AGM 2026

Chairs Welcome and Introduction.

First of all, I would like to say a big thank you for attending this year's AGM. In my experience AGM's tend not to be the most interesting of events, but I do hope that this evening is a positive and useful event as we try to reflect on how the club has done over this last year, perhaps what could have been done better and perhaps most importantly how we want to see the club changing and developing to meet our aspirations and challenges of life in 2026 and beyond. As members, together we are Perth Road Runners and every member's opinion and suggestion is valid and appreciated.

Secondly, I would like to say a huge thank you to the club's committee and trustees. I have never been a chair before and that has probably shown, but I have appreciated and I am sure I speak for all the members in saying how much we appreciate all your hard work in making the club happen. When we need to buy a running club shirt, there's always one there. Races are selected and co-ordinated to avoid clashes, results collated and uploaded. The web-site "cursed" as it crashes, and is fixed and fixed again: welfare; races organised; coaching organised; media reports; money spent and accounted for; minutes taken and typed; agendas produced; rooms booked; membership managed, Spond assigned. Seminars organised and "treasure hunted". We do appreciate all that you have done and the time that you have given, thank you.

I must say, how much I have personally enjoyed this last year of running with the club. It has been great fun turning up to races to see the green and white shirts, getting to know new runners and making new friends, catching up with old friends. Tuesday evenings seem to have grown in popularity with about 30 members regularly running together and we have tried to ensure that all runners regardless of speed or ability have a relevantly paced group to run in. Crazy warm ups ranging from Diane's hoola hoops, Grant's river dance and Clive's chicken feeding ought to have been video'd but it's probably a good job that they weren't. Running has seemed so much easier when I've run with the club.

Track training session seems to be growing in popularity with 17 members recently signed up.

Scavenger/treasure hunts, Bertha relays, the Mob Match and the like have seen larger numbers of participation from club members, whilst participation in the club races continues to decline. This year the Championship was completed by just 3 women of which only two were eligible to compete against each other, 8 men completed the championship, but only 3 competed against each other.

Hills are Alive was completed by just 3 men and 1 lady. The summer series was completed by 6 men and 6 ladies. In total only 24 different members completed across all three events. This year on year lack of interest in the club's traditional competitions has been a cause of concern for the committee as it suggests that they are no longer meeting the needs of the club's membership. A proposal has been drawn up by the committee that we hope will inspire the membership to complete and

compete. Indeed, some of the considerations that formed the committee's proposal have been duplicated in other proposals received for discussion.

Finally, as we head into the discussions and business of the AGM, I believe that it is important that we remind ourselves of the club's objectives as defined in our constitution, as our activities must work to fulfil them.

"The Club's objectives are:

1. To advance public participation in the sport of amateur athletics within the Perth and district area; and
2. The provision of recreational activities and/or facilities with a view to improving the conditions of life for those whom the activities and/or facilities are primarily intended.

Equalities.

In relation to its objectives and aligned to the Equalities Act 2010 the Club will:

1.strive to avoid intentional and unintentional discrimination by virtue of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or any other such artificial barriers or prejudices;

2.In doing this, the Club will strive to undertake whatever reasonable changes in services or facilities which seem necessary to implement the above."

I sincerely hope that our discussions will result in the club being reinvigorated and equipped for another 40 years of running.