



AGM – 26th January 2024 Royton Road Runners

Committee Present

Bryan Lawton, David Emanuel, Carl O’Callaghan, Simon Howard, Adam Stirling, James Henderson, Mandy Richardson, Natalie Brown

Apologies: Ronnie Quinn, Kevin Hutchings, Jill Hickson

Members Present

Dave Philips, Barry Greaves, Jenny O’Callaghan, Gail Shaw, June Alligan, James Wright, Angela Rogowskyj, Andy Hall, Nicky Hall, Janet Jobey, Tracey Hall, Lee Earnshaw, Steve Rogowskyj, Adrian Brown, David Leyland, Mark Baxendale, Oliver Pozegic, Martina Naismith

Minutes of Last AGM 27th January 2023. Approved by Bryan Lawton, seconded by Jenny O’Callaghan

Matters Arising: None

Chair’s Report

- Welcome all to our club Annual General Meeting (AGM), thanks very much for attending.
- This was my first year as chair and as I say to many, I always feel proud and take it is a privilege to lead this great club especially in our 20th anniversary year.
- As a club we go from strength to strength with a bright future. It is not all about running, we are a very social club and community feel is as important if not more important and is what sets us aside from many other running clubs.
- The club is foremost about you the members and those who step forward to help run the club throughout the year – the committee. We had new faces join the committee last year and some movement of people within roles which is always healthy. The balance of continuity and new faces with new ideas is part of our success.
- To that point we I thank Jill Hickson – Secretary, Kevin Hutchings – Welfare Officer, John Fay Press Officer who are stepping down from their roles – more on elections later.
- Unfortunately, the year also brought us some sad news with the passing of current and past club members Darren Ogden and Kay Fitton
- We now have 144 members and growing with 4 new joining since the start of the year.
- 105 of us completed at least one race with an average attendance of 41 members at each race, highest since 2019. Three members completed all 17 – Mark Duncan, Andy Hall and Hasna Budsworth.
- Our biggest club attendance was at the first race, the Stockport Daffodil 10K back in January with 61 where we are again on Sunday!
- Marathon running proved popular once again with 61 of our members completing at least one. Biggest attendance was as usual for the Greater Manchester Marathon, which 18 of our members completed. Think we have more planned to run this year
- The club has also benefitted financially thanks to the efforts of the RRR volunteer water station at Manchester Marathon, same again this year.
- In other news we had a growing presence at ENDURE 24 with teams, Duos and Solos all entered the event. Many have already entered for this year but if you are interested, I am happy to discuss afterwards.

- 2023 cross country was dominated by Heaton Park again! We fielded 32 runners where we had some club success in many of the age categories.
- The 'Run the Moors' Fell Grand Prix also returned with 11 races and the best 5 to count. Again as a club we had great success.
- Ultra running** is becoming a feature of the club even with more members than ever move in to this territory.
- ParkRun Cup** (Shaun Armstrong Memorial RRR Cup). 47 members enter the competition and some amazing performances ensued with 24 new ParkRun PBs achieved!
- Club training night numbers are increasing, which is great to see, thanks go to James and Simon who have put some more structure into the sessions and a month-by-month plan.
- It goes without saying that I very grateful as always to the Group Leaders & others who help out on training nights.
- On the **social side** we continued our series of events, Quiz Night etc. Given it was our 20th anniversary year, Natali and helpers went over and above as put on many extra events throughout the year.
- Charity fundraising** has always been important to the club and how we can help the local community. With that in mind the nominated Charity of the Year, in 2023 was Andy's Man Club. In 2023, we raised £2829 which is well beyond the total we normally raise. See agenda item below for further details.

Correspondence: None

Treasurers Report (See Appendix 1)

- To update

Fees for 2023:

- Proposed membership fees to be set at £50 per year. This is made up of RRR £6, Cricket Club £25 and EA £19.
- The vote at the AGM unanimously agreed to the proposal.

Charity Fundraising

- In 2023, we raised £2829 which is well beyond the total we normally raise.
- Andys Man Club is national charity and we discovered there is no way to ensure the funds we raised goto activities in our local community.
- £1475 of the total has already been received by Andys Man Club which was the money Carl OCallaghan raised for running the Lakeland50.
- Discussion at the AGM concluded two actions, the remaining funds should goto Dr Kershaws.
- In future years, as a club we will focus on local charities. The definition and boundary of local to be determined by the committee.

Election of Officers for 2024

The full election process was undertaken in 2023 following publication of key roles document.

Position	Name	Outcome	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman*	Carl O'Callaghan	Re-elected unopposed	Bryan Lawton	David Emanuel
Deputy Chair*	David Emanuel	Re-elected unopposed	Simon Howard	Janet Jobey
Treasurer*	Adam Stirling	Re-elected unopposed	David Emanuel	Bryan Lawton
Secretary*	Ady Brown	Elected unopposed	Carl O'Callaghan	Adam Stirling
Social Secretary*	Natali Brown	Re-elected unopposed	Adrian Brown	Neil Bradley
Training Co-ordinator*	Simon Howard	Re-elected unopposed	Adam Stirling	Carl O'Callaghan
Welfare Officer*	Angela Rogowskj	Elected unopposed	Kevin Hutchings	Natali Brown
Communications Officer	David Emanuel	Re-elected unopposed	Simon Howard	Carl O'Callaghan
Press Officer	Andy Hall	Elected unopposed	John Fay	David Emanuel
Data Protection Officer	Carl O'Callaghan	Re-elected unopposed	Simon Howard	Martina Naismith
Club Statistician	Gail Shaw	Re-elected unopposed	Jill Hickson	Andy Chadwick
Club Kit Manager	Bryan Lawton	Re-elected unopposed	Diane Johnson	David Emanuel
Women's Captain*	Mandy Richardson	Re-elected unopposed	David Emanuel	Janet Jobey
Men's Captain*	James Henderson	Re-elected unopposed	Paul Timms	Chris Lowe
Deputy Secretary	Vacant			
Deputy Treasurer	Adrian Brown	Re-elected unopposed	Natali Brown	Adam Stirling
Deputy Training Co-ordinator	James Henderson	Re-elected unopposed	Paul Timms	Chris Lowe
Deputy Welfare Officer	Simon Howard	Re-elected unopposed	David Emanuel	Carl O'Callaghan
Deputy Communications Officer	Janet Jobey	Re-elected unopposed	David Emanuel	Bryan Lawton

*Denotes committee role

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James Wright raised a safety concern with respect to Dawn to Dusk and running the dark, to be addressed in 2024 version.

Closed at 20:07

Appendix 1 – Accounts

Royton Road Runners

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Treasurers Report as at 31 Dec 2023

Financials:

- Entered the year with £15,705 in cash reserves
- Positive cashflow during the year of £2,788
- Ending the year with **£18,492** in cash reserves

Income

- Four main income sources: Waterstations, TRT, Track 5k, Sales of club kit, along with the membership fee and our successful C25K programme
- We also had a small surplus from our two coach trips (Dent making a loss, and Derwentwater making a small profit)

Outgoings

- The presentation night was another great event, which is generally run to break-even. Though the club continue to subsidise the trophies, with a net spend of **£446**
- We also hosted our 20th anniversary night which was subsidised for members at a net spend of **£560**

Charity

- We raised a total of £2,829, of which £1,425 has already been paid to AMC and £1,404 is due to be paid to Dr Kershaw's

Future funds:

- Kit replenishment early in 2024 ahead of the new season, and paying the £1,404 to means our current level of available cash is closer to £16.5k meaning the available funds grew by c.£800 during the year

