

MINUTES OF HORSHAM JOGGERS AGM HELD AT HORSHAM CRICKET CLUB 24.4.2018

Apologies	One apology has been received from Dave Maurice
Previous Minutes	Minutes were agreed. The Acceptance of the Last Minutes were proposed by Jenny Boyd and seconded by Victoria Saunders and unanimously approved.
Matters Arising	There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.
Chairman's Report	<p>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 Member Zone on the website and training. He presented Paul Aylett with an inscribed tankard as a thank you for his time as Race Director for the Horsham 10k. He also presented Victoria Saunders with some flowers as a thank you for her time as organizer of the Gunpowder Plot. Details of his report are attached.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>HJ Accounts 2017 – main points of interest</p> <p>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 £17,313 at the end of 2017.</p> <p>Funds have increased by about £550 from the end of 2016. We still have a bank balance that many other clubs would give their eye teeth for! Note that the balance sheet item for Kit with Up & Running is now showing a zero balance, and our Kit Account has only £92 left in it. With the introduction of the Member Zone and the new kit from Scimitar, we retrieved the remaining stock from Mike so that everything is now dealt with in-house. We no longer need a separate account to support the club merchandise, so we transferred the bulk of the funds in that account to our Internet account where it can earn (a small amount of) interest. I've also included the Membership Secretary's funds in the Treasurer's accounts this year. General income expenditure added £185 to our funds. Notable items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• membership up from £7,894 to £7,982, reflecting the continuing growth in membership• Race events up from £502 to £1,275. This reflects our new practice of making a bulk entry for the WSFRL events, as well as continuing to enter teams for the Cross Country events, Road Relays and SDW 100 mile relay• Get Running down from £1,815 to £955. There is so much competition for 0 to 5k courses now that it is hard to sustain the level of interest that we had in 2015 and 2016. Thus the shift in focus to a 5k-10k course for this year• track fees haven't kept pace with expenditure this year, but we continue to be happy to subsidise this facility for the benefit of members• profits from our race events were higher this year than in 2016, with greater income and lower costs. Now that we are running the event entirely within the club, we don't have to give any of the surplus to the Lions. The Gunpowder Trot is now firmly established as a favourite event in the WSFRL, and the quality of our cake stalls at both the GT and the 10k is another element which keeps the punters coming• Donations: we received money in respect of the London Marathon volunteering and Ride London volunteering. We made donations totalling £300 to Springboard Project in return for the use of their minibuses for the London & Brighton Marathons and the South Downs Way relay. We continue to donate 50% of the profits from the 10k and GT to charity, and the donations this year were: £450 each to Butterfly Project and Sussex Outreach; £140 to St Catherine's Hospice. We also sent £300 to Sussex MND Association• 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.

Treasurer's Report contd	<p>This year we have dragged ourselves into the 20th century and started making payments direct from the bank account. This has made life a lot easier, enabling us to pay our suppliers more quickly, and reducing the need for envelopes, stamps etc</p> <p>As ever, big thanks to all those who administer the various aspects of club life which have a bearing on the club's finances: Paul Aylett, Claire Miller, Victoria Saunders and Jenny Boyd re: 10k and WSFRL races; James re: Get Running 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.</p>
Election of Officers and Committee Members	<p>Kirsty Anstee-Brown, Paul Armer and Gemma Berrill have decided to stand down from the committee. They were thanked for the work they have done on the committee.</p> <p>The rest of the committee has agreed to stand again and were proposed en-masse by Mike Saunders and seconded by Carol Brown and this was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The number on the committee has been set at a maximum of 11 so this leaves 4 vacancies on the committee. Steve Entecott offered to join the committee. He was proposed by Clair Miller and seconded by Lin Whiting and carried unanimously by everyone attending. Margaret Wadman also indicated she would like to join the committee. She was proposed by Caroline Bransden and seconded by Fiona Clifton and carried unanimously. Phil then asked if there was anyone else who would like to stand on the committee. No other volunteers came forward.</p>
Horsham 10k	<p>Geoff Parker said that he and Lin Whiting are delighted to have taken the reins from Paul as Race Director for this year's Horsham 10K and kids fun run. Paul has done a fantastic job during the past 5 years and is continuing to fully support the new incumbents as part of his handover. As last year, there is a small 10K organising committee with each member taking on responsibility for key areas.</p> <p>The format for this year will be the same as last year. On race day, we will again have a number of different time pacers out on the course. We have again hired a bouncy castle for the kids and, of course, there will be a fine selection of teas, coffees, soft drinks and cakes.</p> <p>An all-weather rugby pitch is being installed at the Rugby Club and this means that the kid's race and the start of the adults race will have to be slightly re-aligned. This should be quite easy to accommodate.</p> <p>The Horsham Joggers were chosen to host one of the reduced number of Sussex Grand Prix events this year so it's as important as ever to make the day a success. To that end, we will need at least 80 volunteers and the chairman will be making an appeal shortly. There will also be an appeal for cake bakers to contact Maria Pettitt.</p> <p>Finally, as of this afternoon, we had 394 registered runners and another 55 for the kids run so we look to be on course for another full entry.</p>
Sussex Grand Prix	<p>Our new SGP rep Mal Thornton gave an update on the Sussex Grand Prix. In recent years it has proved to be less of a focus for club members. 2017 was the third year in a row with a low number of Horsham Joggers completing the required minimum 8 events. Only 4 men completed 8+ races: Alan Pettitt, Paul Yokom, Mick Duplock, Paul Arnold. Only 3 women completed 8+ races: Penny Barron, Margaret Wadman, Claire Burrows. (In 2016 we had 11 men and 6 women completing the required 8+ races)</p> <p>Team positions (out of 25) Women: 9th, Men: 11th Vet Men: 8th, Vet Women: 10th</p> <p>We did have limited success in the individual categories, with Penny Barron finishing a very creditable 33rd in the women's individual category, and Caroline Bransden coming 2nd in the V6 category (despite only 5 races). Alan Pettitt was the highest ranked member in the men's classification in 76th place.</p> <p><u>Changes to SGP in 2018</u></p> <p>We are not the only club who has had low numbers of members completing the full 8+ races in a year. As a result, the race calendar and format of the SGP has been significantly changed for 2018.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of SGP races has been reduced from 17 to 10 - The number of scoring races has been reduced from 8 to 6 - There is no longer a requirement to run 2 long races of 10+ miles

Sussex Grand Prix contd	<p>Individuals will be scored on their best 6 races out of the 10 available. Team scoring has also been revised. The previous system, which only ranked the top 10 finishing men and women from each club, no longer applies.</p> <p>Of this year's races, only one – Hastings Half – has taken place so far. The next event is the Hastings 5 mile on Sunday 13th May. Please see the SGP website for full listing. Horsham 10k remains in the SGP for the 2018 calendar.</p> <p>Mal thanked everyone who represented Horsham Joggers in the SGP races during 2017, and wished everyone good luck for 2018. Thanks were also passed to Bryan Camfield for managing the HJ membership of SGP and collating the results.</p>
WSFRL	<p>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 18 runs in the Sussex area and so far 2 have been completed. This year there is a new club joined the League – Crawley Run Crew. Also the Hickstead Gallop will be held at a new venue. Last year Horsham Joggers came 9th out of 18 clubs with an average of 25 members at each race. Jenny showed off her 'Completer t-shirt' which is given to anyone who has completed all 18 races. She thanked Victoria and Mike Saunders for organizing the Gunpowder Trot and wished Margaret Wadman well when she takes over running the GT. Jenny finished by showing photos of various WSFRL races.</p>
Proposed Change to Club Rules	<p>Details of the change to club rules have been circulated to all members in mid March along with the AGM notification. The proposed change to Rule 6 Memberships has replaced the following section:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A candidate for Membership must apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose, and must be proposed by one Member and seconded by another Member, and elected by ballot at the next ensuing Committee Meeting. New members already belonging to AAA affiliated club are to declare their first - claim allegiance at the time of joining.</p> <p>with this section:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A candidate for Membership must apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose. New members already belonging to AAA affiliated club are to declare their first - claim allegiance at the time of joining.</p> <p>This change was proposed by Emma Walters and seconded by Julie Gallagher and carried unanimously.</p>
New Honorary members	<p>The following member was elected to Honorary status:- Mike de Frateschi. Mike joined in 1990 and has been an active supporter of the club getting involved in the Pub Runs and with the Headtorch runs.</p>
Jogger of the Year	<p>This is the first year that the voting has been done online. Sharon Gibson explained that in total 197 votes had been registered on Survey Monkey for the 3 categories of award and in total 35 joggers had been nominated across all 3 awards.</p> <p><u>'Newcomer of the Year'</u> was awarded to Matt Whyman. He was nominated by club members for beating PBs at many distances, for representing the club at many events and for being a massive inspiration to other runners.</p> <p><u>'Jogger of the Year'</u> was awarded to Fiona Clifton for supporting the Joggers through coaching, encouragement and organizing club runs. She is always cheerful, motivational, enthusiastic, inspirational and dedicated and does so much more than people see.</p> <p><u>'Volunteer of the Year'</u> was given to Phil Liberman who received 21% of the vote for being a 'living legend and all round super hero'.</p>
AOB	<p>No other business matters were raised.</p>
Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.	