



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Darwen Dashers Running Club held on Thursday 26th April 2012 at the Sunnyhurst Pub Darwen.

Attendees:

Dave Moir	Joanne Nelson	Russ Corsini	Linda Clarkson
Sue Corsini	George Thompson	Pete Murphy	Sarah Roberts
Paul Livsey	Karen Atherton	Linda Ahmed	Denise Penney
Rebecca Simms	Jonathan Stubbs	Keith Dunster	Julia Rushton
Cath Fox	Nigel Barnes	Tessa Tracey	Carly Edwards
Barry Clark	Russell Egan	Mark Lomax	
Julie Price	Leah Murphy	Kevin Smith	

The Meeting commenced at 8.35pm.

Copies of the Agenda, 2011 AGM minutes, accounts, club constitution and AGM attendance sheets were distributed.

Chair person Jonathan Stubbs opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Apologies:

Jonathan informed the meeting that apologies had been received from the following members: Gary Mitchell, Janine Fallon, Simon Fox and Mark France.

Approval of 2011 AGM minutes:

Jonathan asked the members for last years minutes to be taken as read and the motion was passed.

Secretary's Report

Russ Corsini thanked everybody for attending.

He thanked Gary Mitchell for his input into the running of the club and for organising events such as the bowling day and treasure hunts. He congratulated Simon Fox for organising the very successful "Mr Sparkles Dark'Un" earlier this year and for continuing to put together the excellent Dash magazine with help from all those who contribute.

He stated the committee, apart from Gary, are standing for re election this year but all posts are open to any fully paid up member who would like to give it a try.

He informed the meeting that membership levels are down from 127 last year to 116 this year and that the committee had recently tried to address this by putting up posters in various locations throughout Darwen and Blackburn.

Russ said membership fees would be addressed later in the meeting but pointed out that renewal notices were about to be sent out and urged the membership to return them with payment as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report:

Nigel Barnes informed members that club funds in the bank were approx £1600 which was about £300 down on last year but the club had recently paid for a new batch of club vests. He said that £1600 was a nice amount to keep in the bank to allow for necessary purchases.

Nigel said the club had donated about £250 to charities and that events like the Christmas do and races paid for themselves. He said we have a good stock of equipment such as clothing, laptop, tent and we had purchased sail flags for which we obtained sponsorship from "Ultimate Handyman" and "Premier Steels" he concluded by stating the club was ticking over nicely and invited members to have a think about anything the club should purchase.

Captain's Report:

Pete Murphy opened by congratulating members achievements over the last year. He said Kevin Smith Bob Graham round was a great occasion, as were George Morini's Leeds Liverpool Canal charity run and the Lakeland 50/100. He thanked Linda Clarkson, Helen Smith, Alice Smith, Carly Edwards, Kevin Doherty, Adrian Hope and Dave (Crash) for manning the Dashers checkpoint at the Lakeland 100. Pete said he would be organizing the Darwen Gala fell race again this year and would like to raise some money for a Sarcoma charity. He said the fell relays went well with good performances from the ladies and vets teams. Pete mentioned, this weekend, some members were about to compete in the Three Peaks race and that Himself, Kevin Smith, Rebecca Simms, Sarah Roberts and Chris Cash are competing in the Fellsman, a 62 mile race in the Yorkshire Dales. Pete concluded by saying the fell relays are in the Welsh Borders this year and he suggested the club should also consider entering a team in the Ian Hodgson Relays.

Chairman's Report:

Jonathan Stubbs read out a note from Simon Fox who thanked the marshals and everyone else who helped out at the recent "Mr Sparkles Dark'Un" fell race and Simon was planning to hold the event again next year. Simon also congratulated all members who had completed this years London Marathon.

Jonathan also congratulated Russ Corsini, Andy Smith, Sue Corsini, Jaqui Shaw, Carly Edwards, Nerina Gill, Chris Cash and Dave Moir for completing the London Marathon where Chris and Dave raised about £500 for the Sarcoma charity.

Jonathan also wished good luck to the Dashers competing in this weekends Three Peaks race.

Jonathan reminded members about the five races organized by the Dashers. The Dark Un, Aggies Staircase, Tockholes Gala, Darwen Gala and David Staff Memorial where proceeds go to the charity "Cardiac Risk in the Young". He said it is always difficult to get marshals for these races so please help out. Jonathan said it was great for our little club who had raised a significant amount for CRY and Bolton Mountain Rescue charities. He said the Dashers had a high profile due to our races that are always well received, very well organized.

He also pointed out the additional events the club organize throughout the year. Moonlight walks, Guessathon, Treasure Hunt, Real Ale Wobble and Up Hill Challenge.

He mentioned some events that were in the planning stages for this year like the Youth Hostel weekend at Kettlewell at the end of summer and the Christmas do and asked members to offer their help to organize such events.

He said the monthly food night, on the first Thursday of the month, had been stopped because it had not achieved the objective of encouraging more members to stay behind for a social gathering.

Jonathan said the club had applied for some sponsorship money from the council but were unsuccessful and said the money probably went to a more worthy cause. However, sponsorship had been obtained from "Ultimate Handyman" and "Premier Steels" to pay for the feather flags.

He said the club had purchased some Darwen Dashers window stickers and they would be distributed to all members with their membership renewals.

Jonathan concluded by thanking the committee for their work. He said that a lot of unseen work goes on in the background. He thanked Simon for the Dash, race marshals and everyone who helped out. But the greatest thanks goes out to the club members.

Election of Committee

The following were elected to remain on the Committee:

Cath Fox	Lady's Captain
Russ Corsini	Secretary
Nigel Barnes	Treasurer
Pete Murphy	Mens Captain
Linda Clarkson	President
Jonathan Stubbs	Chairman

Jonathan said that Gary Mitchell was stepping down as club captain and the post would not be up for re election this year. He said the post of club captain had been created last year when we had two members applying for one post. The committee did not want to turn anyone away because it always needs as much help as possible.

Membership Fees

The committee proposed no change to be made to subscription levels. There were no objections and the level of subscriptions for the forthcoming year was duly set.

Any Other Business

Linda Clarkson wished good luck to Joanne Nelson and Janine Fallon who were competing in the Manchester Marathon this weekend.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm