**Annual General Meeting**

Held on Friday 13 August 2021 at 7 pm

Horsham Cricket Club

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| The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm. | | |
| 1 | **Introduction and address from Chairman**  Paul Morley (PM) welcomed the attendees to his first AGM as Chairman. After the usual housekeeping points, PM expressed his joy and relief to return to a face to face after what has been a very difficult time for everybody through the pandemic.  PM gave a special welcome to:   * + Honorary Members   + Coaches, former and current   + The former Chairman, Phil Liberman   + our members, without whom there is no club   + previous Committee Members who gave their time and energy   + new and current Committee Members   PM talked briefly about two things, why we run and achievements.   * **Why We Run**   + We all run for different reasons     - Competitive challenges     - General fitness or return to fitness after injury or ill health     - For mental wellbeing     - Friendship and the social side of running with others     - To be part of club     - Or a combination of all the aforementioned     - Or as per instruction like PM himself   + The Committee are working hard to continue to meet the needs of all members. * **Achievements**   + Trawling back through Facebook looking for achievements worthy of special mention, PM apologised that he cannot mention them all.   + Despite Covid issues, there had been many amazing achievements by members of this club since the last AGM.   + ‘Achievement’ is personal to the people doing them;   + Some amazing achievements are very headline worthy, such as coming 1st against hard opposition, running consecutive marathons, running ultra-marathons, repeatedly, for the first time or after injury or ill health, etc. Others are less obvious but still huge achievements, such as running even 5k after injury or ill heath, coming back to running after personal tragedy or mental health issues, stepping up to lead a first track session, or venturing back to group running following lockdown during the pandemic, etc.   There was a round of applause to celebrate all the achievements by the club members. | Actions |
| 2 | **Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM**  The minutes of the last AGM were posted and available on HJ website under Club Documents/AGM details.  Those who were at that AGM, were invited to raise their hands to confirm their acceptance of the minutes as a true record. Malcolm Footer and Jenny Boyd were among those who raised their hands. |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising**  There were no matters arising from the last AGM held in September 2020. |  |
| 4 | **Chairman’s Report**  Due to Covid, this has been a short year with races and events only recently starting up again.  **Races**  Horsham Joggers have taken part in a number of events already:   * Endure 24 at Reading - one HJ team covered 185 miles and another 140 miles in 24 hours * Sussex Masters at Kingston, where HJ runners won Gold Medals in 32° heat. * 100 mile South Downs Relay, Beachy Head to Winchester, completed in 13 hours and 2 seconds. * Wisborough 5 and 10k   + Correction to the Newsletter   + We had 52 Horsham Joggers at Wisborough   + 10 did the 5k   + 42 did the 10k including: Malcolm Footer, Jon Fengaras, Graham Lunn, Sarah Worrall, John Berry, Natalie Buckman, Sam Edwards and Gavin Philps * Beat the Tide 10k at Worthing * 50k section of Race to the Stones on the Berkshire/Oxfordshire Ridgeway Trail * Midnight Marathon from the Queen Elizabeth Country Park across The Downs * Jigsaw 10k at Dunsfold * The 100k Serpent Trail * And others   **Summer Handicap**  Phil Liberman and a team of volunteers did a great job arranging the Summer Handicap which was held in July and had 60 runners. The winner of this year’s event was Anita Mazlo.  **Quiz Night**  Earlier in the year, while in lockdown, Roger Johnson organised an on-line Quiz Night. The first prize of a hamper from Strawberry Fields Tearooms and Farm Shop was won by Lisa and Lee Jestico.  The club is looking at increasing the ‘Social’ activities, with holding more events and get-togethers. Members were urge to look out for news and let the Committee know of their suggestions.  **Thanks**  PM gave his thanks and presented gifts to a number of members.  **Coach Nigel** for his years of coaching time and support given to a large number of Horsham Joggers.  **Margaret Wadman** who was on the Committee for over 3 years and helped to organise the Gunpowder Trot races, doing the Member Surveys and by helping the club get back to group running by administering the Booking System and many other things along the way. Margaret was not able to attend.  **Steve Entecott** who was also on the Committee for over 3 years and helped us get our kit ordering system more centralised, by being the voice at the end of member message requests and by helping the club get back to group running by administering the Booking System and many other things along the way. Steve was not able to attend the AGM.  **Coach Claire** for giving her time to work so many of us so hard at her HIIT classes.  **Coach Fiona** for her time and efforts in helping us with road and hill training sessions enjoyed by many.  **Coach Lawrence** for agreeing to help us with our Coached Track Sessions, which have encouraged many to come along to the track for first time.  **Julie Jochimsen and Lee Jestico** for stepping up and agreeing to join the Committee.  **Julie Gallacher,** who was our Covid Officer but who now has agreed to be the club’s Welfare Officer.  **Mark Aylmore and his ‘Run & Talk’ Team.** This is an important mental health initiative. Mark and his team have arrange for activities over the coming months.  **Group Run Leaders**, for stepping up to help the club return to group running through the various stages of the pandemic.  **Newly Qualified Leaders, Jane Footer and Andy Robins.** Congratulations for getting their Leader in Running Fitness Qualifications (LiRF) and thanks for helping us at the track sessions.  The Club is continuing to invest in training and is looking for more people to come forward to train to become Qualified Leaders and Coaches. PM urged members to make themselves known to him and the Committee if they are interested. |  |
| 5 | **Treasurer’s Report**  Copies of the 2020 Accounts were handed out to members. Iain Campbell (IC) gave an overview of the financial report for the year ending 31 December 2020.  The fact that 2019 and 2020 were not normal years has had some impact on the HJ accounts. This was due to things the club could not do, but had already paid for, or could not provide, but we had already taken the money. Generally, it was agreed to leave the money where it was and provide or receive the services when that became possible. Examples included the deposit for the hire of the venue for the AGM planned for 2019 and money held on behalf of the members’ fees for WSFRL entries. To date, all agreements had been honoured.  The financial statements had been signed off by Gary Tomlinson, who was thanked for his audit work and helpful advice necessary because of the aforementioned complications.  At the end of 2020, the club remained in a healthy financial position with overall assets of £22,369.29. This was an increase of approximately £460 over the year.   * Cash at the bank was almost unchanged * Stock of club merchandise reduced by about £380, as a result of sales in 2020 as no further stock was purchased. * Race events and courses did not make their usual contribution to income, but most of the costs which were incurred are pre-payments which will reduce costs next year. These pre-payments are treated as assets and will improve our end year financial position. * The cost of track hire rose slightly, balanced by a similar increase in income from the track due to the price increase to cover the costs. * Admin fees fell, partly due to the decreased income taken through PayPal for which there is an admin charge and the small fee for the transactions which go through the card reader. There is also a small monthly fee for Zoom, which is similar to the hire fee for a Committee meeting room. * Prompted by responses to our Survey at previous year end, the club made a total donation of £1,200, split evenly between two local charities. These were West Sussex MIND and Chestnut Tree House.   IC thanked those who provided clarity and evidence supporting the figures on which the accounts are based. HMRC had also been very efficient.  IC also provided an update and context on the financial status since the year end. Our cash at the bank has increased by about £1,400 despite the recent renewal of the club personal accident policy and an order to replenish our stock of t-shirts and vests. This reflects the difference between the membership fees and the costs we incur just to exist when activities are mainly closed down. This is on top of a very healthy financial position which had been improving over the last decade. The Committee recognise this and will be looking to invest in improvements in what the club offers.  It was noted that the club will soon need to consider the charitable donations in 2021. IC proposed to the Committee that similar charitable donations are made at the end of 2021 to similarly deserving charities. |  |
| 6 | **Election of Officers and Committee Members**  The last sentence of Horsham Joggers club rule 4 says "The committee has the power to fill any vacancy which may arise".  Three months ago, in May, Steve Entecott and Margaret Wadman tendered their resignations within a short period of each other, but continued to help with the work of the Committee afterwards. Julie Jochimsen and Lee Jestico joined the Committee subsequently.  The first part of Horsham Joggers rule 4 says "The management of the Club is vested in a Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Social Secretary and minimum of 3 other members, all to be elected annually".  The current incumbents, all eleven members, have agreed to continue to serve in their current capacities and agree to be elected. The attendees were asked to propose that all the current committee members are elected en masse. Hands were raised in support and hands were also raised to second the proposal.  This motion was carried unanimously. |  |
| 7 | **Amendment to Rule 10**  Rule 10 says **“AGM shall be held during the month of April every year.”** However, due to the pandemic, the 2020 AGM was held on 30 September, and the 2021 AGM is held today on 13 August. As it was not inconceivable that there may be other years in the future, when the AGM cannot be held in the month of April, the committee proposed to amend Rule 10.  Rule 13 provides that “no alteration or addition may be made to the Rules except by an AGM or a special general meeting called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed amendment must be given as provided, and was the case, 7 days before the AGM.  *An AGM shall be held during the month of April every year.......*  will be amended to  *An AGM shall be held every year, in April unless the Committee decide to postpone for good reason(s) to a later month,.......*  The members agreed by raise of hands that Rule 10 be amended accordingly. |  |
| 8 | **Events update**  **Sussex Grand Prix including the Horsham 10k**   * After much thought and discussion, this year’s Horsham 10k was cancelled. * The Hellingly 10k in September had been cancelled * The Lewes 10k in October is not yet confirmed * The Hove Prom 10k in October had been cancelled * The Crowborough 10k in November is still planned   **The West Sussex Fun Run League**  The whole schedule for 2021 had been cancelled. Victoria Saunders who is the chair of the WSFRL gave the history of the league. It will be the 30th anniversary in 2022. HJ will continue to support the league.  **The Horsham Round on the 30th August**  Planning is underway for this year’s Horsham Round which Roger Johnson (RJ) is organising and members were invited to contact RJ if they want to enter a Team or would like to join a Team. As a thank you to members for their patience and togetherness during Covid, the club will be meeting the cost of food for the party in Horsham Park afterwards. |  |
| 9 | **Honorary members**  The three honorary members were given certificates by PM.   * 1. Steve Fordham   2. Malcolm Deacon   3. Caroline Bransden |  |
| 10 | **Awards**  The current holders (from 2019) of the returnable shields were able to keep them for another year:   * + 10k - Richard Lee-Wright, Rachel Hamson   + 10 miles - Richard Lee-Wright, Ethel Wyman   + Half marathon - Gary Tomlinson, Miranda Huisman   + A WSFRL race - Gary Tomlinson, Miranda Huisman * In view of the pandemic, the Committee has decided to roll 2020 and 2021 into one for the purposes of the otherwise “annual” awards of Volunteer of the Year and Jogger of the Year.   + Members were asked to send their suggestions for Volunteer and Jogger of the Year to the Committee with a brief note on the reasons supporting their nominations * A new award for a HJ member participating in the South Downs Way Relay, Tony Johnson’s (previous Chairman) Trophy **for “Performance, Determination or Perseverance"** above and beyond the norm.   + Paul Davis presented the trophy, made by Paul Aylett, to Steve Wright after this year’s event.   **Coaches Awards**  This year, three new awards were introduced, with the winners chosen by our Coaches.  **Coach Lawrence**  This year’s award went to Ian Hines for improvement and effort shown at the Thursday coached track sessions.  **Coach Fiona**  This year’s award went to Viv Underhill for her contribution and effort shown at the Thursday coached road and hill sessions. Fiona advised that Viv attended 8 out of 10 sessions despite the weather.  **Coach Claire**  This year’s award went to Mike Worrell for consistently giving 100% effort and being supportive of others at the Thursday HIIT classes.  Claire also gave a ‘special mention to Sok Wah Lee, Andy Robins, Mel Bullen for their fantastic engagement during lockdown.’ |  |
| 11 | **Any Other Business**  In the 7 days’ notice of the AGM,the Committee asked members to send questions in. Rachel Hamson sent 2 questions.  **Are Sunday morning runs and Thursday night runs going to continue?** As Covid restrictions continue to lift, more run options will be open to us.  **As some of our older and wiser members don't do Facebook, is there any other way to reach out to them?** The Committee are aware that this is an issue and are investigating an additional email solution. The club uses many platforms for communication that include Facebook, Twitter and the HJ Website.  Our HJ website, on the bottom right hand corner are links to various social media pages which members can access if they don't subscribe to social media.   Also, on the HJ website under the menu bar at the top under Training, the programme for Fiona's and Claire's sessions are published. |  |
| 12 | **Close of meeting**  The meeting was declared closed at 7:56 pm following which there was a social event which was open to all members. |  |

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Paul Morley

Sok Wah Lee

Julie Jochimsen

Iain Campbell

Lee Jestico

Baz Panchal

Mark Aylmore

Andy Robins

Clive Walker

Diane Berry

Member Attendees:

Miranda Morley

Lisa Jestico

Rob Jochimsen

Jane Footer

Malcolm Footer

John Berry

Phil Liberman

Claire Miller

Nigel Edney

Helen Morgan

Caroline Bransden

Jane Adams

Julie Gallagher

Paul Gallagher

Jenny Boyd

Lawrence Roy

Gavin Philps

Jackie Garner

Steve Fordham

Iain Hines

Fiona Clifton

Elisabeth Scott

John Booker

Jim Hawthorn

Peter Tyrrell

Paul Aylett

Malcolm Deacon

Tony Hogben

Ian Dickinson

Victoria Saunders

Mike Saunders

Apologies:

Roger Johnson

Margaret Wadman

Steve Entecott

Jo Bull

Mike Worrall

Viv Underhill