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## **Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

### **23rd November 2017 – Crewe Vagrants Sports Club**

**Present:** Over 50 members were in attendance but the registration sheet went missing on the night

**Apologies** – Charles Rowlands, Amy Grace,

Nick welcomed everyone to the AGM.

#### **Minutes of Previous AGM**

These were agreed

#### **Club Secretary's Report**

Currently have nearly 300 members with a number waiting to join after this meeting. This means again we have 3 club places in the London Marathon. England Athletics individual registration fee is to increase by £1 but club membership will remain at £25

We've had another successful year raising money for our club charity.

We've had another good year of racing. There has been keen competition in the leagues and all will be revealed at the presentation evening in January.

Again the club races have been a success and thanks goes to all race directors.

We also had another successful social calendar and thanks go to the organizer's

Thanks very much and hopefully we'll have another successful year in 2018.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Simon Walker told the meeting that the finances were again in a healthy state. He passed out copy of Cash Flow Report for member's information.

## **Chairman's Report**

I would like to thank the committee for supporting me this year in my role as Chairman.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all of our members who have contributed in many different ways supporting the club.

As always it's been a busy year, we have participated in strength in the Cheshire GP, NSRRA and XC as a club. Several members have done well individually and this will be acknowledged at our awards evening along with our own club championships.

We haven't quite hit the heights as a club locally this year although still achieving good results in competitions.

Maybe this is due to us becoming more diverse as a club in our running challenges. Harriers are now competing more frequently and in greater numbers in events further afield including oversea events. More have featured in Ultra's triathlons and off road challenges. These seem to have developed from a growth in the social side of running.

Slightly fewer members have competed in the club championships this year but more members have raced overall.

In 2018 I want to put my focus into encouraging participation in NSRRA. As a competition it breeds camaraderie between local clubs and ourselves and makes for healthy competition. It is also a great marketplace to advertising our own club races.

All club races were successful in terms of attendance; we had great feedback from runners across the board. Considering we had to tweak the 10k and HH courses this is welcome news.

This was Alasdair's last year as RD so thanks for all your leadership over the last umpteen years. Paul Morris is taking over so please give him the same support to ensure continued success.

The continuation of the Tuesday slot for our 5K series has proved more popular than ever. Simon even managed a sell-out race.

The 20 miler was a great success again with runners coming from nationwide. Amy is stepping down as RD but will still be involved in the organisation, a big thank you for the past few years.

The HH had approx. 150 entries so the race is growing steadily. Good that so many stayed behind for the presentation.

The Hellraiser is particularly marshal intensive and we really needed more volunteers than we had. I cant stress enough how vital all your help is putting on these races and I cant thank the folk involved enough. Without enough help we can't get these races on. If we all gave our time once a year we would be sorted.

Thanks to Claire, Diane, Gill, Sue, Charlie, Winky and all for their haed work on organising our social activities and fund raising through the year including Quiz night, Curry evening, Awards evening, Christmas party, cake sales etc. CRUK and Shine Bright have benefited from your generosity.

In conclusion it's been a privilege to serve as Chairman, I didn't see that coming! I would like to encourage all members to continue to support the running of our club in the future

### **Election of Management Committee**

The meeting nominated and confirmed the following Officers of the club:

President – Alasdair Dyde  
Chairman – Stephen Whincup  
Hon. Treasurer - Simon Walker  
Hon. Secretary – Natalie Bailey

The 8 additional members proposed and accepted were as follows:

Phil Cliff, Lindsey Ankers Neil Jones, Gill Gibbons, Claire Harrison, Paul Morris, Pat Hudson, David Nimmo

The committee would like to thank Nick for all his hard work while serving on the committee.

### **LONDON MARATHON BALLOT**

Members picked out the following for the 3 club places as follows:

Kim Knowles  
Barry Hampson  
Clive Heathcock

### **Any Other Business**

The meeting was closed at 20.45 hours