**1 Apologies for absence.**

Donna

Helen agreed to chair the meeting. It was noted that as there is less than 3 months to the AGM we don’t have to make specific arrangements for the chairs post

**2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 24/8/21**

Agreed correct subject to noting that we agreed a female and male V70 prize at the John Carr

 Action points

EA Grants - Craig - EA have not updated their information so we agreed to leave it

Paypal changes - Richard - Done but Alun thinks he may have missed something - will discuss with Richard and sort it out **Action Alun/Richard**

Support to YVAA Committee - Stuart - done

Donations re BMWR - Richard - **Done**

Away trip 2022 - Ewan - Ewan continues to progress it

Cards and Gift - Donna done

John Carr V70 prizes - Richard - done

Feedback re warmups- Stuart - done. Alun reported that he had re-instituted the “collective warm up” last Thursday at Nuffield. There was some discussion on the importance of Warm Ups and how best to do them.

*(Added in retrospect - Apologies, I misunderstood the minutes of the last meeting and understand from Craig that we have not decided to do this yet, Sorry for going off piste on this. Alun)*

 **Action - Craig**

Run Leaders meeting - Craig - had to be Cancelled. It was suggested we try and arrange one at 6.30 before a Thursday run **Action -Craig**

Northern athletics poll - Stuart - done. This was in favour of continuing to affiliate to NA

Curry night - Ewan - done

Plastic free feedback - Rachel - done

Peco meeting - Stuart -Jack attended. Provisional dates now available

**3 Training**

Run Leaders

Craig reported that 18/31 run leaders have either had their licence expire (often because of not completing the safeguarding course) or are inactive, Craig has spoken to all of them and in some cases there are plans to sort this out. He has asked Fiona not to give runs to expired leaders on the poll as this will not be covered.

On a more positive note he reported that 15 different leaders participated in last months poll which was better than recently.

**4 Future races**

John Carr 2022.

There was discussion as to whether it could go ahead in its current form. It was felt that a 5k race was not particularly attractive, especially now we had lost the usp of it being a fast course as it was when held at Esholt. This years race made only a small profit (albeit in difficult circumstances)

We considered if a different distance eg 5 miles would be more attractive, or a different course. We wondered if working with the brewery would be a way forward. Agreed to think about it and link with Andy Brown and put on Agenda for next time **Action - Alun**

BMWR 2022

Agreed to hold the next event on 12th June 2022

We felt there was no need to increase the entry fee at this time but would increase the entry number to 75 and have a firm cut off date

Happy to continue the new arrangements at Laycock, but we would prefer to return to having water stations on all legs if possible.

Jack asked how our commitment to reducing plastic would work out in practice, Alun was particularly concerned about water stations where, especially faster, runners wanted to grab and run. We will consider this nearer the time but it was felt that runners were getting more used to the idea of reducing plastic and would likely to be receptive to different arrangements.

All noted that UKA rules allow 2nd claim runners to participate in events “which specifically state in the race rules it is open” to them. He will check ours say this **Action -Alun**

**5 Financial report**

This was presented by Richard and Agreed

Helen had been approached about something called “My Club Group” which was a way of fundraising at apparently little effort on our behalf. She will get more information

 **Action - Helen**

**6 AGM 11th November 2021**

Alun will send out the notices for this soon. **Action - Alun**

He reported that the following committee posts will need new members for various reasons:

Chair, Treasurer, Communications, membership Secretary, ladies Captain, Male Vets Captain. John Carr Chair is due for reelection and Andy would be eligible to stand. There had been expressions of interest in some posts but we needed to encourage people to stand. **Action - All**

Alun spoke to the proposed constitutional amendment tying up the membership categories - Agreed to recommend this.

We agreed to recommend no change in the membership fee for the coming year despite eta increase in EA Registration

**7 Membership**

Mervyn presented his report. membership continues to grow as things get more back to normal.As we have a number of new members we agreed to recommend members without ICE tags should get the branded ones which are available. Mervyn will link to the details **Action - Mervyn**

**8 Social Events**

These were planned as follows:

 Curry Nights 8/10/21 Kashmiri Aroma

 Christmas Meal 10/12/21 Don’t Tell Titus

 Pie and Peas23/12/21 Junction

Ewan will send out information **Action - Ewan**

We agreed not to arrange a Buffet for the AGM, but will fund 1 free drink per attendee

**9 Welfare issues.**

none reported

**12 Matters arising from the meeting on 24/8/21**

Nine

**13 AOB**

Stuart had a number of items - Alun Apologised for not sending out an updated agenda

Club Records:

Could these be laid out making it clear what the overall record for each event was, then the age category records - Jack said this was straightforward **Action - Jack**

He also wondered if we could have records for Utra’s as a number of members had run them - it was felt this would be difficult but perhaps a “top 10” distances would be possible

Strider of the month:

We agreed to keep this under review and to publicise nominations and the poll more widely eg in Striders Chat and on the WhatsApp

He reported the difficulty in getting participation in recent events on behalf of the club and we discussed possible reasons eg time commitment needed from our older runners who might have family responsibilities. Reluctance from runners who perceive themselves as slower to get involved. Agreed to have an open discussion at the AGM

**14 Date of next meeting.**

Tuesday 2nd nov 7.30 groove pad?