

**Romsey Road Runners**  
**Annual General Meeting, Royal British Legion, Romsey**  
**25 November 2022**

**Present**

**Committee:** Alice Lane, Sue Stileman, Mark Stileman, Cliff Reeves, Steve Geary, Penny Jennings, Cliff Reeves, Sam Weston, Nigel Hemsted, Tamatha Ryan, Lee Harris

**Club members:** David Morrison, Keith Morris, Duncan Macdonald, Matt Cheales, James Byrne, Liz Slade, Tim Parker, Alex Young, Alex Prinsep, Julia Abab, Karen Keane, Paul Burnage, Neil Jennings, Rob Gowman, Susie Parker, David Nixon, Derek Jennings, Keith Stone, John Horton, Jonathan Pillinger Cork, Hayley Weston, Hannah Shutt, Ian Ralph, Sue Sylvester, Matt Bennett, Debby Ferre, Lin Winser, Andrew Archibald, Lottie Budd, Tom Wharton, Matt Brown.

**Apologies:** Anna Duignan, Julie Shanker, Moira Sankey

**Minutes from 2020 AGM meeting**

These were agreed to be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

**Review of committee reports**

There were no questions or comments relating to the committee reports, which had been circulated in advance.

**Membership subscription fees**

Cliff explained that club finances in a strong position, bolstered by low expenditure during Covid restrictions. At a time of rising inflation, the Committee judge it unwise to reduce subscription fees, but do not wish to carry large bank balances over successive years.

The Committee's proposal is that the full annual subscription of £40 is maintained from 1 January 2023, with the discount for those not individually affiliating with England Athletics increasing to reflect EA's forthcoming increase in fees. Therefore the base annual subscription rate will reduce from £25 to £23.

**Amendments to club constitution**

The Committee has undertaken an end-to-end review of the club constitution to ensure that it is up to date and consistent.

The proposed changes covered:

- Reference to RRR's Inclusion Policy
- Definition of Student Member
- Removal of Honorary Member and Honorary Officer categories and clarification that Social Members pay no subscription fee
- Clarification that all membership subscription payments are due by 1 January
- Removal of reduced subscription fees for 'out of area' members
- Clarification that a member who leaves the club forfeits all membership entitlements

- Clarification that any member may nominate himself or herself as a committee member
- Members of the Committee will be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses properly incurred by them in the management of the Club
- The quorum for a General Meeting shall be fifteen percent of the current Club membership present and entitled to vote
- If, within an hour following the time appointed for a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and a place agreed by the Committee
- The property of the Club, other than cash at bank, shall be kept as agreed by the Committee.
- Awards – Replaced Cross-Country Race Award and Road Race Award with RR10 and CC6 award respectively, in line with our website
- Clarification that the criteria for London Marathon Club place allocation shall be processed as a sequence of priorities.

All of these proposed changes were accepted and apply from immediate effect.

### **Elections for office**

The following committee positions were renewed unopposed:

- Mark Stileman – Chairman
- Alice Lane – Secretary and Club Welfare Officer
- Nigel Hemsted – Newsletter and Race Secretary
- Penny Jennings – Membership Secretary
- Sue Stileman – Press Secretary and Beer Race Director
- Tam Ryan – Kit Secretary
- Elizabeth Prinsep – Club Captain
- Steve Geary – Social Secretary
- Cliff Reeves – Treasurer
- Sam Weston – Website Secretary

Lee Harris is standing down as one of the Social Secretaries. He was thanked by all present for their time and input into the club. Emily Gordon was nominated and voted as Social Secretary in his place.

### **Ganger Farm**

Julia Abab opened a discussion about the suitability of Ganger Farm as a winter venue. Its key disadvantages are that:

- The roads leading from Ganger Farm are unlit and hazardous
- The indoor meeting point is cramped and noisy
- Its location makes some of the winter routes inaccessible for groups 3 and 4.

However, it was generally agreed that Ganger Farm represents an ideal venue for summer sessions. A vote was taken, showing a clear majority in favour of moving back to Woodley Hall as the Monday evening session venue during the winter months.

### **London Marathon club place**

Alice informed the group that a draw had taken place to determine the winner of the 2023 club place allocated by England Athletics. The winner of the draw is Penny Overy.