

Perth Road Runners
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2025, 7:00pm start
NORTH INCH COMMUNITY CAMPUS, ASSEMBLY HALL

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Mark Crawford

- Requirement of AGM, esp as relates to our Constitution and charity status
- 50 PRRs in attendance
- 24 in proxy
- Overview of agenda shown

2. APOLOGIES – Paige Brown

Adam Janeczko	Gillian Edwards	Kenny Cairns	Paul Grace
Adam Wooler	Gillian Smith	Kevin Rogers	Rober Stark
Aga Mroczkowska	Graeme Gatherer	Kristen Bain	Rosalind Bryce
Anna Woodhead	Gregor Ryan	Lenny Burnett	Rose Ryan
Brian Galletly	Iris Ryan	Lindsay Finch	Sally Newton
Caroline Duffin	James Waldie	Liz Johnston	Scott Connor
Cath Livingstone	Jamie Garvie	Lou Ella Cole	Sonjia Crow
Charles Woodhead	Jenny Shilton	Lucy Ward	Stephen Brinkman
Claire Douglas	Jo Brinkman	Lynn Gatherer	Stewart Dallas
Dean Abberley	John Johnston	Mike Dales	
Fiona Manson	John McLagan	Neil Wilson	
Gair McRostie	Kate Marshall	Nicola Crowe	

3. ADOPTION OF AGM MINUTES 2024 – Mark Crawford

- Proposed: Rhona Younger
- Seconded: Fabienne Thompson

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

4.1. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Clive Bowman

- Membership fee remained the same at £15, will stay the same for the following year
- Membership numbers – consistent since 2018, slight dip through COVID with good numbers
- 199 members in total at the end of 2025 membership year.
- Seeing same kind of numbers leaving and joining each year
- 100-110 consistent membership each year.
- Membership renewal good past year.
- By AGM 2024 – 144 members
- By AGM 2025 – 147 members

- 190 is threshold for qualification for 2 places for London Marathon Ballot (includes honorary members); we just missed this in 2025.

4.2. RACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mark Crawford

- Great success of BB and TT 2025, this a consolidation of approach following on from 2024 changes
- We have hit maximum capacity at both races (375 at TT, 330 at BB) – toilets, car parks, hall space
- Almost record field for TT, record of 285 for BB.
- Maintaining entry fees for both races into 2026
- Medals are still a discussion point – looking at wooden medals for TT 2026
- Safety of BB still a concern, more difficult every year and trying to avoid a road closure.
- Road closures will come with a very major fee (£Ks), which is to be considered (majorly impacts race entry fee).

4.3. COACHING REPORT – Richard Ward

- Continued increase in attendance.
- New members coming to coaching sessions.
- Around one-third of members are using the sessions.
- Getting close to coach-to-athlete ratio on track, need everybody to register on Spond (which help manage numbers and make sure there are enough coaches there).
- With an increase in members, need to expand coaching team.
- Lost one assistant coach (Lucy Ward, now away to study).
- Door is open to anyone who wants to join coaching team.

4.4. CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER'S REPORT – Alan Rigby

- *Summer Series*: 36 runners took part in at least 2 races in Summer Series, which was a success; 25 podium places for PRR
- *Hills Are Alive*: 4 of the 8 races were internal races. 9 athletes finished the series
- *Championship*: 9 diamond and 27 platinum standard runs split between 10 runners. 40 podium places were obtained.

4.5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mark Crawford (for Charles Woodhead)

- Sitting flush this year, from BB and TT.
- Overview of accounts provided (visual)
- Two-thirds of our income from running races (ie £~4,800 of ~£8,000)
- Biggest chunk of expenditures: presentation evening, £1400 on SA Fees, track costs, cross-country fees, two mob matches
- ~£2,000 surplus this year for club, almost exactly mirroring getting rid of chip timing at TT and BB (which sums to this amount).
- Conclusion: club is in a good place financially.
- Donations to Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust & Woodland Trust charities, both maintaining paths that the club uses a lot. £150 to each.

4.6. ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY – Mark Crawford

- Numbers of participation still low compared to pre-COVID; we struggle to see engagement, esp in social things (eg Hartleys, quiz).
- A key part of what we're trying to work on always is inclusion, across every member of the club.
- Won't always get it right, but do try to include.

- Thanks to everyone on the Race Committee, everyone who organised internal races, cross-country captains, Hartleys organisers, volunteers, Maria and Finlay's shed.

Attendee Discussion

a. 40th Anniversary – Neil Muir

Discussion points raised (Committee & Attendees):

- i. Just not enough interest to pursue organisation*
- ii. A real part of the issue – making social things happen*
- iii. No reply made on the results of the follow up poll*
- iv. Kinross have celebrated a 40th, no response on Facebook to questions over this.*
- v. Discussion of communications between Committee and Club*

5. JEAN WAINWRIGHT SALVER – announced by Ronnie Glen

- Overview of who Jean Wainwright was, her levels of accomplishment as a runner and what she represented to the club and the inspiration she represents.
 - Candidates:
 - Michael Wardlaw (7 marathons this year)
 - Tessa Ward (gained 6-star finisher)
- Winner: Robin Livingstone (for his many ultras in 2025)**

6. MOST IMPROVED RUNNERS – announced by Alan Rigby & Richard Ward

Ladies

- Ann Reed
- Rose Ryan
- Diane White
- **Winner: Jo Brinkman – PBs at 5k, 10k, half-marathon, won the Yahoo by 6 mins.**

Male

- Alan Rigby
- Brian Galletly
- Liam Fotheringham
- Dougie Robertson
- **Winner: Paul McCormick – dedicated early morning runner, doesn't race often but really makes it count, improved over every distance, 2:58 marathon debut**

7. CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR – announced by Clive Bowman (vote handling) and Mark Crawford

Members voted on the night

Winners (joint): Jimmy Fotheringham & Ann Reed

8. LONDON MARATHON BALLOT – Ronnie Glen

Winner: Dean Abberley

Reserve: Sam Newington

9. PROPOSALS – to adjust the Club Standards levels for the marathon distance to those that once more make them a realistic target for PRR runners

- Ronnie: Original club standards were modified in 2019, the marathon standard times (age group records and the way the records are calculated) remain very hard to achieve.

- Very few people are able to claim a marathon at the same standard as they are for the other distances.
- Proposal: suggest reversing the previous decision, making the marathon time more achievable, more to the level as other distances.
- 3% (points of the WAVA scores) increase within each standard level.
- Key point to doing it, the marathon is an important part of what this club does, but a large number of members are falling short of their level in comparison to their other standard times.
- DISCUSSION:
- *Rhona Younger: do other clubs have standards and do they work it out in a similar way? – Yes, different across all clubs, everybody has a different methodology.*
- *Michael Wardlaw – so many variables in a marathon that can make it hard to achieve the times. Suggested new times definitely haven't made it too easy.*
- *Fiona Angus – achieved them under Rudd times, and when they were changed previously found them to be unachievable.*
- *Jimmy – Better chance of achieving 4 out of 6 instead of 4 out of 5 if they are changed.*

Vote (In the Room):

In favour of the motion: 47

Against:

Abstaining: 3

Vote (Proxy):

In favour of the motion: 24

Against:

Abstaining:

Result: Club in favour of an adjustment in the standards from March 1st

10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Charity Status: Club must have a minimum of 4 charity Trustees under our constitution to be a valid charity; these must be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – (T). All other posts can be fulfilled by a Trustee or non-Trustee. Each standing volunteer for these posts was thus asked if they were standing as a Trustee or non-Trustee, and voters were thus informed whether they were voting in 'just' a Club Officer or a Club Officer/Trustee to each post.

*Those voted in as Trustees are marked with a **(T)** below.*

Chair: No volunteer and **no Chair was elected**

Vice Chair: No volunteer and **no Vice-Chair was elected**

Secretary: Diane White (T) (Dougie Roberston proposer, Tessa Ward seconder)

Treasurer: Charlie Woodhead (T) (Grant Wooler proposer, Gillian McGuire seconder)

Championship Organiser: Caroline Hogarth (Lorraine McPherson proposer, Jill Garvie seconder)

Welfare Officer: Jo Brinkman (T) (Marten Kats proposer, Maria Dale seconder)

Race Organiser: Mark Crawford (T) (Kev Riddell proposer, Gillian McGuire seconder)

Website Organiser: Tom Rhodes (T) (Fiona Angus proposer, Jimmy Fotheringham seconder)

Membership Co-ordinator: Clive Bowman (T) (Alan Rigby proposer, Gordon Lindsay seconder)

Clothing Officer: Finlay Dale (T) & Maria Dale (T) (Fabienne Thompson proposer, Grant Wooler seconder)

Coach Liaison: Richard Ward (T) (Paul Hammersley proposer, Ronan McDonnell seconder)

Social Secretary: Jill Garvie (Diane White proposer, Dougie Robertson seconder)

Press Officer: none elected, but **Liz Johnston** will continue to maintain club Instagram feed/page and **Mark Crawford** offered – in absence of any other offers - to write press reports for BB, TT and MMs.

11. A.O.B

- 1) *Peter Ritchie - does club still do a quaich for over 100 marathons? (making the point that Kenneth Stewart was awarded one for such in 2014)*
- 2) *Paul Hammersley. - two refugees have been granted a visa for 5 years.*
- 3) *Rhona Younger - is there different way of immediate communication, one-way communication not open for discussion. Spond has been used a bit more in recent months.*
Mark Crawford - website is a great resource for one-way communication. Facebook is difficult, unpopular and has transitory posts; there isn't a perfect system or single platform on which PRRs can be notified or communicate.
Clive Bowman - The website has a Google calendar which can be transferred onto your own calendar on your phone.
- 4) *Neil Muir: Thanks to the Committee and Race sub-committee.*

8:30pm meeting closed