



1985 - 2017

Perth Road Runners

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Affiliated to Scottish Athletics 1986

Perth Road Runners 2017 AGM Proposals.

1. Championship Medal – Neil Muir

That the club championship medal be renamed “The Jim McAndrew Championship Medal” and be engraved as such when purchasing new medals.

2. Championship Trophy – Ronnie Glen

The men’s Club Championship Trophy be renamed the Jim McAndrew Club Championship Trophy.

3. Club Bench – Neil Muir

The club look into the feasibility of erecting a club bench outside Bell’s sports centre as a memorial for significant PRR members who have passed away.

4. Chip Time / Gun Time – Kenneth Stewart

When available, chip timing to be used by the Committee, ahead of gun time, in deciding the outcome of PRR Championship races, regardless of distance. The same to apply for Sumer Series and Hills Are Alive.

5. Yahoo – Caroline Ness

My proposal is in relation to the Club Yahoo Handicap event which is “an event where you estimate your time in advance, and run the route to see how close you get to that. Runners are set off in reverse order based on estimated time, with the idea being that all runners converge on the finish at roughly the same time”. In 2016 I took part in this event and felt when runners passed me at the top of Craigieknowes Road that there was something fundamentally wrong (especially when one of those runners won the First over the Line trophy) when the purpose is as above - I finished one minute later than my predicted time so my estimated time was pretty accurate.

I have looked at the predicted and actual times of all the runners for the 2016 event and out of 37 runners, 4 people matched their times exactly, 7 people took longer than their anticipated time and 26 people were quicker. The runners who were quicker ranged from 1.5%-14.5% quicker than their predicted time (16 runners were up to 5% quicker (e.g. up to 6 minutes faster), 6 runners 6-10% (e.g. up to 10 minutes faster) and 3 were 11%+ faster (e.g. up to 18 minutes faster). The First over the Line was 10.7% faster than their predicted time, the Fastest Runner was exact (in minutes). In 2015, the First over the Line was approx. 8% faster than their predicted time – there is no predicted time for the Fastest Runner so I can't comment on this. Figures are approximate – I didn't use seconds in the calculations and sometimes rounded up or down.

In disability sport, in events ranging from 60M – 5000M (finish times ranging from <15s to >16mins), if an athlete runs a time 15% quicker than their predicted time, they are disqualified. This is to ensure a fair system whereby individuals have to be as accurate as possible (and to prevent cheating) and athletes are routinely disqualified if this happens. My proposal is that the Yahoo follows a similar format so that those who do predict their time more accurately are the ones who should be considered for the trophies. Fifteen percent is too high over a 9.5 mile event (based on 2016 results, this could be up to 14minutes) so I propose that if runners are over 5% faster, then they are not eligible for the trophies. I appreciate that some newer runners will genuinely not know how long the route will take them but from my experience, the club practices the route for numerous weeks beforehand so I don't see this as a reason not to implement. Throughout the event, every runner should feel like they have a chance to be a trophy winner if it is a true handicap event. Personally, as a slower runner, there are not many club events/standards I could potentially win/actually achieve but if the format of the Yahoo was improved, then I, along with everyone else taking part would feel at least there is a fairer chance of crossing the line with the majority.

Proposal: If runners are over 5% faster than their predicted time for the Yahoo Handicap event then they are not eligible to win any trophies

6. Club Relay – Ella Webley

I've read a lot about the Ragnar Relay and I wonder if it's something the club could replicate? We could have teams of 4 or 5 doing the same route - for example Perth to Dundee, maybe even a longer route, I don't know. Teams could be selected by the committee or everyone grouped together in their own pace bracket then names out of each group. That way it would be even teams so no clear team winner. We could do mock 'kills' where by if a runner passes another from another team they get a point for their 'kill' (all a bit of fun). This could be done as a fundraiser also?

Give something back as a fundraiser and do something all together as a club.

7. London Marathon Ballot – Kev Rogers

Proposed amendment to the club rules re London Marathon Ballot Places -

To enter the club London Marathon ballot you must have been a fully paid up member of Perth Road Runners when you entered the official London Marathon ballot for that year

To enter the club London Marathon ballot you must have failed to gain entry via the official London Marathon ballot for that year

If a member gains entry to the London Marathon via the club London Marathon ballot then they will not be eligible to enter the following years club London Marathon ballot

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Club members must request to enter the club London Marathon ballot when notification is sent out by the committee, failure to make the request would mean that they will not be entered in to that years club London Marathon ballot

Each consecutive year that a club members, enters and is entitled to enter the club London Marathon ballot they will receive double the entries than the previous year – years 1 = 1 entry, year 2 = 2 entries, year 3 = 4 entries, year 4 = 8 entries

If a club member is successful in gaining an entry via the club London Marathon ballot but chooses not to take up the ballot place, then they will have been deemed to have gained entry and would revert back to year 1 at the following club London Marathon ballot

If a club member decides to run the London Marathon for charity after failing to gain entry via the club London Marathon ballot, this will not affect their next years allocation on entries.

8. Gordon Donnachie – James Fotheringham

I would like consider having a collection or a donation for Gordon Donnachie. Gordon is a lovely lad who goes to loads of races and takes brilliant photos. He does it without receiving money and let's you copy any photographs you want. A voucher for him to use as he wishes I am sure would've appreciated.

9. Ian Morrison – Committee

Consider a collection or a donation for a voucher for Ian due to his excellent photography and support for the club at various races, parkrun and events.