**Saltaire Striders**

**Annual General Meeting Agenda**

13th November 2023 at 8.15pm

Hullaballoo, Shipley

**1) Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Mervyn Silva, Mike Moss, Tim Mosedale, Michelle Ayres, Will Kerr, Andy Brown, Louise Nash, Ali Nash, Barney Lerner, Sue Sroka, Marcus Isherwood, Claire Thaper and Jen Willingham

**2) Minutes of the last AGM 10th November 2022**

 Were received as a correct record

**3) Election of officers**

 Management Committee members:

 **Secretary**

There had been one nomination, Tim Gore, who was elected unopposed

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Non Committee Officers:

 **Runs organiser**

 There had been one nomination, Marcus Isherwood, who was returned unopposed.

 **Female Vets Captain**

At the close of nominations there had been no nomination for Female Vets Captain. It was also reported that the post of Male Vets Captain had become vacant after the time for notice of the AGM. There were no nominations at the meeting and it was agreed that the committee should consider how best to fill these roles at their next meeting. Suggestions were invited.

**4) Treasurer’s Report**

The accounts to 31st March 2023, along with the independent reviewer’s report and the notes from the treasurer had been circulated. The chair presented these in the absence of the Treasurer (Tim Mosedale). He noted that some members had been in touch to ask questions direct and offered to answer questions now if possible, and reiterated that the Treasurer was happy to receive any further questions.

Thanks were recorded to Ian Jenkins for reviewing the accounts.

There being no questions at this time the report was accepted.

**5) Chairman’s Report**

The chair presented his report for the year November 2022-November 2023. He thanked those who had worked on behalf of the club. Gavin Hamilton for organising club vests, Wendy Hey who had stepped down as Runs Organiser. Andy Brown and Cat Bruckner stepping down as Vets Captains and Alun Griffiths stepping down after 6 years as Secretary. Gifts were presented or will be delivered to those not present.

**6) Membership update and 2022/23 fees**

The Membership Secretary (Martin Fillingham) presented an update on membership. This remained strong with 216 members of which 173 were full EA affiliated members, 9 were second claim members, 30 Non-competitive (Social) members and 4 honorary Members. He noted that the significant numbers of ‘social’ members reflected that even those who did not wish to compete in representative races were keen to be involved in the club.

 **Recommendation from the management committee:**

 **That the Membership Fee for the year 2024/25 be £34**

The chair reported that England athletics had increased the individual registration fees by £2.00 and the club registration fee by £50.00 which is why the committee proposed increasing the fees for EA registered members by £2.00. The club would absorb the increase in club fee and non registered members would not be affected. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

**7) Captains’ Address**

Stuart Dunbar give the address on behalf of himself and Claire Thaper. He was pleased to see new members joining and becoming involved in the club, bringing new blood. Whilst results last year had not been as good as had been hoped, and we had not been able to get teams to some events he hoped that this would turn round over the next year with new and enthusiastic members. He hoped that all members would set their own targets - whether it was to be a winner, or part of a winning team, or to step up and take part where they might not have done before, or simply to stretch their own personal achievements.

**8) Social Events**

The Social Secretary (Stewart Spink) explained his role and highlighted forthcoming events. He indicated that he was hoping to organise 2 club trips; to Tromso in June (the Midnight Sun event) and Bilbao in October.

He also reported that he had taken on the role of organising the successor to the John Carr 5k events which had been on hold since Yorkshire Water withdrew permissions for the use of the Esholt site. This is to be a “Day of the 5000 PBs” to be held at The Keighley track on May 26th, a series of 5k races in a party atmosphere for all abilities.

**9) Club Championship**

Stuart reminded members that the club championship year had been moved to April to March to coincide with the membership year. This involved all club members who wanted to take part in any of the races.

The committee will be finalising the races for the 24/25 year in the new year and he invited suggestions for local races that could be considered.

**10) London Marathon Club Ballot Draw**

The Secretary (Alun Griffiths) reported that the London Marathon organisers had reduced the numbers of club places available and we were now only entitled to one place. Twenty two members fulfilled the criteria (ie full members who had entered the national ballot and been rejected) and had entered the club ballot. The winner drawn by Anthea Griffiths was Russ McFarlane. Alice Kershaw was drawn as a reserve in case Russ was unable to proceed with his entry.

**11) Any Other Business**

There was no other items members wished to discuss so the meeting was closed with thanks to all who attended.