**Minutes of Saltaire Striders Annual General meeting**

Held 29th November 2018 at 8.15 Caroline Street Social Club, Saltaire

**1) Apologies for absence**

Michelle Ayres, David Wilson, Mick Jones, Chris Upton, Tim Spencer, Jayne Hart, Tony Hart, Sylvia Ross, Chris Reynier, Michelle Reynolds. Steve Fowler, Judith Nunn, Julia Beaumont, Darren Longhorn

**2) Minutes of the last AGM 7th December 2017**

were accepted as a correct record

**3) Election of officers**

There was only one valid nomination for the following posts so the following were elected unopposed

**Treasurer Richard Stone**

**Communications officer Jack Verity**

**Men’s Vets Captain Martin Love**

**Ladies’ Captain Helen Brant**

**John Carr Chair Andy Brown**

There were two nominations for the post of membership secretary, Mervyn Silva and Noel Fitzpatrick, so a ballot was held in accordance with the constitution and the following was elected

**Membership Secretary Mervyn Silva**

Having been elected as Ladies captain Helen Brandt tendered her resignation as Welfare officer. As this had to be after the close of nominations it was not possible to request nominations in the normal way and in line with the constitution nominations were accepted at the meeting. There being only one nomination the following was elected

**Welfare Officer Cat Bruckner**

**4) Treasurers Report**

The report and statement from the independent examiner had been circulated to all members and Richard Stone spoke to them. He highlighted that income from the John Carr series had been very good, but that would not be the case in the next year. He reiterated that all income was recirculated in the form of subsidies to members for races and less profitable events, or for charitable donation.

There being no questions the accounts were voted on and accepted. proposed Alun Griffiths seconded Barney Lerner

**5) Chairmans Report**

Mike Moss gave his report. He noted that there were good numbers at training, and that Ian Dickinson’s ‘return to running’ session had been very successful. Another was planned for the spring. He thanked Ali Nash for the track sessions which were becoming increasingly popular.

We had had 3 sessions of support from an EA coach which the run leaders and others had found helpful and refreshing. We do need more of the existing run leaders to step up for sessions if possible, and would welcome anyone else who would be interested in taking the run leaders course.

We had had very good turnouts for the PECOs and Vets races and entered teams in all the local relays. We had also supported our two (now four) local parkruns.

There were so many brilliant performances in the year that it was impossible to pick some out or find the time to cover them all

Thanks were given to Ewan for the social events Dairine for organising the Burnsall trip and Ben for the leaders Rota. All the committee were thanked for their support and hard work, especially when there had been some difficult situations.

Thanks were given to retiring committee members, Helen Pennington (in her absence) for her time as John Carr Chair steering the series through a number of changes, and to Rachel Parker, as Membership Secretary and Louise Nash as Ladies Captain (and Club Co-Captain), who were presented with a small liquid token of our appreciation

**6) Membership update and 2019/20 fees**

Rachel gave her report as follows:

Membership always seems to be similar at the end of the year at AGM. We lose a few members with subs renewal and then gain more throughout the year when people hear about us at parkrun and other events

Membership currently stands at 239 members registered with EA. Almost a 50/50 split Male 119 . female 120. We have 9 second claim members including some very fast ones who have stood us in good stead for some of the off road relays and PECOs. 3 social members as more partners become involved. 5 Honorary members who have been with the club over 25 years or who have contributed significantly to the club.

Our membership also covers far and wide. I register people not only in Saltaire, Baildon and Shipley but Bingley, Heaton, Bradford. Last week we gained a member from Barnsley who was so impressed with our team spirit at PECOs that he joined to be a part of this. For the record we also have members in London and Dunstable and of course our hybrid Baildon/Tasmania member Chris Reynier. We really are a club that stretches far and wide. A friendly club that covers from beginners to faster than the speed of light.

In terms of members commitment to the club we ask that you make it easier for us and pay subs on time when they are due for renewal

The new fees for 2018-2019 will be £28 , this is an increase of £2 as this is what EA put their fees up to last year after we had already agreed the fee at AGM. At just over 50p a week we feel as a committee that this still represents excellent value for money.

Fees will be due end of March 2019. Can I say at this point that 4 members have already paid in advance so sadly Simon Kingsnorth does not win the prize for being first past the post as in the last two years.

As you know I will be standing down as membership secretary tonight. I have done this officially for 4 years but was acting up for a few months prior to being elected. I volunteered for membership very soon after joining the club as a way to get to know people, I didn’t know many names and faces and being involved has been the catalyst for many good friendships. So if anyone here is new and worried about helping the club in any way, all I can say is that you will get so much back

So all that remains is for me to say thank you to the committee and the club for having me and I hand the baton over to whoever is elected next and wish them lots of luck.

**Recommendation from the management committee:**

**That the Membership Fee for the year 2019/20 be increased by £2 to £28**

**Agreed**

**7) Club organised races and relays we enter**

Will Kerr spoke briefly about last years races and encouraged participation in next years events. He thanked members for all their support in the races we had hosted and noted that we were hosting the next PECO and needed help for that

**8) London Marathon Ballot for club places**

The club will get 2 places in the Virgin Money London Marathon. the successful members in the Club Ballot drawn at the AGM were **Helen Brant** and **Noel Fitzpatrick**

**9) Social events**

Ewan reported on last years successful social calendar and highlighted events planned for next year. It was particularly pleasing that the Christmas Dinner had been sold out. He was hoping have a ‘Secret Santa’ at the Pie and Peas event. The Club Dinner will be a bit later next year - details are to be finalised. He asked that if any other members had ideas for social events that they would email them to him.

**10) Club trip 2019**

Lindsay explained that after taking feed back on preferred temperature for running, and checking the European race calendar for suitable events (accessible, variety of distances, reasonable cost) she had proposed Reims to the Committee which had been accepted. The date is not set yet but will be late October. She was thanked for organising this, and for the successful (if pleasantly mild) Palma Trip

**11) Club Championship 2019**

Steward Dunbar announced the provisional results and commended one member on managing 16 of the club championship races. Next years full list will be published soon, and will be similar to previous years. The first races will be the January PECO and the Dewsbury 10k. He was asked if the new ‘Best Marathon’ suggestion had caused any difficulty, but said, with thanks to Jack Verity for collating the list, there was no problem then putting it in the spreadsheet. He was thanked for the work he does on this