



Gala Harriers AGM Minutes 11/11/23 @ 7.00pm in The Legion

Present:

Charlotte Hendry	Lisa Dalglish
Tony Lunn	Ross Dalglish
Gillian Lunn	Gina Allen
Jill Paterson	Elodie Petit
Gerry Moss	Flora Johnston
Billy McCulloch	Katie Rourke
Eileen Nicol	Vicky Rourke
Gillian Todd	Wendy Roethenbaugh
Lynda Jackson	Devrim Turkey
Mike Craig	Suzanne Tunmore
Steve Powell	Tim Darlow
Heidi Wilson	Neil Renton
Gary Trewartha	Lizzie MacLeish
Bob Johnson	Emma Dennison
Fiona Guthrie	Pamela Baillie
Shelagh King	
Anne Purves	

Apologies:

Item	Notes	Action by
1	Welcome & Apologies Attendance & Apologies as noted above.	
2	Minutes of last meeting Billy McCulloch proposed Seconded by Gillian Lunn	
3	Chairs Report Charlotte spoke about how the club has been actively engaged in a series of competitions and events. It began with the social run on 2 nd Jan from Tweedbank to	



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	<p>Lauder, followed by the Holybush 10k handicap, Kaeside 5k race, Henderson handicap race, and Boleside to Hollybush & Neil Potts run. These events are not only about racing but also provide an opportunity for our members to come together and enjoy social gatherings afterwards. The club has been thrilled by the fantastic turnout for all these races.</p> <p>Charlotte summarised the season as follows:</p> <p>The Eildon Hill Race in Melrose was a great success, and it's particularly heartening to witness the continued participation of our junior members in the Eildon Junior hill race which continues to be part of the Junior Scottish Hill running league.</p> <p>Our junior members participated in the U12 Superteams heats in Edinburgh, securing third spot overall and earning a place in the finals in Glasgow. Additionally, Gala Harrier juniors made a significant contribution to Team Borders, finishing second in the Forth Valley League 2023.</p> <p>In honour of Jocelyn who sadly passed away in late August 2022, several of our club members participated in the Campbeltown half and 10k races as guests of her previous club.</p> <p>Despite the challenges, our club is flourishing with growing membership in both seniors and juniors. The increased number of parent helpers taking the first steps into coaching, this has played a vital role in the club's growth and in managing our waiting list. The joggers' group is also expanding, with some members participating in both the club and joggers' group activities.</p> <p>Charlotte expressed her gratitude to all the coaches and parent helpers who consistently show up in all weather conditions to coach our members. Without their dedication, the club wouldn't have achieved the success it has. Over the past year, our club has secured numerous medals, with our teams earning distinctions at Calendar House, 4/6 stage road relays, East District Relays, National Relays, and many more.</p> <p>Charlotte extended a special thank you to the dedicated committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Their efforts are essential in ensuring the smooth operation of club events and the overall success of our club. Their commitment and hard work are truly commendable.</p>	
4	<p>Club Together Officer</p> <p>Gerry reported that membership is at a record high. We currently have 187 junior members. This can only be managed due to our parent helpers. 104 senior members. Almost 300 members for the first time. We are coaching up to 60 kids per week. The club is introducing an excellent number of athletes to running and athletics.</p>	



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	<p>Open Graded/Team Borders Trials: 50-60 kids taking part.</p> <p>The open graded competitions are an excellent base for kids to show their skills and the competitions feed into Team Borders.</p> <p>We lose 20% of athletes each year and so we need to continue to bring in new members and helpers.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Accounts have been audited.</p> <p>Opening balance - £46,000 Closing balance - £43,660 £2800 loss £1400 balance of stock £49,169 Total Balance Races -£706 Membership £6631.30 Training Income £3276.72 Clothing £2079.84 (spent lots on kit for coaches this year) Training £1088 (training for coaches) Other £4727.97 (£4000 towards Club Together position). Track = cost of hiring the track from Live Borders Couch to 5K - £800 contribution</p> <p>Not a lot of change year on year. We manage our funds well. Still sitting with £20,000 red circled (money received from William Lindsay). Committee talking about how to spend this money.</p> <p>Gift Aid reclaim – still to be actioned.</p> <p>Online Banking – As of April we will be trialling online banking.</p>	
6	<p>Membership Fees:</p> <p>Membership Fees – start 1st April (reduced rates from October). £40 senior, £35 junior, £100 family. As a charity, we are willing to give free membership if needed. It was proposed to keep the fees the same this year. Proposed by Billy McCulloch, seconded by Gerry Moss.</p> <p>Session Fees: Honest Box (Seniors) - £1 for Monday & Tuesday sessions. Juniors - £2 per session Tuesdays and Thursdays at track, no charge for off road</p> <p>Discussion took place about whether we should change fees to: £1 per session for all junior and senior sessions or £1 per session for juniors and £2 for seniors or</p>	



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	<p>£2 track session & £1 off road</p> <p>Vote taken on the three proposed charges and vote concluded that £2 fee remains in place when on track/Queens Centre & £1 when off road/not at facility. Charges apply to senior and junior sessions.</p> <p>Disability Sessions: £5 membership for year and £2 per session. Proposed by Gerry Moss, seconded by Bob Johnson.</p> <p>Joggers: £2 per session for non-members of club, £1 per session for members. Proposed by Anne Purves, seconded by Billy McCulloch.</p>	
7	<p>Election of Office Bearers:</p> <p>Treasurer – Tony Lunn – Charlotte Hendry proposed, seconded by Neil Renton Secretary – Jill Paterson – Charlotte Hendry proposed, seconded by Gerry Moss Chairperson – Neil Christie – Tony Lunn proposed, seconded by Gerry Moss Welfare Officer – Gillian Lunn. Charlotte Hendry proposed, seconded by Gerry Moss Race & Events Coordinator – agreed to allocate races to different people to organise throughout the year. (James Dennison, Bob Johnson, Gary Trewartha will do a race each. Tim Darlow/Lisa Dalgleish will organise Eildon Race). Press Officer – Lisa Dalgleish – Charlotte Hendry proposed, Gillian Lunn seconded. Club Captains: Mens Captain - Graeme Murdoch, Tony Lunn proposed, seconded by Bob Johnson. Ladies Captain – Joeleen Murdoch, Gillian Lunn proposed, seconded by Gerry Moss. Coach Coordinator – Gary Trewartha, Tony Lunn proposed, seconded by Billy McCulloch.</p> <p>Trustees: Tony Lunn, Graeme Murdoch, Charlotte Hendry, Billy McCulloch, Jill Paterson, Tommy Knox, Gary Trewartha. Proposed by Tony Lunn, seconded by Bob Johnson Committee Members: James Dennison joining – Tony Lunn proposed, seconded by Gerry Moss Neil Christie joining – Charlotte Hendry proposed, seconded by Tony Lunn Elodie Petit joining – Charlotte Hendry proposed, seconded by Tony Lunn</p> <p>Committee Members: Gerry Moss, Lisa Dalgleish, Elodie Petit, Heather Rankine, Gary Trewartha, James Dennison, Lissie MacLeish, Billy McCulloch, Gillian Lunn, Jill Paterson Check if Wanda would like to remain a committee member. Anne Purves would like to join committee – proposed by Gerry Moss, seconded by Bob Johnson. Tim Darlow joining – proposed by Tony Lunn, seconded by Charlotte Hendry Flora Johnston joining – proposed by Tony Lunn, seconded by Billy McCulloch Katie Rourke joining – proposed by Tony Lunn, seconded by Wendy</p>	



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	Charlotte Hendry standing down as Chair and joining the committee – proposed by Tony Lunn, seconded by Billy McCulloch.	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>Vicky Rourke recommended that couch to 5K is promoted in Health Centres. Charlotte reported that she has tried this before and no joy so far but can try again.</p> <p>Bob Johnson - Club's 125th Anniversary in 2027. We need to start planning celebrations now.</p> <p>Constitution change: We currently need two signatories on every cheque. We would like to change to electronic banking from April but this makes it difficult to have two people to authorise transactions. It has been suggested at committee meeting that one person authorises transactions and transactions are audited at committee meetings/quarterly. The constitution should be changed to reflect this change. Approval given in meeting for this change to take place.</p> <p>Wendy thanked Charlotte for all her hard work as Chair.</p>	
9	Date of next meeting: To be held at around the same time in 2024. Date TBC closer to meeting date.	