

# Perth Road Runners

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 28th November 2022 – 19.30

The Royal George Hotel

<b>Present</b>	David Innes (Chair), James Waldie (Vice Chair), Amy Bryson (Secretary), Mark Crawford (Race Organiser)
<b>Apologies</b>	Douglas Robertson (Membership), Gillian Edwards (Treasurer)

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Craig White Katrina Leese Sara Baillie Marianne Crichton Louise Waywell Sally Newton Tessa Ward Rhona Barclay Jenny Shilton Simon Grieshaber Douglas Roberston Stewart Dallas Diane White Robin Livingstone Cath Livingstone	
<b>3</b>	<b>Adoption of 2021 Minutes</b>  Lou Ella Cole – Proposes Ronnie Glen – Seconds	
<b>4</b>	<b>Annual Report 2021-22</b>  DI thanks committee and Race Sub-Committee  <b>Treasurers report</b> – v. reasonable year cash flow wise JW Apologises for GE not being in attendance so summarises report. More expenditure this year on 2021 due to COVID restrictions lifting. More income from 2 races that went ahead in 2022 in person. Lost just over £1000 in spends for races, good spending. Club account has huge surplus, holding on to cash so asks membership to send suggestions for spending. Lots of kit left over this year – job for 2023 Kit secretary	

	<p><b>Race report</b>  All races went ahead this year – SS, HAA, Championship (with challenges but still went ahead)  Mob match new race, Bertha relay new race, Yahoo upcoming  Race attendance still picking up but hopeful for next year.</p> <p><b>Race Sub-Committee report</b>  DI thanks Kev Riddell for stepping up to run races with no set leadership.</p> <p>Gillian Edwards and Mark Crawford put lots of work into tidy up club <b>website</b> – DI congratulates for their hard work.  MC adds that current website is slower/older than most but is now up to date and will be maintained and added to (club history etc.) to make it a good resource. Facebook page (and emails) still go to for information.  Robin W. enquires about keeping Martin Ryan and Jean Wainwright articles in archive section, MC confirms this will remain as it is part of club history.</p>	
5	<p><b>XC Report</b></p> <p>Kev Riddell gives summary of XC for 2022.</p> <p>Slow start, one female at Gala relay, issues with roadworks. Not without challenges of getting teams to XC. Fabienne got fantastic result in race with little PRR turn out. KR congratulates Fabienne on this achievement.</p> <p>KR encourages all to come to XC.</p> <p>Success at relays in Cumbernauld, Male and Female teams.  National short course, 7 women, 6 men.  District league in Dundee, 5 men, 7 women.</p> <p>PRR XC climbing tables. 4 more races left in season.</p>	
6	<p><b>Jean Wainwright Salver</b></p> <p>Committee had number of nominations for this award:  Lou Ella – completed 3 American marathons (Boston, Chicago, NYC)  Peter Ritchie – Comrades Marathon  Kenneth Stewart – Loch Ness Marathon every year (in a kilt)</p> <p><b>Co-Winners (first time for separate events)</b>  Salomon Glen Coe Skyline race – <b>Mike Souter</b>  Many ultra runs (5 in number) – <b>Steph Reid</b></p> <p><b>Karen adds that Jim Wainwright recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and is v happy to hear we still run this award</b></p>	Awards to be presented on awards night

7	<p><b>Most Improved Runners</b></p> <p><b>Ladies:</b> runners up -  Rhiannon Laing  Lou Ella Cole  Ann Reid  Maria Dale  <b>Winner – Tessa Ward</b></p> <p><b>Mens:</b> runners up –  James Waldie  Kev Riddell  <b>Winner – Elliot Collins</b></p>	
8	<p><b>Club Personality of the Year</b></p> <p>Membership have voted on the night.</p> <p>Joint Second – Mike Dales and Fabienne Thompson</p> <p><b>Winner – Mark Crawford</b></p>	
9	<p><b>Election of Committee Members</b></p> <p><b>Committee (Core)</b>  Chair – James Waldie (DI first, MD second)  Vice Chair – Elliot Collings (JW first, DS seconds)  Secretary – Fiona Manson (MC first, AB second)  Treasurer – David Innes (JW first, MC second)</p> <p><b>Non-Core</b>  Kit Secretary – Stewart Reid (DS first, DI second)  Web Organiser – Richard Ward (MC first, DI second)  Welfare Officer – David Stokoe (KR first, JW seconds)  Membership – Douglas Robertson (MC first, JW seconds)  Race Organiser – Lou Ella Cole (KR first, Kenny seconds)  Championship Organiser – Mark Crawford (JW first, KR seconds)  Press Officer – James Fotheringham (JW first, MC seconds)</p>	
10	<p><b>Member Proposals</b></p> <p>1. <b>To make the same the male and female veteran age categories for club race series</b></p> <p>39 yes   0 Nos   2 abstentions  <b>Proxy</b> 1 abstentions   All the rest yes</p> <p>2. <b>Alter the HAA series to include trail running</b></p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>

FM raises point – how will this be defined. Already have trail races in this series as is? MC agrees and will have to come with a guideline for this.  
Mike and Clare agree in having 6 out of 8 races for series. Clare raises if we take trail out of summer series? MC wants to keep SS less trail (at most Milnathort Dash) rather than pure trail.  
Lou Ella comments some like that SS has a mix of races. Other membership agree with this point.  
SR says having HAA would widen up interest in memberships. MC suggests we try for a year as a test.  
MD mid-week evening races got best turn out from membership. Lou Ella comments this is more on availability than interest. Local races.  
NM comments watered are muddied with bringing in SS – keep this proposal as HAA rather than bringing in SS. Comments on why SS was popular and created in the first place. MC clarifies these races may likely be midweek, local as possible, not touching SS in this proposal.

Membership comments in full to keep SS as is outside of this proposal. Keeping HAA more hills and bring in trail, not overlap too much with SS. More technical trail will be kept to HAA not SS.

43 Yes | 2 No | 0 Abstentions  
**Proxy** 18 Yes | 2 No | 1 Abstentions

**Nullled**

**3. Remove obligations for a marathon to be completed to place in club championships**

MC Speaking on behalf of membership and wording of rules. Current rules state you can COMPLETE with 7 races or 6 and a marathon. To COMPETE for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> you must complete a marathon. Age categories force all competitors to complete a marathon if one person does. No other clubs have this rule. Marathon is set but no other distance is. Leans in favour of faster runners. Marathon will stay in champs, but not be obligation for competing for place.

LouElla raises that championship title set precedent for series and that endurance of marathon is part of it. MC raises we have age categories for marathon. LouElla states this would make champs still lean in favour of faster runners, just like all other series do overall too.

RG on LouElla point, obligation is still there for half marathons. Raises that you would still have to run 8 races.

NM all the other clubs are wrong. Strongly opposed due to history of having the series. Agrees with LouElla that championships looks for champion runner and a marathon is part of that. Membership has completed masters in the past. Pressure of completing a marathon is part of it. More accessible marathons now. 'Better runner' is the club champion. You don't have to win the marathon, just complete it.

JW raises that the focus on shorter runs doesn't show lack of endurance just a commitment to run faster over shorter distances.

Championship medal was brought in for this very reason, still get a medal for the series. Taking away marathon will take away from previous winner that have done it on Marathon.

MC wanting more participation in the club, have dropped 27 people in the last year taking part in the series. Could be more due to people coming back to running and changes in commitments. MC thinks making it more competitive by doing so LouElla disagrees.

General agreement that keeping it in sets it aside as a big achievement.

DS raises that constitution is about participation rather than focusing on better/faster/longer etc. PKC says sports clubs are elitest, costs a lot to enter races and this all gets in the way of people taking part.

Road runner definition – run 5k, 10k, half marathon and marathons. Make it more even spread of distances?

NM comes back on DS point. We're not a barrier to people participating, we encourage members to come into club and do other distances. You can be part of champs without doing marathon (just not place top 3)

FMor raises that having it in the champs has encouraged many to push to get to marathon distance so they can compete.

Not everyone wants to be the club champ

LouElla participation point, having it compulsory doesn't stop participation. It's more about competitiveness. JW raises that this would be an opportunity to make the series more about an even spread of distances/terrains and you have to do one of each. A smaller overhaul of championship?

	<p>Fabienne raises that the forward planning nature of races now has lowered numbers across the board.</p> <p>7 Yes   30 No   5 Abstentions  <b>Proxy</b> 8 Yes   9 No   0 Abstentions</p> <p><b>4. Add lead coach into committee positions</b>  JW discusses that this is more of a liaison role that means committee knows more about what is going on and formalise the training plans for certain races eg. To prepare membership for champs etc. Increase communications to get coaching more in the forefront of club.</p> <p>KRid agrees it not being called lead coach and not having it as a committee position but keen to have position exist so the communications can take place. JW feels this needs more permanency incase committee is all changed and doesn't get forgotten about.</p> <p>DS raises is there coach willing to do this position if it gets voted in. JW and KRid raise that currently that won't be an issue but it could be done on a rotation.</p> <p>MC feels it necessary to be more permanent for future of club meetings.</p> <p>NM feels there's not debate that it's a necessary position just the set up of organising the comms. JW states that comms have been hard this year and wants coaches to be bigger part of committee. (input on races etc from feedback at sessions)</p> <p>Kenny raises that if coaches are big part of the club they should be part of committee to commit to the club</p> <p>Amendment – Not <b>Lead Coach</b>, instead <b>Coach Liaison</b></p> <p>46 Yes   0 No   0 Abstentions  <b>Proxy</b> 12 Yes   2 No   4 Abstentions</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Kenneth raises Tay Ten entry come down to £10 (has raised to £14) as we are making a surplus on the race when people are having cost of living emergency. We should set the precedent on this and encourage other clubs to do the same. Tay Ten for a Tenner. DS raises that we need to cover cost. JW agrees on principle of this but needs to look over numbers, if not maybe the £4 goes towards a charity? Debated that this defeats the purpose. DI states that it is to be brought up when next year organise this not one for a debate. KRid says we made a sizeable profit this year purely due to one company not sending us</p>	

	<p>an invoice. Brig Bash only just made profit, so keen to make sure costs is covered. CLid raises that we could potentially make a loss as the club is retaining a lot of money currently. JW argues that we don't want to always be making a loss on the races. Kenneth raises that we only do this for a couple years. MC says we could cut costs by having less prizes – Kenny agrees not great for the environment.</p> <p>Grant Wooler raises - XC champs – did so well last time we're doing it again. Need many marshals to volunteer. CLid raises that we get money from SA for hosting.</p> <p>LouElla raises that she was organising xmas do for 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, but is moving to January due to personal commitments. Does club want more social events? Committee agree this is something club needs, we just need someone officially to organise it going forward.</p> <p>Foodbank run – organise for February. General agreement from membership to go forward with this. Could this take place on night of yahoo? Both is good.</p> <p>Perth Parkrun's birthday wanting donations to foodbank for this.</p> <p>Neil Muir thanks committee for their commitment to the club and running of things.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Close</b>	DI closes