

Gala Harriers AGM
Thursday 29th September 2016 at 8pm
Live Borders Tweedbank Sports Complex

Present

Gerry Moss, Calum McDonald, Fiona Dalglish, Billy McCulloch, Tony Lunn, Bob Johnson, Gillian Duncan, Dave Nightingale, Anne Purves, Colin Green, James Purves, Gav Brown, Jan Brown, Eileen Nicol, Dawn Grant, Jill Paterson, Tim Bruce, Shelagh King.

Apologies

Fiona Shepherd, Kate Mattock, Craig Mattock, Graeme Murdoch, Neil Renton, Dianne Lauder, Jenny Forbes.

Approval of minutes

Anne Purves and Fiona Dalglish proposed and seconded that the Minutes from the previous AGM were accurate.

President's Remarks

In an emotional opening address Gerry announced he was standing down as Club President after four years in the seat. He explained that now the club was of charitable status and he was employed by the club there was a conflict of interest which prohibited him remaining in post.

He thanked all present and those absent for their support and hard work during his tenure which had seen the club grow and become very successful.

He further intimated that the Ladies Team were nominated for Team of the Year by Club Sport Ettrick and Lauder previously known as Sports Council.

Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer gave a brief overview of the current finances. Balance as at 29 September 2016 is £15,400. This is up approx. £2300 on last year and accounts are looking healthy at present.

The Treasurer advised the meeting that she was taking a close look at previous planned races to establish if the club was making a profit after initial outlay although from what she has seen and what has been said it would seem to be a profit making exercise. She will feed back after analysis.

The healthy state of the finances was partly due to income from the championship Eildon Hill Race and the new weekly charge agreement with Live Borders. The new system of registering for weekly training, especially the juniors, was paying dividends.

The club still awaits a £1,000 grant from the Borders Athletic Development group and a £2,000 grant from Scottish Athletics which supports the club together post cost of £6,000.

Election of Trustees/Office Bearers

President – Graeme Murdoch. Proposed by Gerry Moss and seconded by Billy McCulloch.

Treasurer – Bob Johnson. Proposed by Billy McCulloch and seconded by Gerry Moss.

Secretary – Calum McDonald. Proposed by Tony Lunn and seconded by Billy McCulloch.

Welfare Officer – Remains vacant. Jenny Forbes stood down

Race/Events Coordinator – Allocated to different individuals on a race by race basis.

Pres Officer – Jenny Bruce. Proposed by Gerry Moss and seconded by Billy McCulloch.

Club Captain (Male) – Remains vacant although Billy McCulloch will maintain an overview.

Club Captain (Female) – Fiona Dalglish. Proposed by Gillian Duncan and seconded by Billy McCulloch.

General Committee Members Elected – Tony Lunn, Gavin Brown, Jan Brown, Jill Paterson, Billy McCulloch, Zoe Phlug, James Purves, and Tommy Knox.

It was widely accepted that a Junior Captain is required in order to coordinate activities of the junior athletes. A number of names were put forward as potential candidates and this will be taken forward by the committee.

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Fees - The issue of fees was raised and it was agreed to maintain the current pricing structure.

Senior £40.

Junior - £35.

Family (2 adults 3 children) - £100.

Membership year runs 01 April to 31 March. Those seeking to join after 01 October in a year will pay 50% of yearly membership fee.

Coaching – The president advised those in attendance that there are opportunities for members to train as coaches. There are courses held all over Scotland and he encouraged those keen to become coaches to apply as the coaching team is the backbone of the club.

Important Dates

01 October 2016 – Entry Central open for Borders Cross Country Series entries.

05 November 2016 – Gala Harriers Presentation Night at Ladhope Golf Club. (To be confirmed)

Committee Meeting – It was agreed the next Committee Meeting will take place at 8pm on 25 October 2016 at the Royal British Legion Galashiels.

There being no further business to discuss the president closed the meeting.