’ day some years.

We also plan to enter teams into the Northern Athletics 12 & 6 stage road relay in April 2016 and the 6 & 4 stage road relay in September 2016 where our runners will be competing against top runners from clubs in the North of England.

1. ***2016 Club Championship***

Mike talked through proposed changes to the rules for next year’s club championship. With the increase in the number of members the championship has become quite complicated and over 100 members have scored points this year. For 2016 the Championship will be limited to 20 races, including one Horton Park Run & one Lister Park run.

In previous years any race that involved more than 10 club members was added to the championship. This will no longer happen so only the chosen 20 races will attract points. Stuart Dunbar has agreed to help maintain the results spreadsheet.

1. ***2016 Strider of the Month***

Jeremy talked through proposed changes to the rules for next year’s Stride of the Month. The increase in the number of members has resulted in a lot of nominations in some months this year. What has been decided by the committee is that from January 2016 onwards members will nominate in the usual way but the committee will then decide upon a short list (usually around 5 members) which will then go to a members’ vote. Members will then vote for the one Strider they want to win.

Michelle Eyres asked about a rule that stopped any one member winning more than once in a calendar year. Jeremy said that the rule was on the website and it was that no member can win more than twice in a calendar year.

Barney Lerner asked if photos of the nominated members could be included on the surveys. Jeremy said he would do this in future months if Barney showed him how to.

1. ***Any other business***

Barney Lerner said that he was making his ark Run Race Director debut at Horton Park on Saturday and that he needed a few more volunteers. He also had the club vests with him if anyone wanted one.

Keith Jump said the Thursday night summer away days in Addingham & at Chevin Chase had gone down well and wondered if more were planned for summer 2016. Mike said that we were looking to do more but if anyone had ideas it would be great if they could help with the organization. Keith also said that two member had asked him to thank the short run leaders for their help throughout the year in getting members to improve.

Tim Forster mentioned the Baildon No Watch race and wondered if we invited Baildon to anything we organized. Jeremy & Mike both confirmed that we had done a relay against them from Esholt this summer and would be doing something similar next year.

Michelle said that some members had asked about useful websites for local races. Mike said there was John Schofield’s site <http://www.ukresults.net/> and Jeremy said North East races <http://northeastraces.com/> was also a useful site. It was asked if we could have links to these sites on our website.

Bernadette Cook said nothing much had happened this year with Saltaire Fell runners. Jeremy replied that Mick Chambers and In Jones had both been injured for a lot of the year.

There was no further business and the meeting finished at 21:40.