

**Moray Road Runners**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held in Elgin Community Centre**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8pm**

**Members Present:** There were 36 members in attendance

**1. Apologies:** 20 apologies were received

**2/3. Minutes of Previous AGM/Matters Arising**

Previous Minutes were agreed. -

Proposed: Barbara Bowie

Seconded: Karen Norvell

**4. Chairman's Report**

Gareth gave his report for the year (copy attached) no matters arising from this report.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

David gave his report for the year (see attached) and presented the year's accounts (see attached)

Proposed: David Ingleby

Seconded: Elspeth Jenkins

David explained that Scottish Athletics are advising club to hold a reserve of 6 months worth of monies, in case a disaster falls the club, it would enable the club to still function. This has been discussed extensively in committee and there is a plan in place to enable us to hold this contingency

Proposed: David Ingleby

Seconded: Colin Green

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mary Bain for auditing our accounts. David will arrange flowers and a thank you

**6. Election of Office Bearers**

Chair (Gareth Jenkins), Treasurer (David Ingleby), Secretary (Robert Bruce), Mens Captain (Colin Green), Ladies Captain (Karen Norvell) intimated that they were happy to remain in post.

Proposed: Barbara Bowie

Seconded: Frances Wardlaw

**7. Election of Committee Members**

All committee members are happy to remain in post. We have 2 new members wishing to join the Committee, they are Amanda Strang and Elspeth Jenkins, they were both welcomed.

Proposed: Karen Norvell

Seconded: Brian Milne

## **8. Election of Web-master**

Robert Bruce is happy to remain in post.

## **9. Handover to New Committee**

## **10. Subscription**

It was decided to leave the subscriptions as they are for next year, but they will be monitored

Proposed: Gareth Jenkins

Seconded: Elspeth Jenkins

## **11. Election of Auditor**

Mary has not made any mention of not continuing, we are grateful to Mary for her work with the books. Flowers will be delivered as an expression of our thanks.

## **12. Honorary Memberships**

No new applications

## **13. Any Other Competent Business**

**VLM** – The club cannot apply for these places until mid-Nov. Robert informed the meeting he expects we will get 2 places, a draw will take place for those members who wish to run VLM but were unlucky in the VLM Ballot

**Club Champs** – A reminder of the Club Champs and that this weekend is the final qualifying weekend for a parkrun to feature in the champs

**Club Xmas Do** – This will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at Bijou by the Sea. Details will be on Facebook and our website

**Photography** – Ed Dunbar proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Jamieson for all the pictures he takes at our events and the time he puts into getting them onto the web for us to enjoy.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The first meeting of the new committee will be on 1st November at 8pm after training.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017**

This year has seen Moray Road Runners reinforce its position as a successful and thriving Community Sports Club. The main points to note are:

- Buoyant membership figures.
- A highly talented junior section competing across a variety of disciplines.
- An ever increasing senior section that trains regularly throughout the week attracting new members of all abilities.
- Numerous team and individual prizewinners at Road, XC, Track and Field and Hill Running events
- The continued hosting of popular race fixtures – ND X-Country League Fixture, Miltonduff 10k, Lossie Turkey Trot and Kinloss to Lossie Half Marathon.
- Healthy income that has allowed the Club to continue paying SAL membership for all its senior members and competing juniors as well as helping to subsidise transport to fixtures.
- The Club remains at the forefront of the Elgin Parkrun, both in terms of participants and willing volunteers.
- Most importantly, a spirit and camaraderie at the Club that promotes inclusion, participation and competition (#Team Yella).

Looking forward, MRR is investigating the possibility of obtaining charitable status in line with several Athletics Clubs across Scotland. Furthermore, the Club will continue to organise various races throughout the year to provide opportunities for our own athletes and others to compete locally as well as raising Club funds, especially with increasing rental costs and SAL membership fees rising in 2018. The Club will also continue to promote participation at local events, league fixtures, district and national championships – 2017 saw junior teams entered into the National Superteams Event for the first time ever, 10 teams at the recent ND XC Relays and, also, MRR will be represented at the National XC Relays this weekend. However, we do need to increase our profile in other areas, particularly Track and Field Athletics, if Moray is to have any chance of convincing funders that better facilities are really required in the area. Also, the number of coaches and volunteers needs to increase if the Club is to continue to prosper and members are to realise their full potential. Therefore, it is hoped that more people will represent MRR in official Team events such as District Leagues and Regional and National Championships, as well as taking more active roles in the development of all aspects of the Club.

That said the Club, arguably, is as strong as it has ever been – a hard-earned and well deserved Scottish senior vest for Kenny Wilson – the first ever in the Club's history, membership is buoyant, participation in races remains high, performances continue to improve, we are financially sound and we are a Club of considerable standing within the local community. Moray Road Runners has a great history, great reputation and great members and I fully expect 2018 to be another great year for the Club.

## **Treasurer's Report Moray Roadrunners September 2017**

THE YEAR ENDS with a strong balance sheet and healthy cash flow – a reflection of the wider strength of the Club and of the efforts of its members. In particular the Club's racing events have been very well supported leading to buoyant income. Entry Central has made entering our races very easy and the system has considerably improved our cash flow position.

THANKS must go to our auditor Mary Bain who once again has undertaken her task with thoroughness and good humour. Thanks also go to Jenni Coelho for helping support some important technical changes which appear in the accounts relating to race income.

ROBUSTNESS IN THE FACE OF FUTURE CHALLENGES has been a focus of work and acting upon advice received from Scottish Athletics the Committee is supporting a move to formalise and strengthen our Contingency Fund. We are proposing to build upon our current strong position so that we have, by 2020 at the latest, a fund equivalent to the operating costs of six months of Club activity. Currently this would be equivalent to £10k.

NO CHANGE TO CLUB MEMBERSHIP RATES are being recommended for the second year running. The Committee is confident that the current full range of activity can continue to be supported at current membership rates.

David Ingleby,

Treasurer.

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2016 7 BE ACCEPTED AND THAT A VOTE OF THANKS IS GIVEN TO THE AUDITOR MARY BAIN
2. THAT THE CLUB CONTINGENCY FUND BE MAINTAINED AT A LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO THAT NEEDED TO SUPPORT SIX MONTHS OF CLUB ACTIVITY
3. THAT CLUB MEMBERSHIP RATES REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR THE YEAR 2018.