

MINUTES OF HORSHAM JOGGERS AGM HELD AT BBH SPORTS CENTRE 25.4.2017

- Apologies Jean Holder, Bryan Camfield, Mike O'Grady, Matt Mason, Mark Smee and Shelly Garratt
- Previous Minutes Minutes were read and agreed. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.
- Chairman's Report
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated all those members who had just completed the Brighton and London marathons. He then gave a powerpoint presentation covering the races completed over the last year, socials, club matters such as the new website, training and went on to explain how important volunteering is to the club. Details are attached.
- Treasurer's Report
HJ Accounts 2016 – main points of interest
The financial statements have been overviewed by Trish Evans, who has signed them off as a true record. Many thanks to Trish for the evenings spent ploughing through paperwork to reach this conclusion!
The club remains in a healthy and stable financial position, with assets of £16,764 at the end of 2015.
Funds have decreased slightly, by about £200 from the end of 2015. We still have a bank balance that many other clubs would give their eye teeth for!
General income expenditure added £154 to our funds. Notable items include:-
- membership up from £6,839 to £7,894, reflecting the continuing growth in membership
 - LtR up from £1,480 to £1,815 – the 2015 course was really popular, but has been overtaken by the 2016 generation, many of whom are still running with us and continuing to make great progress
 - profits from our race events were lower this year than in 2015, owing to lower income and higher costs. The first running of the Gunpowder Trot was an unknown quantity for many of our regulars, and numbers were down a bit compared to the Valentine's Run in 2015 (c350 vs 450); but the event proved very popular on the day and we're hoping that takings will be up in 2017
 - donations: we received money in respect of the London Marathon volunteering and Ride London volunteering. We made donations totalling £320 to Springboard Project in return for the use of their minibuses for the London & Brighton Marathons and the South Downs Way relay
 - the amounts relating to club merchandise – hoodies and caps – have remained at a healthy level. We have also acquired some new stock of official club race kit which is available through the new member zone
 - which brings me to our largest increase in an item: the committee decided to spend some money on improving the website and getting some training so that we could keep it up to date more easily. This included setting up the member zone, which is making our admin a bit easier and, is proving popular with members. So we spent £1,612 on website development in 2016.
- As ever, big thanks to all those who administer the various aspects of club life which have a bearing on the club's finances: Victoria and Paul Aylett re: 10k and WSFRL races; James re: LtR and social events; and Sue Simmons re: membership. Once again, their careful and precise record-keeping has made my job a lot easier this year. The detailed accounts are attached. No questions were raised and the accounts were unanimously approved.

- Election of Officers and Committee Members Victoria Saunders and Raff Vitale have decided to stand down from the committee. They were presented with gifts as a thank you for the work they have done on the committee. The rest of the committee has agreed to stand again and were proposed en-masse by Claire Miller and seconded by Diane Berry and this was carried unanimously. The number on the committee has been set at a maximum of 11 so this leaves 3 vacancies on the committee. Sharon Gibson offered to join the committee. She was proposed by Jenny Boyd and seconded by Fiona Clifton and carried unanimously by everyone attending. Gemma Berrill also indicated an interest to join the committee but wanted to see what is involved before deciding to stand. She will be invited along to the next committee meeting. Phil then asked if there was anyone else would like to stand on the committee. No other volunteers came forward.
- Horsham 10k Following on from Phil's Report Paul thanked Phil for all the work he does for Horsham Joggers not to mention the work he also does for the parkruns, London Marathon volunteering and Ride London. There was a round of applause to show everyone's appreciation. Paul Aylett said he was delighted to see Andy Spriggs at the meeting. Andy ran the Horsham 10k for 8 years along with Horsham Lions. This year Horsham Joggers are running the race on their own and need at least 80 volunteers to make it a success. Paul has a committee of 8 members helping him and is keen to keep the race small and friendly but enhance it year on year. Nearly 400 adults and 21 juniors have entered so far and he has sponsorship from Up & Running and the District Post. There will be 9 pacers this year and new for 2016 there will be no shoe sponsor, there will be a hired inflatable gantry and bouncy castle, improved goodies at the end and interactive props.
- SGP Bryan Camfield was not able to come to the meeting but sent in a report:-
2016 proved to be the second year in succession where the number of Horsham Joggers competing in the required minimum 8 events was very low. With only 6 women and 11 men competing in at least 8 of the races as a club we finished 5th in the women's team competition, 5th in the men's team competition and 5th overall. In the veteran team categories the women finished 6th and the men 5th.
Whilst we struggled in the team competition we achieved success in the individual age category competitions. Congratulations go to Janine Littler for winning the women V3 category and also being 9th overall, Michael Duplock for finishing 3rd in the men V7 category and Richard Lee-Wright for finishing 11th overall.
Thank you to everyone who represented Horsham Joggers in the SGP races during 2016 and good luck for 2017.
- WSFRL Jenny said that these are very friendly runs with great scenery and good cake. They are very enjoyable and everyone is made to feel welcome. In total there are 17 runs and so far 2 have been completed. It would be lovely to see more members at these races
- New Honorary members The following members were elected to Honorary status:-Wendy Moulding and Peter Dudman. Both joined over 25 years ago and are still involved with the Pub Runs.
- Jogger of the Year 'Jogger of the Year' was awarded to Gemma Berrill by last year's 'Jogger of the Year' Mal Thornton. She was nominated by club members for her incredible zest for all things insane while juggling marriage, family, work and study commitments as well as fund raising. 'Newcomer of the Year' was awarded to Emma Whyman (as nominated by club members) by last year's winner Hannah Munden . Emma joined a Learn to Run course last year and ran her first marathon at London in April this year. She regularly runs the WSFRL and SGP races and always has a smile on her face
'Volunteer of the Year' is a new award for 2017 and the members vote was that it be given to Maria Pettitt for all her work with the cakes at our races. She also attends numerous WSFRL races where she encourages the runners and is always willing to take the team photo
- AOB Andy Spriggs thanked the club for its' donations to the MND charity.
- Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.