Romsey Road Runners AGM 2015 minutes

Location; Crossfield hall

Date; 11/11/2015

Time; 1930.

Apologies; Paul Burnage, Derek Kelley.

Present; Hannah Hunt, Becky Tovey, Wendy Couper, Penny Jennings, Neil Jennings, Deborah Rees, Dave Gardner, Julia Abab, David Page, Ruth Page, Liz Slade, Hannah Shutt, Mark Stileman, Karen Keane, Anna Duigan, Keith Stone, Lesley Stone, Annie Tomlinson, Tony Peelo, Christopher Brown, Barrie Brown, Ian Ralph, John Quayle, Daniel Lurock, Di Cross, Jo Weguelin, Tony King.

- 1. Last years minutes were accepted as a fair and accurate description.
- 2. Short reports from committee members. (more detailed reports available in appendix A)

Chairman Tony King

Tony said he was pleased the club's high membership and club participation at events. Romsey Road Runners is currently a vibrant active club. Tony thanked this year's committee members, especially those stepping down this year for the time they have put into the club.

Treasurer Mark Stileman

Mark explained the accounts remain stable ending with a surplus of £720. The committee have agreed this will be re-invested in the club; first aid course and the leadership in running course.

Press secretary Annie Tomlinson

Annie has now spent 3 years as press secretary and is now stepping down. She is looking for volunteers to fill the position.

Annie reminded everyone that results shouted out on Monday night will not get to her unless they are e-mailed to her. Therefore is anyone would like results announced in the local press please e-mail results@romseyroadrunners.co.uk. More description of the race taken part in would be beneficial to create articles.

Session Leader Co-ordinator Ian Ralph

lan thanked all the session leaders for leading the sessions this year. Hannah Shutt is completing the leadership in running fitness course in Febuary but more session leaders are needed if anyone is interested.

The track is now 400m which has allowed more sessions to be created. There were a few issues with the track quality which have been fed back to Mountbatten School.

Braishfield was marked and then re-marked this year.

Matt Hammerton has applied for throught the Hampshire County Council "Run 3,2,1" scheme for a 5K route to be marked out in Ampfield Wood with wooden markers. This could be used for a route in the summer.

Race Secretary Hannah Hunt;

Hannah said the first year splitting the role has worked well, and the RR10/ CC6 turn out as been very good.

Our CC6 race is now scheduled for January the 31st to avoid a clash with the Romsey 5.

The options for making the rr10 league more manageable were discussed (see longer report in appendix)

Hannah thanked all the Marshalls for supporting the RR10 and CC6 race hosted by us this year.

Team Captain Becky Tovey;

Becky congratulated everyone for their brilliant results. Especially the rise in numbers of members competing in marathons and ultra marathons.

Membership secretary Penny Jennings;

The club now has 124 members, 18 more than last year. There have been plenty of new members this year and currently more ladies than men.

Website Co-ordinator John Quayle;

As the webmaster I probably have one of the easier updates to give as most of you will check the website once a week! The website has been ticking along quite nicely for the last 12 months with no major problems. You might find the following stats of interest.

In the period 4/11/14 to 3/11/15 we had 9,244 individual users and 33,909 page views (although I estimate about 25% of that is malicious traffic - sign of the times I'm afraid).

The busiest month was June with 2,702 Sessions (visits) to the site. It's really noticeable how activity ramps up towards the Beer Race. Indeed we had over 700 visits to the site on Beer Race week itself which is almost certainly runners logging on to check their times!

Social Secretary Di Cross and Lesley Stone;

Di and Lesley will now be stepping down from the role. This year the club's 30th celebration walk and run were particularly successful and the annual awards evening is planned for the 20th of November.

Newsletter editor Di Cross;

Di is stepping down from the role as she is now working full time in London and doesn't have the time to continue. She will probably complete the winter newsletter.

She asked if members what a change to the format of the Newsletter.

- 3. Beer Race report (Full report in appendix 2)
 - A sell out event this year with 350 people entered before the race day.
 - Next year there are plans to slightly increase the entry cap to 400.

- Mark Stileman will be the race director for 2016 and Liz Slade will fill the race secretary position as Kirsty Quayle is stepping down.

Deborah Rees asked about the introduction of chip timing in 2016. Hannah confirmed there is a strong possibility it will be introduced. She also asked if there was enough parking available for extra numbers. Hannah said there are plans in place for this, and also due to excellent car park marshalls there was space for more cars this year.

Mark said that the event will not expand much past 400 for a number of reasons. Currently the race has the atmosphere of a small friendly race and will aim to maintain this.

- 4. Keith introduce John Horton who gave an interesting and informative talk about his experience of running the 1st ever London Marathon in 1981.
- 5. Proposed constitution amendments Proposal detailed in appendix 3

John Quayle suggested that the second proposed amendment was slightly changed to say that 2 core and 2 general committee members would needed to be present to form a committee meeting. This would allow for some flexibility for core members if required. It was agreed to amend this proposal.

The room voted on the proposed amendments;

Change 1; All in favour, No objections.

Change 2; All in favour, No objections

Change 3; All in favour, No objections

Action; Constitution to be amended – Hannah agreed to do this.

6. Marathon places.

Bob Gould (who has been a member for over 1 year and is a member of EA) and Becky Tovey have both expressed interest. As Becky has gained a marathon place for 2017 due to a qualifying time she asked if it could be offered to Bob first.

Action; Jo to e-mail Bob Gould as rejection slip not yet seen to offer marathon place.

7. Elections for office.

Chairman – Is happy to remain in role. There were no objections.

Session Leader Co-ordinator – is standing down. Currently vacant as no volunteers. Ian happy to write winter schedule. The role could potentially be divided up a little more.

Team captain – Is happy to remain in role. There were no objections.

Race Secretary – Is happy to remain in role. There were no objections.

Membership secretary - Is happy to remain in role. There were no objections.

Press secretary - is standing down. Currently vacant as no volunteers. John Quayle said he could take this on in the very short term as he posts results to website anyway.

Web master - Is happy to remain in role. There were no objections.

Treasurer – Mark Stileman stood down as treasurer. It was proposed and agreed that Deborah Rees would take on the role of treasurer. Deborah will therefore replace Mark Stileman as a bank signatory for the club account.

Proposer; Lesely Stone

Seconded; Karen Keane.

Social Secretary - is standing down. Currently vacant as no volunteers.

Newsletter editor – Is standing down. Currently vacant as no volunteers.

Kit secretary - Is happy to remain in role. There were no objections.

Beer race director; Mark Stileman is taking this on.

AOB;

The noticeboard at the sports centre will be shortly updated.

Lesley reminded everyone that Monday is the deadline for the awards dinner.

Appendix 1

Webmaster

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As mentioned above we do, unfortunately, see attempts to hack the site all the time. Our site is built on Wordpress and there are "bots" across the world that randomly try and hack into sites. Ours is no exception. Fortunately, a number of free tools exist to help combat the more common methods of attack and it's something I always have to keep an eye on.

This is also a good time to remind people that all our training routes are now mapped and available on the site. This is really useful for anyone who may not have run a route before or if it's been some time since you last did that particular session.

Any ideas for the site, do let me know.

Race Secretary and Team Captain, November 2015

We started the year with our **CC6** race held on 23 November 2014, sharing hosting responsibilities with Halterworth Harriers. 152 runners enjoyed our course in Kings Garn Gutter Inclosure and we had a fantastic turn out of marshals to ensure the race ran smoothly, thank you. The series now includes 7 races, although it is still called the CC6. The league was approached by two more local clubs to join for the 2015/16 series, however at the AGM it was agreed to say no to them for this year and assess how we might expand the league sustainably in the future ahead of the 2016/17 series.

This season, our race will be held on Sunday 24 January 2016 and we hope to have another great turn out of members to marshal the course. We will be organising some social runs of the course nearer the time to help marshals get to know the route and would like to recruit some key marshals to help walk others to their positions, so do let us know if you would like to help with this.

The **Pentathlon** table has looked amazing this year with masses of PB's and achievements, so a massive well done to all for your inspiring efforts this season!! The marathon column is looking particularly healthy, with RRR's representing in races as far a-field as Boston where Marie Duignan ran an impressive 3:28:18 to qualify for next year's race, and Johannesberg where Brenda Topliss

completed the famous Two Oceans Ultra Marathon in an amazing time of 6:51:55 over an astounding 56km!! A bit closer to home in April we saw the **London Marathon**, where Tamatha Ryan managed to clock an astounding 3:12:52, giving her that sought-after championship status and a well-earned mention!! Neil Payne flew the flag for Romsey with a fantastic time of 4:30:24, along with Toby Burrows who ran an amazing 3:27:41, just a week before completing a gruelling 35mile Ultra in Pembrokeshire!!

On the subject of London, as you all know, we are lucky enough to have a club ballot for those who have a rejection slip from the main ballot each year. You may remember that late last year we discovered the number of places allotted to each club is decided based on how many England Athletics members a club has. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage as many people as possible to join England Athletics, so that we can try and beef up our membership status and accrue a second club place for London 2017!!

The **Mile of Miles Relay** saw another great turn out from all the local clubs with a record 34 teams taking part. Southampton were pipped into second by the winning Eastleigh team, third place going to Lordshill. This year there was an option to field both Men's and Ladies teams, so we decided to try our luck in each of the respective categories, our men's and ladies teams finishing an excellent 9th and 29th overall, respectively! Well done all and our thanks to all those who ran or helped with timekeeping.

The **RR10** series was very well attended by Romsey again this year, with lots of new members taking part which was great to see. We have had some fantastic results both individually and as a team this season, in some cases fielding up to 6 teams in one race!! We would like to offer a special congratulations to Penny Jennings who has been dubbed as the most capped runner in series history, clocking a fantastic 172 races since 1995!!! Also a magic achievement by Wendy Couper this year to come away with a series victory in the V70 category!!! It was also another successful turnout for our own event which we hosted at Janesmoor Pond in partnership with Wessex Runners and successfully saw 209 men and 144 women taking part. Our thanks to everyone who came along to marshal.

Such is the success of the RR10 league that it is now in a position where significant changes may be required for it to continue and flourish, prompted in part by the application to join from new local club, Itchen Spitfires. Numbers have increased steadily year-on-year, and the majority of the races are now at their limit, both in terms of the numbers of runners that the routes can support, and the number of cars that can be parked. Car parking is a major issue at the New Forest venues, where the Forestry Commission also require public access during races, and where ponies/livestock are roaming the roads/car parks and increased traffic is a potential risk. The majority of clubs involved in the league were in agreement that the league should be encouraging of runners and not exclude local clubs, but even without Itchen Spitfire's application, the increased runner/spectator numbers would need to be addressed at some point in the near future.

Two options are currently being considered:

- 1. Split the league into two divisions, East and West, with 7 clubs in each division hosting 6 races each (Halterworth and Wessex need to partner with another club each as they are too small to host on their own), therefore runners would be able to compete in a total of 5 races. This would be a long term fix, allowing more clubs to be admitted in the future, but would mean less races to run in the near future.
- 2. Add a further race to the calendar which Itchen Spitfires would host, with each club dropping out of two races the one they host plus one other. This would mean runners would still get

9 opportunities to race. The committee are currently working on the best combination of host club(s) and club to miss each race to ensure a fair spread of runners taking part at each race. This is more of a mid-term fix, possibly providing the opportunity for more clubs to join in the future until the calendar becomes too full.

Responses from the other clubs in the league seem to be in favour of option two and a further meeting of club representatives will be held in the near future to agree the way forward.

Unfortunately, the **Test Way Relay** was cancelled this year as organisation of the event changes hands. It is hoped that the event will be back on the fixtures calendar in 2016.

Romsey Road Runners AGM – Treasurer's Statement

The club has had a stable and uneventful financial year. We have finished the year with a surplus of £720, largely due to an increased membership and another successful Beer Race.

Please see the tables below for details of our income and expenditure and our assets at the end of the year. Here are a few notes to elaborate:

- Despite holding subscription fees at £20 per annum, receipts have increased by £500 due to increased membership
- The 'Other Socials' income and expenditure amounts are much higher this year last year they were processed through the accounts, unlike 2013/14. A level of subsidy goes into the Awards Night, but this year we have also subsidised the 30th Anniversary celebrations.
- The Beer Race remains a very important factor in the club's financial health it consistently adds around £1500 into our funds. Without the profit that this event returns to the club we would not be financially sustainable the regular activities of the club have cost £727 in the current year and £1,500 in each of the 2 previous years. The slight reduction in income this year reflects the commission taken from online entries.
- Kit purchases and receipts tend to be sporadic, but we break even over time. The balance sheet this year includes our kit inventory for the first time.

At a recent committee meeting we discussed the surplus income that we have realised this year, and we felt that we should seek to reinvest this in the club, particularly through First Aid training plus training for more session leaders.

The detailed transaction records and the summary accounts have been independently examined by Matthew Pillinger, Finance Manager at Ordnance Survey. The detailed accounts are available for inspection on request.

Income	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Subscriptions	£1,968.50	£2,372.50	£2,871.00
Circuits	£234.00		
Awards Evening	£1,344.00	£1,308.60	£980.00
Other Socials	£460.00	£30.00	£686.00
Kit	£306.50	£193.00	£474.00
Beer Race	£3,352.69	£3,255.89	£3,143.07
Other	£345.99	£20.00	£100.00
Total Income	£8,011.68	£7,179.99	£8,254.07

Expenditure	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15

Subs & Fees	£1,327.15	£1,290.00	£1,191.00
Circuits	£172.50		
Awards Evening	£1,945.24	£1,655.80	£1,547.00
Other Socials	£635.22	£105.95	£994.48
Kit	£683.23	£610.32	£416.40
Beer Race	£1,844.07	£1,592.01	£1,694.91
Track hire	£366.00	£228.00	£228.00
Woodley Hall	£522.56	£765.34	£674.43
Newsletter	£385.00	£437.00	£505.00
Sundries	£261.30	£346.20	£282.38
Total Expenditure	£8,142.27	£7,030.62	£7,533.60

Annual surplus	-£130.59	£149.37	£720.47
Broken down as:			
Club Activities	-£1,639.21	-£1,514.51	-£727.69
Beer Race	£1,508.62	£1,663.88	£1,448.16
	-£130.59	£149.37	£720.47

BALANCE SHEET

	30/09/2013	30/09/2014	30/09/2015
Bank balance	£1,573.04	£1,687.22	£2,403.18
Cash float	£61.73	£96.92	£101.43
Total balance	£1,634.77	£1,784.14	£2,504.61

Kit inventory		£777.00
Total assets		£3,281.61

Newsletter editor report

I have greatly enjoyed producing the newsletter over the past year as Acting Editor, and hope you have found it useful. I have tried to expand the news pages and introduced a 'Route Master' section as, hopefully, part of a wider initiative to establish a section of routes as a resource for members on the website. I was particularly pleased to be able to include old pictures and details to highlight the club's 30th anniversary. Thank you to all who have contributed articles, information or pictures.

I have continued to use BML printers on the Fishlake industrial estate, who have been efficient and good value.

Thank you to those who have provided feedback, however this has been limited. Perhaps now would be a good opportunity to find out exactly what service members would like the newsletter to perform. I am currently working in London full time, so am unable to continue covering this role. Armed with fresh information, I hope someone new will be able to take this valuable resource forward.

Report from the Social Secretaries

This has been a significant year for the club socially, the highlight of which was the celebration to mark the club's 30th anniversary in September. The walk and run from the Mill Arms at Dunbridge were well attended - by both current and former members - and it was a wonderful opportunity to present two of the three founding committee members, Keith Stone and Steve Lees, with a token of our appreciation for their enterprise all those years ago.

Aside from this, our social calendar has remained largely unaltered.

We organised a meet at the Bear & Ragged Staff on a mild New Year's Day for a cob-web removing 7-mile run followed by lunch at the pub.

In April, 50 club members attended the Pasta Party and quiz night at The Sun in Romsey, our annual carb-fuelled send-off to London Marathon entrants. Thanks again to David Nixon for his excellent quiz.

In May, we headed to Pembrokeshire for the club's annual weekend away. Great fun, despite the weather, and a glorious part of the country (at least, what we could see through the rain!) The Druidstone Hotel, where we ate on the Saturday night, is highly recommended. And the Sunday walk from Crickhowell was delightful - and sunny!

In June, we once again organised the post-Beer Race barbecue on a glorious afternoon, which was very well attended. A huge thanks to the Slade family for manning the barbecue - something I struggle with as a vegetarian.

In July, we followed our marshalling stint at the Janesmoor Pond RR10 with the 'Tyrrell Dash', made even more of a challenge this year by the late start of a couple of runners. Around 20 of us did make it to the pub in time to eat.

We are currently preparing for the annual Awards Night Party on 20 November, our last act as Social Secretaries. Lesley and I have enjoyed the role but are standing down due to family and work commitments. We wish our successor/s the best of luck.

KIT

This year we have sold plenty of kit at cost price (or club subsidised) and are now needing to replenish our stock of running vests and T-shirts. We introduced a new T-shirt this season which sold really well in new colors and blue. gold Other items available include fluorescent gillets (cost £20), and High-Viz webbed fluorescent vests (cost £7). Club hoodies have proved popular in the past and I have a few of these left in stock at a cost of £20. We also have blue wet/windproof Ronhill jackets which carry the club logo (£32). All items with prices and contact details can be found on the website; this has proved useful as I have received orders by email when have notbeen available training

Any suggestions for new kit items can be emailed to me for consideration by the committee.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership is currently at a record 124 which is 18 more than in 2014.

24 people did not renew and there were 42 new members.

There are 61 men and 63 ladies.

We have 2 juniors, 52 seniors, and 70 vets.

42 people have joined England Athletics but 4 have done so with their 1st claim clubs.

I have enjoyed being Membership Secretary for the last year and hope that everyone will pay promptly for 1st January and let me know any changes.

Appendix 2

Braishfield Beer Race Report

Selling out to its capacity of 350 runners a week in advance, our annual 5 Mile Beer Race made its way around the pretty lanes of Braishfield village on Sunday 7 June. The scenic route was complemented by warm sunshine and a gentle breeze, enjoyed by competitors and marshals alike!

Leading from the start and winning by a comfortable 17 seconds was Paul Pallister for Hardley Runners, finishing in a time of 27:31. George King was second for Winchester AC in 27:48, followed by third man Max Costley in 28:42 for Southampton AC, improving on his time from 2014 by 24 seconds.

Having placed in the top 3 for a couple of years now, first lady home was Anna Smith-James of Hedge End RC in 33:43, followed by Anna Giles in 35:01 for Eastleigh RC, also a top 3 regular, with Kirsty Shannon taking third place for Hedge End RC in 35:18.

The popularity of our race has grown year on year, both with members of the local running clubs and with unattached runners alike. The prospect of a pint of London Pride beer, supplied by Fullers, at the finish is a big draw, but the delicious homemade treats and the cheerful and supportive marshalling provided by our members are the cherries on the cake and always feature highly in the great feedback we receive. Thank you to everyone who baked, cheered and supported, and to the BBQ team who provided a fantastic feast for us all to enjoy after the race!

Thank you's also go to local mineral water company Hildon for providing bottles of water for each of the runner as they crossed the finish line, local running shop Up and Running of Chandlers Ford for providing spot prizes to a number of finishers, and Mike and Sarah Edom of The Old House at Home in Romsey who helped set up the bar and ensured the beer was just right. Also Braishfield Parish Council, the Newport Inn Cricket Club, landowners and residents of Braishfield for the use of various venues in the village and their continued support of the race.

Prize Winners:

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1<sup>st</sup> Male - Paul Pallister, Hardley Runners, 27:31
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2nd Male - George King, Winchester AC, 27:48

3rd Male - Max Costley, Southampton AC, 28:42

1st Male Senior - George King, Winchester AC, 27:48

1st Male V40 - Paul Pallister, Hardley Runners, 27:31

1st Male V50 – Tim Ellis, Basingstoke and Midhants, 29:27

1st Male V60 – David Ransom, Tottor RC, 35:39

1st Female – Anna Smith-James, Hedge End RC, 33:43

2nd Female – Anna Giles, Eastleigh RC, 35:01

3rd Female – Kirsty Shannon, Hedge End RC, 35:18

1st Female Senior – Anna Smith-James, Hedge End RC, 33:43

1st Female V40 - Kirsty Shannon, Hedge End RC, 35:18

1st Female V50 – Hayley Chilvers, Eastleigh RC, 36:11

1st Female V60 – Elaine Grist, Eastleigh RC, 50:02

2015 Beer Race Committee:

Race Director: vacant – fulfilled in the interim by Liz Slade and Derek Kelly

Race Secretary: Kirsty Quayle

Chief Marshal: Becky Tovey

Course Manager: Hannah Hunt

Race Results: Jim Wright

Finish Field Coordinator: Chris Lane

The race went ahead this year without a formal Race Director in post, however the committee were very grateful to Liz Slade and Derek Kelly who stepped forward to share responsibilities as an interim measure. Liz Slade will stay on the committee as the new Race Secretary as Kirsty Quayle has stepped down from this position, and Mark Stileman has stepped up to be the Race Director for the 2016 race forwards.

Appendix 3

1. Current wording:

The Club Committee

The day-to-day management of the Club shall be deputed to a Committee consisting of up to but not exceeding twelve Committee Members.

Committee Members

The committee members shall be the Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Session Leader or Coach, the Membership Secretary, the Race Secretary, the Team Captain, the Social Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Press Secretary, Kit rep and Webmaster.

Proposed wording:

The Club Committee

The day-to-day management of the Club shall be deputed to a Committee consisting of up to but not exceeding twelve Committee Members consisting of three core members and nine general members.

Committee Members

The committee members shall consist of:

Core members: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

General members: Membership Secretary, Session Leader Coordinator, Kit Secretary, Race Secretary, Team Captain, Social Secretary, Webmaster, Press Secretary, Newsletter Editor.

2. Current wording:

Proceedings of the Committee

The Committee shall meet at least six times each year in person and as often as may from time to time be necessary. Any additional meetings (above 6) may be held in a manner agreeable to the committee (including by telephone conference call).

Six of the voting members of the Committee shall be the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. A meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present and has been properly convened shall be competent to exercise all the powers and discretions invested in the Committee by these Rules.

The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its numbers, so long as the number of members of the Committee entitled to vote is not reduced below six in which case it shall be entitled to act only for the purpose of appointing or arranging the election of new members of the Committee.

Proposed wording:

Proceedings of the Committee

The Committee shall meet at least six times each year in person and as often as may from time to time be necessary. Any additional meetings (above 6) may be held in a manner agreeable to the committee (including by telephone conference call).

The core members shall be required to attend all meetings; the general members are invited to attend all meetings but their attendance is not compulsory provided that enough members attend for the Committee to be quorum.

Four of the voting members of the Committee shall be the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. A meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present and has been properly convened shall be competent to exercise all the powers and discretions invested in the Committee by these Rules.

The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its numbers, so long as the number of members of the Committee entitled to vote is not reduced below four in which case it shall be entitled to act only for the purpose of appointing or arranging the election of new members of the Committee. *Current wording:*

3. Distribution of London Marathon Club Places

London marathon club places allocated to the club should be distributed as follows;

- 1. A fully paid up member for 1 year with a rejection slip who has never run the London Marathon before.
- 2. A fully paid up member for 1 year with a rejection slip who did not run the London Marathon the previous year.
- 3. A fully paid up member for 1 year with a rejection slip.
- 4. Winners of a club place should not be eligible for a club place in the subsequent year unless the criteria above fails to award club places.
- 5. If all applicants have won club places previously then priority will be given to those who won a club place the longest time ago.
- If all of the criteria above fail to award club places then the awards will be open to all fully paid up members.

Proposed wording:

Distribution of London Marathon Club Places

London marathon club places allocated to the club should be distributed as follows;

- 7. A fully paid up member for 1 year and a current member of England Athletics with a rejection slip who has never run the London Marathon before.
- 8. A fully paid up member for 1 year and a current member of England Athletics with a rejection slip who did not run the London Marathon the previous year.

- 9. A fully paid up member for 1 year and a current member of England Athletics with a rejection slip.
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- 11. If all applicants have won club places previously then priority will be given to those who won a club place the longest time ago.
- 12. If all of the criteria above fail to award club places then the awards will be open to all fully paid up members.