

Romsey Road Runners

Annual General Meeting Friday 24 November 2023

Meeting at 8:30pm at the Royal British Legion, Romsey

Present: Mark Stileman, Sue Stileman, Alice Lane, Debby Ferre, Jessie Hughes, Karen Collins, Brenda Topliss, Neil Jennings, Penny Jennings, Alex Prinsep, Elizabeth Prinsep, David Nixon, Susie Parker, Cliff Reeves, Steve Geary, Richard Vie, Karen Keane, Liz Slade, Anna Duignan, Ruth Page, Julia Abab, Derek Kelly, Moira Sankey, Wendy Couper, Lottie Budd, Natalie Stacey, Gemma Ingason, Duncan McDonald, Alice Jenden, Emma Bailey, Tam Ryan, Lee Harris, Nigel Hemsted, Matt Charles, Emily Gordon, Steve Melligan-Hart, Jack Wood, Jonathan Pillinger Cork, Tim Parker, Matthew Bennett, David Morrison, Keith Morris, Paul Burnage, Julie Cooke, Keith Mack, Mark Judkins.

1. Welcome

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned the successful year the club had had with the couch to 5km series, the RRR lite, Broadlands relay, Test Way relay and all the social events. He said how nice it was for the club to enjoy these events together and to continue to grow in numbers.

The first item was to approve the 2022 minutes and asked if anyone had any comments and if they could be documented as being a true record. The reports from all members had also been submitted and circulated. There were no comments and the minutes were approved.

2. Club funds

Cliff took the club through the finances, which have resulted in a surplus this year as a result of both lower than expected costs (for example on training new session leaders) and an increase in membership subscriptions. The Beer Race returned a surplus of £850 which has enabled us to give donations to the church tower appeal and invest in cones and gazebos.

England Athletics affiliation fees will increase by £2 to £19 in April. Cliff proposed that the annual club fee remains at £40, absorbing the increased EA fee. The non-affiliated fee would be reduced to £21. He reminded everyone what is included in club membership, as twice-weekly training sessions and access to CC6 and RR10 races as well as club events such as the steeple chase and relay events.

A surplus has been built up over the Covid years, and the aim is to spend this surplus to the benefit of club members, who were invited to suggest any productive ways to spend this money which would benefit the club. Mark agreed that it was a nice problem to have and suggested that the money could be spent through training, investing in equipment, supporting the community or making a charitable donation. He also invited members to make suggestions to the committee and all ideas were welcome.

On a show of hands, a majority voted yes to the proposal that affiliated membership fees be held at £40.

3. Elections for office

The following committee posts were all proposed and approved by a show of hands.

- Chairman - Mark Stileman
- Club secretary – Alice Lane
- Treasurer – Cliff Reeves
- Session leader – Steve Geary
- Press secretary (Sue Stileman standing down) – no nominations. Post subsequently jointly taken by Sam and Hayley Weston
- Social secretaries (Steve Geary and Em Gordon standing down) - John Wheatley
- Newsletter editor – Nigel Hemsted
- Race Director – Nigel Hemsted
- Club Captain – Elizabeth Prinsep

- Membership secretary (Penny Jennings standing down) – no nominations. Post subsequently jointly taken by Joe Amber and Lauren Freestone.
- Kit Secretary – Tam Ryan
- Webmaster – Sam Weston

Beer Race Director (not a committee role) – Steve Melligan-Hart

The retiring committee members were thanked for their hard work and commitment to the club.