

Darwen Running Group AGM – 3rd February 2016

Minutes of the Meeting at The Function room, Darwen at 8.00pm

In Attendance:

Peter Murphy – Chairman

Sarah Roberts – Committee member

Club members – Gary Mitchell, Steve Taylor, Josh Thomas, Dave Ripley, Lynn Ripley, Lesley Bloomfield, Shelley Frankland, Richard Alun Davies.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The agenda was then outlined as no previous minutes were available.

1. The Chairman asked for a volunteer for the position of club secretary as the committee requires 3 members. Dave Ripley volunteered and was proposed by Pete Murphy and seconded by Josh Thomas. Peter welcomed Dave to the committee.
2. Renewal of affiliation to Run England was discussed. This is an annual payment by the club of £100 which gives us insurance and 1 London Marathon place. This allows members to register as affiliated on direct payment of £13 and then get discount on races. This is optional for all members. However the club have to find the £100 and pay from club revenue. We raise money by making small profits from the sale of club clothing and from organising races such as Darwen Gala. The club charge no membership fee and this was discussed. The committee and members present thought it would be fair and inexpensive for members to pay £5 per year membership, payable in the month of April for the year. This equates to approximately 10 pence a week for a run programme of up to 5 runs. All agreed this was exceptional value and the motion was passed by all present. Payments to be collected at The Function Room post run meetings in April.
3. Group Run Leaders – It was discussed that this role should be open to the wider membership to relieve the workload on a handful of members who have put a lot of effort into the club and to encourage more participation from members. Even if a handful of members volunteered only once a month to lead a run it would help greatly. It was discussed to put this forward to the membership at meetings, Facebook and the Web page. Pete thanked the members present, Shelley, Gary, Sarah, Josh and Richard and all other such as Simon and Kevin who lead runs for their efforts. The run leaders work hard and make the club what it is.
4. Sarah is looking at promoting club clothing and when we have new stock and better weather Dave offered to take some photos for online use. Lesley will update the website with a clothing section when this is done.

5. Lesley will update the web page with Social Events, promote races, park runs etc Gary will aim to put together his well received newsletter for inclusion on the website and Facebook page. We could print some off for distribution at meetings possibly.
6. It was discussed to ask members re volunteering to Marshall our races IE Darwen Gala and Aquathon. Pete raised the point that we borrow timing equipment at present due to cost but if we can raise more club funds we can look to buying some equipment in the future.
7. Gary has organised a Race night to raise funds for the club. Pete thanked Gary for his efforts. This should be a good social event and something we could do regularly if a success. Gary will promote on Facebook and Lesley will put on the webpage. Other events discussed were bowling nights.
8. A.O.B. – nothing else was raised.
9. The meeting was closed by Pete who thanked all for their attendance and contribution to all discussions. Refreshments were served to all present.