

Saltaire Striders: Annual General meeting: Thursday 14th November 2024
8.15pm (ish) in the Lounge at Caroline Street Social Club, Saltaire
Minutes of Meeting

Chair: Ewan Gibb
Minutes: Tim Gore

1) Apologies for absence

Received from John Singh, Kath Stone, Laura Sykes, Darren Parker, Anne Preston, Stewart Spink, Denise Davis, Barney Lerner, Alistair Nash, Michael Jones, Michelle Eyers, Maria Humpherson, Julia Beaumont, Julie Patterson, Krystina Kozłowska, Harriet Fletcher, Rebecca Gardner, Sheila Bugg, Louise Carefoot, Anthea Griffiths, Alun Griffiths, Bev West, Claire Bond, Tiina Martiney, Paul Weir, Gordon Inglis, Donna Hector, Dalvindar Hellawell.

2) Minutes of the last AGM held on 13th November 2023

Agreed unanimously as a correct record.

3) Election of officers:

Election of Captain (Women): 2 nominations:

Fay Kaina: Nominated by Claire Thaper & Louise Nash: 18 votes

Sue Sroka: Nominated by Sheila Bugg & Lisa Prosho: 23 votes

Sue Sroka was therefore elected as ladies captain.

Due to receiving only one nomination for each of the following posts, the following were elected unopposed:

James Carlton: Membership Secretary: Nominated by Ewan Gibb & Russ McFarlane

Richard West: Training & Coaching Coordinator: Nominated by Bev West & Donna Hector

Tim Mosedale : Treasurer: Nominated by Ewan Gibb & Stuart Dunbar

Ewan Gibb: Chair: Nominated by Richard Ling & Tim Mosedale

David Bower: Communications Officer: Nominated by Graham Darcy & Tim Gore

4) Presentation to retiring committee members

Ewan thanked and presented gifts to Louise Nash, Claire Thaper and Martin Fillingham.

5) Constitution changes

The three constitution changes, as detailed below, were presented, discussed and voted on as follows:

- Change 1: it was pointed out that the new vice captains could only be elected at the next AGM, but in the meantime the committee can invite applications and co-opt people to fulfill these roles. A question was asked whether Fay (having not been elected as ladies captain) would be considered for Vice Captain, and Ewan answered that yes she would, should she wish to be.....
The amendment was passed unanimously in the room, including absentee votes it was passed by majority with 1 abstention.
- Change 2: it was presented that the proposal is to bring the AGM forward to July, so that it is much closer to the end of the year we are reviewing. A question was raised about the year end date, which was confirmed as being 31st March for both financial and club activity purposes, and therefore the intention is to hold the next AGM in July 2025.
The amendment was passed unanimously in the room, including absentee votes it was passed by majority with 1 abstention.
- Change 3: it was clarified that under this proposal, the post of chair will be open for election again next year. A question was asked how that would affect Ewan's term of

office, and it was explained that under the proposed new wording, Ewan would still be able to stand for a further 3-year term after this 1-year term, should he wish to do so.

The amendment was passed by majority with 1 abstention in the room, including absentee votes it was passed by majority with 2 abstentions.

All three constitution changes having been passed, the official constitution document will be updated and signed in due course.

6) Treasurer's Report: Tim Mosedale

Tim presented the treasurers report, which had been circulated in advance. He also recorded thanks to Ian Jenkins for once again carrying out the independent examination.

Tim highlighted the finances of the club as follows:

1. How much do we have? Broadly speaking, this is kept fairly stable and is in line with the clubs reserves policy.
2. How much do we get? Our income is mainly from membership fees and profits we make from hosting races, namely the BMWWR and John Carr races. The income from races can be particularly volatile, but this year BMWWR did perform well in terms of returning a profit for the club.
3. How much do we spend? We have had to cut down over the years in terms of spending on social events, as we don't get the money in the way we did several years ago.

There being no questions, the financial report was voted on and passed unanimously.

7) Chairman's Report: Ewan Gibb

Ewan presented the chairs report:

- Thanks everyone for coming
- Thanks to the run leaders, especially those who give up their time week in week out so we can have training runs.
- Thanks to Richard West, our Training & Coaching coordinator, and to Donna and Marcus for organising the run-leaders rota. We will be soon looking to recruit some additional run leaders, so if you're interested please speak to Richard.
- Thanks to Stewart Spink for the new John Carr 5K track race, which was a success and we hope to carry on next year.
- Thanks to Anthea Griffiths for another successful BMWWR, and thanks to Mike as race official and all those who volunteered.
- It has been a good year for team events, especially the three relays: Calderdale Way, BMWWR and Leeds Country Way. Ewan was keen to emphasise that when an announcement goes out about these events, anyone, no matter what their ability, can be part of a team.
- 52 striders have already signed up for the PECO season, and Ewan encouraged members to continue to promote it!
- Ewan brought news of the new club shop which will be going live soon, and which will include race tee-shirts. A question was asked about whether a different fit of ladies vest was possible, and this will be referred back to Richard & Bev (aka "The Wests with the vests")
- Ewan spoke about the survey of club values, inviting members to still share their thoughts, but the overriding response was "inclusivity".
- Thanks to David Bower, Richard West and Gary Pennington for their work in getting the website working again.
- Ewan closed by encouraging us to continue to be a club that is welcoming to new people, old people, young people, all people!

8) Membership update: Martin Fillingham

Martin gave an update on the club membership being currently 211 total members: 173 x full members, 6 x second-claim, 26 x social (non-competitive), 6 x honorary life members.

Martin also made a plea to members to renew their membership promptly next year (membership year finishes 31st March) to make it easier for the new membership secretary.

Recommendation from the management committee that the Membership Fee for the year 2025/26 be £35 for full members, to reflect an increase in EA fee. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

9) Captains' Address: Stuart Dunbar

Before the captains address, Stuart asked Claire Thaper, our outgoing ladies captain, to present Sheila Pepper with the Strider of the Month award for September.

Stuart then gave his address:

- Stuart thanked Claire for all her work as ladies captain.
- What the captains job is:
 1. Motivation
 2. Communication
 3. Facilitation
- It can seem sometimes like “herding cats” trying to organise teams for relays, events etc.
- The role of “Vice Captain” had already been tried out in a limited way this year, eg by asking John Singh to organise the team for the Calderdale Way Relay.
- Stuart highlighted the achievements, events, and targets from this year and set targets for next year, as per his report appended below.
- As well as being an “inclusive” club, where there are teams anyone can enter, the Captains' job is to select the best team to get the best results for the club, too.
- Highlighted various team and individual achievements from the year.
- Set targets for next year in the above races.

Stuart also pointed out that he will be stepping down after 6 years next year, so we will be looking for a new mens captain. In response to a question, it was confirmed that if someone was co-opted to be a vice captain, that person could be nominated for election as captain.

10) London Marathon club ballot draw: Tim Gore

Eleven club members names were in the hat, and Rachel Parker was asked to draw the winner. Liz Hamilton was the lucky winner! In addition, a reserve name was drawn just incase Liz is unable to take the place, and this was Joseph Halliday.

11) Any other Business:

David Bower asked members to please ensure that they make sure when they enter a race that they put the club name in, as it makes it much easier to find results for publishing in the newsletter.

Also, if you do an obscure race, or if you're not sure whether David will know about it, please let him know your result to make sure it's published.

2024 AGM Captains Report

Pecos:

Men finished 2nd in the First and were promoted back to Premier Div.

Mens Vets were 4th in Premier league

Ladies finished 5th in the First Division and escaped relegation

Ladies Vets were 5th in the Premier Division

Individual age category winners:

Men:

Will Kerr 2nd V45

Martin Fillingham 3rd V50

Andy Brown 2nd V55

Stuart Dunbar 2nd V60

Ladies:

Helen Love 1st F65

Good attendance averaging 35 with 39 at first race and 31 at last.

Most improved Runners: James Carlton & Louise Nash

Peco Relays:

No teams entered

12 Stage relay in Birkenhead:

Team finished in 30th place and qualified to run in finals but insufficient people were available to run.

CWR:

Male open team finished 22nd out of 99 entries

Thanks to John Singh for organising teams.

BMWR:

2 Teams entered 1 male open 5th place overall

Mixed team placed 41st

Great team of marshalls and helpers

Leeds Country Way

Last year had 2 teams entered, this year 1 team, thanks to Tim Mosedale for organising

Mixed(ish) team 51st place

6 Stage relay- Blackpool:

No teams entered (somebody decided to get married!)

YVAA events

Grand Prix:

Men's team placed 12th overall (1st 4 to count) 12th last year. 47 clubs represented.

Ladies team 31st overall out of 41 clubs

Individual results: Stuart Dunbar 1st MV60 (6th overall)

Championships:

5k-2 trophies,

10K 1 trophy,

5 mile 2 trophies

10 mile 1 trophy

Half marathon 0 trophy

Golden Acre Park Relay

No teams entered.

Relay v Baildon

This was effectively done at the Danefield Relay: 8 teams entered , A team finished 4th- 2 places ahead of Baildon

Murder Mile V Baildon

We won the trophy again!

No watch race

Well supported and some good results including a winner and 3rd place

General:

3 new club records

John Carr race reinvented

Some great social events such as Burnsall trip, Filey, Tromso

Targets for This year:

Promotion to Premier division in Pecos- Success

Get to finals in the 12 stage road relays- success

Match or better our performance for the BMW & LCWR- BMW success but not LCWR

Targets for Next Year

Stay in Peco Premier league

Qualify for 12 stage relays and do Final

Match or better our performance for the BMW

Enter at least one team for LCWR

Recruit Vice Captains

Recruit new Captain

Saltaire Striders: Changes to the constitution being proposed for the 2024 AGM

Change 1

Purpose of change: To remove our existing vets captains in favour of vice captains, who will be members of the management committee.

Wording Changes: Changes highlighted in yellow

6. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- Chair.
- Captain (Men).
- Captain (Women).
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- ~~Captain (Male Vets)~~ Vice Captain (Men).
- ~~Captain (Female Vets)~~ Vice Captain (Women).
- Runs Organiser

All Officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The electorate will be all members of the club on 31st August except for the posts of Captains and **Vets Vice** Captains. For these four posts, the electorate will be the relevant group of club members.

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7. Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of:

*Chair; **Captains and Vice Captains**; Club Secretary; Club Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Communications officer; Training and Coaching Coordinator; Welfare Officers (2); Social Secretary.*

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee. Co-opted officers will have the right to vote.

Members are asked to vote to in favour or against the above changes

In favour **Against** **Abstain**

Change 2

Purpose of change: To allow the AGM to be held at a different time of year.

Wording Changes: Changes highlighted in yellow

6. Officers of the club

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All Officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The electorate will be all members of the club **on 31st August at the time of sending out notice of the AGM** except for the posts of Captains and Vets Captains. For these four posts, the electorate will be the relevant group of club members **on the same date**.

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9. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting will be held once in every 12-month period ending on 31st March, which will review the accounts and proceedings of the club for the previous 12-month period.

Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.

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The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of membership at **31st August the time of sending out notice of the AGM**.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM when there is a significant and urgent matter. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as the AGM except that the agenda will have a single item of business.

Members are asked to vote to in favour or against the above changes

In favour ☐ **Against** ☐ **Abstain** ☐

Change 3

Purpose of change: To fix the cyclical terms of the three financial controlling officers (Chair, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer) to ensure that, unless there has been an early resignation, exactly one of these officers is elected each year. In the case of an officer resigning early, their successor would be elected initially to fill the remainder of that term.

Wording Changes: Changes highlighted in yellow

6. Officers of the club

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The term of office for all posts is three years. All retiring officers will be eligible once for re-election to their current post, but may subsequently stand for a different post.

In the case of the posts of treasurer, chair and secretary their terms will run from the AGM 2024, 2025 and 2026 respectively and every three years after that. In the event of one of these posts becoming vacant before a three year term is completed their successor will be elected for the remainder of that term (any term of only one year will not count towards the two terms restriction on continual service).

In the event of a post becoming vacant more than three months before the AGM through illness or early retirement, the Management Committee may (a) rearrange duties between officers to cover the post, and/or (b) invite volunteers and co-opt a club member to temporarily fill the post.

Members are asked to vote to in favour or against the above changes

In favour ☐ **Against** ☐ **Abstain** ☐