

Grantham Running Club
2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Friday 27th October 7.30pm

Apologies

Nev Chamberlain, Penny Hodges, Michelle Parczuk, Paul Jepson & Sarah High.

1. Welcome & Opening of the AGM

Andrew Pask opened the AGM.

2. Minutes from the previous AGM

There were no comments or objections with regards to the recorded minutes of the 2022 AGM. These were therefore accepted as being a true reflection of the 2022 AGM and were 'signed off' accordingly.

3. Business arising from the previous minutes

The matter of creating a club savings account was brought up, and it was agreed that the Treasurer would investigate this.

The subject of members who were in the Beginners group joining the Committee was also raised, but it was pointed out that no-one from the Beginners section had put their name forward to join the Committee, despite receiving the same associated communications for this as all other members.

4. Annual Reports of the Club

Chairpersons Report

During last year's chairs report, I highlighted the benefits of being a club member and what we had to offer our members. This year I'd like to give credit to all the people who have made it all happen. Lots of work goes on in the background and it's important that this is recognised across the whole club.

This is not an exhaustive list:

Club Training

We have 7 coaches and 18 run leaders that co-ordinate club training, often to the detriment of their own individual training. Our club offers multiple training sessions from Monday to Thursday, more than any club in the area.

Cross Country

The club enters teams in the Lincolnshire Cross-Country league and the North Midlands Cross-Country league. We also entered teams in the National Cross-Country Relays and the National Cross-Country Championship. These were all offered free of charge, and credit goes to Sarah High for all her hard work in organising Cross-Country for the club (with support from Sam Jepson).

Christmas Party

Sylv Hull and Kate Marshall sorted a brilliant evening at the Masonic Hall, and the photobooth was a masterstroke. The room was full, and everyone had a great evening. We're all set to go again next year.

Christmas Lights

Kate Marshall managed to corral about 70 of us, dressed like complete idiots, at the Tennis Club. It really was a sight to behold.

Christmas Jumper Night

Sylv organised a low-key Christmas Jumpers night. Plans are already in place for a possible repeat this year on the 23rd December, at the Royal Queen.

Christmas Eve Run

This was toned down this year, compared to previous years, with parkrun and breakfast being the run. There was also the traditional run to a pub, this time to the Staunton Arms.

Awards Night

This was a huge team event, which most of the committee contributed to in some way. We started something in 2023 which is going to be a challenge to live up to, with the VIP guest speaker, but plans are already afoot for 2024.

Beginners Class

Penny Hodges led the beginners course this year which involves co-ordinating run leaders and support for around 60 beginners, most of which have gone on to join the club. This contribution can't be understated. This culminated in the beginner's graduation which was also led by Penny, but with help from Russel and Catherine Wallace.

Beer 'n' Bling

Easy one, but someone still has to get it sorted. Kate Marshall led with this, and the turnout was as strong as ever.

Club Overseas Trip

Matt Atter took the lead on this, and he delivered a brilliant weekend in Luxembourg at a very reasonable cost. Next year's plans are already in the early stages, with a Normandy race being one of the options.

Club 5K

This year we had over 70 people run the 5K course, which tied in with the 'begin to run' finale. I took a lead on this, and there was a cold beer at the finish for everyone. This was our biggest ever turnout for this event.

Lenton/Welby Predictor

A new event on the calendar, led by Paul Jepson at Lenton, and then the Whitakers took the idea to Kelby. Snacks were provided and it was generally a well-attended social. This idea is likely to grow arms and legs in the future.

Chip Run/Summer Pub Runs

Sam Dodwell, Kate Marshall and Sylv have been arranging these through the summer to get us all together, out of town.

Summers Solstice 10K

A huge club effort that involved over 50 of us volunteering. Sam Jepson took on the bulk of the stress as Race Director, and he was supported by Andrew McAllister, Gordon Geach and Ben Mason during the planning. This event really sells our club in the best possible light and is our way of giving something back to the running community.

Handicap Race

Sam Dodwell put all this together, with support from me with the times. He relied upon volunteers from the club also.

Equinox

Two teams of 8, and an unofficial GRC team of 5 (CJ and Ady's team). Sam Dodwell took the lead on putting the site together and sorting teams. He had help from lots of people along the way, drumming up interest.

Escape Room

Sylv has arranged this already, for next month. Around 15 of us are taking part and more are coming just for beer.

Race Reports

Sylv does a brilliant job with this and are race reports have never been better, or more punctual. She relies on our help to provide the race report, but there's rarely a week that goes by that we're not featured in the Grantham Journal. People say this is a thankless task, but it isn't because I'm thanking her now.

Club Development

Kate Marshall keeps a good grip on all the LiRF and CiRF activity that goes on. This is available to all of our members, subject to committee approval. Approval would require members to show a level of commitment to a particular night of training, to give us confidence that we'd get a return on our investment.

Club GP Series

Sam Jepson is the man who led this, and it simply would not happen if it not for him. He takes advice from the Captains, but all the data is crunched by him. A huge task that contributes directly to our awards night in February.

Lincolnshire Athletics Association Road County Champs

Our Secretary, Darren Harley, is also the Lincolnshire Athletics Association Road Secretary. The County Championships are a new concept for Lincolnshire, but we've already multiple medals winners including Russel Whittaker and Sarah High achieving County Gold medals, and Hannah Whittaker, Catherine Payne and Joaquim Jeronimo also winning County medals.

Member Of The Month

Sam Jepson heads up a small sub-committee to decide the MoM, and then goes on to compile the MoM dissertation. In all my time at the club, I've never seen the MoM run so well.

Website

We have a new website. This was created by Committee members Fraser and Sylv. with a bit of support from Kris Blake. It's a brilliant, new website that is easy to update. We've been trying to achieve this for years, so full credit.

Banking

Taken from a suggestion from last year's AGM, we now have a high interest saving account. This was arranged by Julia Hallam, who has been an incredible addition to the Committee.

Secretary

Darren Harley does loads of work in the background as the secretary. Arranging meetings, compiling minutes, and sending out emails to members. He also runs the London Marathon Ballot.

Policy reviews/updates

Fraser and I have been busy this year, reviewing all our policy ready for upload to the website. In addition, Fraser has re-drafted our Constitution based on the England Athletics template, and we reviewed and amended to suit us.

AGM

The AGM doesn't just happen. Kate booked the venue; Fraser sorted the IT and Darren took care of the admin. We'll all deal with the social!

Treasurers Report

Andrew gave thanks to Julia for all her hard work in being Treasurer for the past year.

Julia then provided the Treasurer Report.

Grantham Running Club Income & Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 30th September 2023

	2023	2022	Variance
<u>Income Categories</u>	£	£	£
Summer Solstice	10,527	17,556	-7,029
Winter Solstice	0	4,376	-4,376
Thunder Run 24	1,120	2,520	-1,400
Equinox	1,313	0	1,313
Christmas Dinner Dance 2022	2,229	2,835	-606
Club Membership	2,313	1,915	398
Kit	2,643	685	1,959
Beginners	779	422	357
Presentation Night 2023	880	351	529
Misc	0	50	-50
	<u>21,804</u>	<u>30,710</u>	<u>-8,906</u>
<u>Expense Categories</u>			
Winter Solstice	0	10,062	-10,062
Summer Solstice	9,089	9,278	-189
Thunder Run 24	1,120	2,962	-1,842
Equinox	1,313	0	1,313
Christams Dinner Dance 2021	0	2,563	-2,563
Presentation Night 2023	2,146	1,589	557
Kit	3,434	849	2,585
Affiliation	426	426	0
Miscellaneous	327	348	-20
Club Development	340	330	10
Beginners	782	312	470
Cross Country	465	267	198
Information Technology	113	201	-88
Christmas Dinner Dance 2022	1,970	1,200	770
AGM	103	64	39
Handicap	45	60	-15
Club Memebership	93	32	61
Canalathon	60	0	60
Donations	200	0	200
COVID 5k	70	0	70
	<u>22,096</u>	<u>30,542</u>	<u>-8,446</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit)	<u><u>-292</u></u>	<u><u>168</u></u>	-460

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Statement of Affairs

For The Year Ended 30th September 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Balance NatWest	4,279	7,571
Savings : 35 Days Notice Account	2,000	
Savings : Instant Access Account	1,000	
	<u>7,279</u>	<u>7,571</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>7,279</u></u>	<u><u>7,571</u></u>
Represented By:-		
Reserves B/ fwd as at 01.10.22	7,571	7,403
Surplus/(Deficit)	-292	168
	<u>7,279</u>	<u>7,571</u>
Reservers C/ fwd as at 30.09.23	<u><u>7,279</u></u>	<u><u>7,571</u></u>
Difference	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

Membership Secretary Report

Andrew gave thanks to Kate for all her hard work in being Membership Secretary for the past year.

Kate provided a membership report to those present.

1st Claim Members - 253

2nd Claim Members - 8

Life Members – 3

Kate also informed those present that 30 runners from the Beginners group had joined the club as members.

5. Committee of Management elections

The committee positions were announced, with no other candidates presented. There were no objections to those elected.

Position	Nomination	Nominee	Second
Chairperson	Andrew Pask	Sam Jepson	Kate Marshall
Vice Chairperson	Kate Marshall	Sam Jepson	Darren Harley
Secretary	Darren Harley	Sylv Hull	Julia Hallam
Treasurer	Julia Hallam	Sylv Hull	Kate Marshall
Committee Members			
Membership Secretary	Kate Marshall	Darren Harley	Julia Hallam
Men's Captain	Sam Jepson	Darren Harley	Kate Marshall
Ladies Captain	Sarah High	Kate Marshall	Darren Harley
Men's Vice Captain	Sam Dodwell	Kate Marshall	Darren Harley
Ladies Vice Captain	Vicki Ball	Kate Marshall	Julia Hallam
Kit Officer	Sam Dodwell	Sylv Hull	Kate Marshall
Social Officer	Sylv Hull	Julia Hallam	Kate Marshall
Press Officer	Sylv Hull	Julia Hallam	Kate Marshall
Website Officer	Sylv Hull	Julia Hallam	Kate Marshall
Website Officer	Fraser Marshall	Kate Marshall	Darren Harley
Beginners Officer	Penny Hodges	Kate Marshall	Darren Harley
Committee Member	Mathew Atter	Darren Harley	Kate Marshall
Committee Member	Richard Payne	Julia Hallam	Fraser Marshall
Committee Member	Zoe Wragg	Sylv Hull	Kate Marshall
Committee Member	Paul Jepson	Darren Harley	Kate Marshall

6. Appointment of the Club Auditor

Kate Marshal nominated Ben Mason for the position of Club Auditor, which was seconded by Andrew Pask. Ben kindly agreed to this, and as such was appointed as the Club Auditor.

7. Any Other Business – Open Forum

Kit Sponsor

The question of whether the club should incorporate a sponsor on all club kit was raised. The matter was discussed, but it was felt that this would not be implemented at this time.

Committee Meetings

A member present asked how the process of the Committee Meetings worked, and whether any member could attend these (online) meetings.

Andrew agreed there was no reason why members could not 'listen in' to any of the online Committee Meetings, and this would be investigated.

Club Constitution

There were a number of issues raised with regards to the subject of the revised Club Constitution. It was agreed that there would be a separate EGM arranged to discuss the matter of the revised Club Constitution. This would be scheduled at an appropriate time in the New Year.

Member involvement

A member raised concerns that there was too much club work being done by the members of the Committee, and the Committee should encourage more club members to help out. It was agreed that the Committee would endeavour to reach out more to the wider club community, in order to help 'muck in'.

8. AGM Closure

Thank you to all that have attended – meeting closed.