

Darwen Running Group Annual General Meeting

6th March 2017 started at 8.15PM

19 members present- Apologies G. Naylor

Club Chairman report

P. Murphy thanked all for attending and gave thanks to H. Laycock for help with Sainsbury's sponsorship, L. Bloomfield for web page maintenance, N. Critchley and S. Rushton for their organisation and enthusiasm with beginner groups and D. Ripley to MediaCo LTD for supplying club banners. He also thanked S. Roberts for her work as Treasurer and run organiser. Chairman stated the club is now in it's 5th year of providing a well run and inexpensive running group for the town with an emphasis on being a friendly and supportive club for all people of all standards.

Minutes from previous AGM approved

Treasurers report-

S. Roberts stated £300 balance at bank. L. Ripley chartered accountant and member has approved club accounts. Copy available on request.

Club affiliation cost will be £20 , increases £1 to cover admin but basic club membership to stay the same at £5. DR to advise LB to change online form with new costs.

Club Clothing company has ceased trading. SR will look into a firm at Ewood for future clothing where members may buy direct. SR to advise when more known.

Club Secretary report

D. Ripley stated membership no's as 42 affiliated and 27 non affiliated. Membership for coming year will start in April and will be communicated by run leaders to ask members for forms and club fees. DR to add facebook post and ask LB to add message to website also.

AOB

G. Mitchell proposed a club race series of 3 races and volunteered to organise. All felt this was a good idea and committee will give assistance to GM.

N. Critchley also proposed a race organised on Wellybobs animal farm as a club regular race as well as the Gala. Again well received and club will look into with NC. Wellybobs owners HK and HK are members and would be happy to do this.

P. Murphy mentioned purchase of timing equipment would help with these races if funds can be found.

Discussion on fund raising events. Christmas party has lost money due to poor attendance 2 years. Meal may be preferable with deposit on booking. Noted that Blackpool run is popular and a great night. We need fund raisers but people to join in.

NC raised subject of getting Pro coaching session from J. Meadows, England athlete. This would be £300 so £10 a head minimum 30 people. Well received and will go ahead with this. Thanks NC for organising.

HK from Wellybobs happy to do Lloyds trust funding application for local sports clubs which could get us a grant possibly. Club grateful for input of HK on this matter.

Committee of Chairman, Pete Murphy, Treasurer, Sarah Roberts and Membership Secretary, Dave Ripley duly elected unopposed for 1 year.

A committee meeting will be arranged to further discuss race series, wellybobs race, timing equipment and grant applications.

Chairman thanked all for their attendance and positive input.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm