

## Darwen Running Group AGM – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

In Attendance:

Peter Murphy – Chairman

Sarah Roberts – Treasurer

Dave Ripley – Membership Secretary

Club members – Gary Mitchell, Heather Laycock, Lesley Bloomfield (Web master), Jane Mather, Bev Mason, Maxine Morgan, Anne Alberts, Neil Alberts, Dave Hilton, Hana Lowry, Janet Lowry, Tina Shipperbottom, Lisa Mclver, Pete Gardner, Bryan Winder, Chris Cooper.

Apologies-, Jacob Knowles, Lynn Ripley (Chartered Accountant, Accounts Auditor), Jo Healey, Debbie Ainsworth

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The agenda was then outlined and previous 2018 minutes were approved. Dave will post last years minutes with this years due to PC problem

1. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked all committee members and run leaders, official and unofficial for their efforts during the year. Pete wished Pete G good luck in his London Marathon run. Pete then explained about his sponsorship goal to raise money for a little local girl who needs special care called Ivy Reed. All present wished him well in this and we are sure Pete will do a great run and do the club proud in DRG green in the big city !
2. Election of committee members- Jane Mather was elected Membership Secretary as Dave is stepping down after 3 years due to extra commitments. Chairman and Treasurer were re elected accordingly unopposed. Dave thanked Jane for volunteering for Membership Secretary and will send her details and logins and offer support in her new role as needed.
3. Treasurers Report- S. Roberts- Sarah ran through club accounts which Lynn had prepared. (available on request) and stated after Gala Race we donated total of £150 to Sarcoma as part of the event. Sarah thanked Lynn for approving the accounts and providing a summary. We still have a good bank balance as a result of Wellybobs Race and grants. This year no Darwen Gala so the race will go ahead still but we will try to involve Jamie Dodall more and promote the race more also. Hopefully we won't lose money if we can get numbers up on entries. Chris Cooper highlighted spreading the word through other clubs. Lesley highlighted we could use Book it zone to make it easier and have less people dropping off on the day in case of bad weather. We can look into this. Better Flyers were discussed also, Heather suggested speaking with Jacob. Dave Ripley said he would redesign if Jacob couldn't as a Plan B
4. Membership secretary – D. Ripley couldn't give exact membership numbers as access to database restricted but will add to his report in the minutes when his PC is

running if possible! He noted members down a little from previous years. DR has asked all members submit a form with name on as a minimum to aid record keeping with any changes to email/address added. This will make membership easier to do and more accurate for Jane in her new role. DR noted a few regulars turn up but don't pay. We don't chase as we rely on honesty. We all agreed membership stay at £10 and affiliated £25 of which £14 goes to England Athletics. Group insurance which we pay as a Club to England Athletics is now £150. Pete asked if the London Marathon place entry requirements should stay and all agreed yes. IE Rejection letter from VLM, running minimum of 6 races in championship and being full paid up member from end April latest.

5. AOB- Heather reminded everyone about a night out on Friday- meet 7.30 in Spoons. Sarah reminded everyone that DRG Green clothing is available from Ewood print bar online and in person , get your gear for Summer!
6. The meeting was closed by Pete who thanked all for their attendance and contribution to all discussions. Committee and members will meet when required for event co-ordination as and when required.  
Refreshments were served to all present.
7. Meeting closed at 9PM