

AGM 2013 PROPOSALS

1. Rhona McBean – Virgin London Marathon Ballot

As it is becoming harder every year to get into the main VLM ballot, it may be an idea to revise the way our ballot for club places is carried out. Traditionally, those who have tried and failed to get a place through the normal ballot procedure are given preference for all the places we are allocated as a club. However as the main ballot closes more and more quickly every year, I thought it might be an idea to have one place open to all eligible club members, with preference given to those who entered the main ballot for the other place(s).

As it happens, we have 3 places this year. So, the first 2 places would be drawn only for those eligible members who entered the main ballot, and the 3rd place drawn from all eligible members who put their names forward.

2. Simon Grieshaber – 100+ Marathons

I would like to put forward a proposal for the committee to vote on. I would like the club to arrange a new trophy / award for 100+ marathons. Right now that award goes to Bob Brown but Kenny is very close.

I was thinking the award would be a special plaque rather than a medal or cup. I would need some help in the wording as I think it needs to be special, eg

**100+ Marathon PRR Club Member
Bob Brown
To reward and recognise the huge contribution to marathon running
On Behalf of all at Perth Road Runners**

3. Neil Muir – Vintage Vet Trophies

Proposal - that we should now have individual trophies for distances mirroring our current age categories for the vintage vet category, (over 55 for ladies and over 60 for men).

4. Grant Wooler – Children / Youth Subsection

I would like PRR to consider starting up a children's/youth subsection for the club for anyone under 18.

Basic rules could be applied such as ...each child would have to have a supporting and responsible adult with them. Declarations signed by the parent or guardian giving them permission to train and run with us. etc etc.

I would happily take ownership of this subsection.

This has also been seconded by Fiona Morrison and Duncan Ryan.

We already have several youths and children training with us and I believe the club is offering something to them that the harriers lack....long distance running.

I have sought advice from schools and athletic coaches on this and would continue to do so should the subsection evolve.

Regarding membership I would recommend a fee of £5 -> £10 /annum and we should also create a family membership for say £25->£30 /annum. To be discussed at the AGM.

5. Kenneth Stewart - The Blairgowrie Ne'er Day Run

The Blairgowrie Ne'er Day Run celebrates its 30th anniversary on 01-Jan-2014.

Proposal: To include the Blair event as part of our Club Championship for the coming year.

As Scottish tradition generally dictates a festive mood over this period, involving family celebrations, the suggestion is to amend Rule 3(a) for 2014 whereby 7 from 9, becomes 7 from 10 races counting towards the Championship.

This would prevent members from being handicapped, if they overindulged the night before and unable to compete.

Very simply, it becomes a bonus race for 2014.

Also, I think commencing the Championship on day one of 2014 will provide good press coverage for the Club.

The route is 3.7-miles, so an easy distance for all levels of fitness and hangovers, plus a short drive from Perth.

Starts at 1pm

We would require our own timing system with time keepers clocking the start and finish.

Town Hall: Soup after the race together with category and spot prizes plus the traditional throwing of sweets to the adults and children.

I trust that you will consider and support this proposal.

Kenneth GN Stewart

Blairgowrie Advertiser:

Conditions were near perfect for the 29th Blairgowrie Ne'er Day fun run and walk on Tuesday. Event records were broken all round with smiles from everybody - even the record number of dogs which took part this year. Event director Bob Ellis said that last year's total for walkers was 142, and this year 174 started and finished the 3.7-mile route. The number of runners was also up from last year's 205 to 254. The number of dogs entered was 24, up by seven on last year.

"This year's race turned out to be a little spooky with the race winner finishing in a time of 20.13 minutes," said Bob. "There was a hurried conversation between the timekeepers to verify if all stop watches recorded the same time, and yes they did: so the 2013 race was finished in 20.13 minutes, which was 50 seconds outside the course record.

"At 12.30 off went the walkers with their dogs, some walkers, and kiddies with other modes of transport, a couple of very small bikes and a couple on scooters, but all chatting away and enjoying the bracing air.