

TIVERTON HARRIERS AGM

Elmore Football Club – 8th August 2024 – 7.30 to 8.55pm

Present: Kerry Roberts (KR), Jeff Curd (JC), Kat Humphreys (KH), Lizzie Mee, Lucy Hughes, Terry Fullick (TF), Kate Stanton (KS), Matt Heard, Goff Welchman (GW), Cathie Welchman, Dave Cleeve (DC), Malcom Woodward (MW), Mary Humphries, Shane Mears, Simon White, Rose Partridge, Mark Chell, Paul Harrison, Jamie Garnett, Walter Andrews

Apologies: Ruth Hyland, Dan Jones, Steve Moakes, Kirsty Manley, Will Hutchinson, Angelo Areington-Eyres, Catherine Tapp, Georgie Thomas,

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM on 6th July 2023, and EGM on 19th October 2023 were approved and signed. **Approval proposed by TF and seconded by KR**

Chair's Report: KR thanked everyone who has helped over the past year with all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make each week happen and the Upplowman 10km. He acknowledged the achievements, and encouraged the club to keep going and progressing.

Secretary's Report: JC presented the secretary's report – attached. With all the work that JC has done over the last year, the club is now compliant in accordance with EA in all areas. Could have entered Club of the Year award with the work that has been achieved.

Membership Report: DC presented his membership report. Club membership currently stands at 63 – 60 affiliated, and 3 claiming it as a 2nd club. DC has cleaned up the database for membership and has now got a system in place to make the joining process simple to administer. This membership enables the club to have a London Marathon Place allocated

Discussion centred around length of trial period before joining the club – from 2 weeks to 4 weeks. It was agreed that 2 weeks would be offered free, before someone becomes a member, During this time they must run with a nominated club member for insurance purposes. Run leader to nominate, and club member to stay with them during the run. JC was keen to ensure that all new members are welcomed and looked after, and that we maintain our reputation as a welcoming and friendly club.

Discussed putting the indemnity form on the website, to be filled out during this time.

ACTIONS: Membership secretary to liaise with Paul Harrison to put indemnity form on the website.

All new runners to be allocated someone to run with, prior to officially joining after 2 weeks. ??Add this information to the website membership page?

Training sessions: Kat reported that the current format of Stamina sessions on Tuesday and longer runs on Thursday works well. General agreement from other coaches and those in attendance.

ACTIONS: J and TF asked if they could consider buying some new equipment for training sessions, and J suggested he may bring in some new ideas. Idea accepted.

Treasurer Report: In KM's absence, the report was presented by JC. KM has done a lot of work over the last year to get the account on line, and with DC has created a simple system for membership applications and fees to link. The Club is in a financially healthy position. Thanks to KM for the work she has done to achieve this over the last year. TF suggested that given the financial health of the club, there could be a development of a "fun event" to link with the Uplowman 10km, and to broaden our reach to the local community .

ACTION: TF to investigate the development of an event to run alongside the 10km, but needs to ensure that it does not impact negatively on the 10km run itself.

Adopt the Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of accounts.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by KH and seconded by KS

Annual Subscription: DC suggested that we should increase the subscription by £2 to £39. KH suggested that it made more sense to round it up to £40, and this was agreed by others present. MW said that the annual fee payable to EA for each member would rise by £2 in 2025. KS and GW suggested that given the health of the clubs finances, the subscription is pegged at £37 for the current year, and then raise to £40 the following year.

JC asked those present to vote for the 2 options: 1) Subscription to move to £40 for 2025, 2) Subscription to remain the same for a further year. Those present voted overwhelmingly for the subscription to increase to £40

ACTION: Annual subscription fee for 2025 to be set at £40.

Election of committee members for 2024/2025

Chair: Kerry Roberts

Secretary: Jeff Curd

Treasurer: Kirsty Manley

Membership Secretary: Lucy Hughes to be supported by Lizzie Mee

Health and Safety Officer: Kat Humphries

Welfare Officer: Mary Humphries

Other club roles:

Social Secretary: Kat Humphries, Lucy Hughes and Lizzie Mee

IT support: Paul Harrison

Race round up and sharing of results: Barney

- Uplowman 10k:** JC presented his Race Directors report on the Uplowman 10k – please see attached.
- Actions:** Lizzie Mee has agreed to do the design for the race t-shirt for 2025.
- Club Captain:** JC suggested that it would be beneficial to create the role of Team Captain for the club. It was suggested this would help encourage people to enter into more team events and give the club a greater presence at races. Those present agreed it would be a good role to develop, but no one present was able to commit to this role.
- Action:** It was agreed to share with all the members and see if there is anyone who would like to take on this role.
- AOB:** GW requested that not all the Grand Prix races were on a Saturday, as not everyone can run on a Saturday. Agreed that this needs to be considered for future Club Championships.
- Discussion about taking part in a local relay series.** North Devon League was suggested as a possibility.
- Action:** TF and others to look at possible options for the club participating in a local relay series.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm