

Norwich Road Runners AGM and London Marathon Ballot

Tuesday 24 November 2015

Present: Gary Cooper (Chairman), Mick Powell (Secretary), Paul Dowson, Nicky Dowson, Kathleen Easter, Nick Gurney, Stacey Harper, Barry Hipwell, Rachel Miller (Minutes), John Miller, Wendy Smith, Catherine Twiss.

1. Welcome and look back over 2015

John Miller welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for coming along and providing such a great attendance.

John gave a look back at the club's achievements and successes over 2015.

2. Club Chairman – look forward to 2016

Gary Cooper thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to 2016 including upcoming races and initiatives.

3. Club Constitution

John Miller introduced the updated Club Constitution and invited any questions.

Questions:

- Suggested moving point number 5 to point 2.
- Asked if second claim members hold the same voting rights as first claim members. **JM responded that yes they do have the same rights.**
- It states that officers on the committee will serve for 5 years. Would there be any reason for them not to carry on if everything is running smoothly? **JM responded that they wouldn't want to lose any continuity but this is included in the Constitution to keep the committee fresh, but of course, to use common sense in this respect.**
- Regarding the Management Committee should there be anything noted to say how many of each gender should sit on the committee. **JM noted that the committee would be made up of whoever wished to put themselves forward for the committee regardless of gender.**

4. Committee Election

The committee was re-elected. There were no members who wished to join the committee, other than those incumbent.

5. Treasurers Report

Kathleen Easter read out key points from the Treasurers Report. Hard Copies are available but if anyone wishes for an electronic copy please get in touch.

Notes attached at Appendix 1.

6. Questions

John Miller invited any questions.

Richard Sargeant noted that new club members could sometimes feel uncomfortable about wearing a racing vest and asked if there would there be any merit in having a NRR technical t-shirt as a different option? Gary Cooper noted that we have to race in the vest which is registered. Note to Clarify rules on t-shirts and vests.

There was a comment about the club being more visually prominent at races with regards to running kit etc.

Richard Johnson asked if club captains are going to be responsible for age categories. GC noted that it would all depend on how many people step forward to volunteer for the roles.

Colin Weller asked how many new people who attend on a Tuesday/Thursday then become new members and would it be a good idea to introduce new people to the club and provide someone to run with and encourage people to become members.

Chas Allen noted that we should all take responsibility for this, if we see someone new or looking a bit lost, to say hello and help them.

It was suggested for extra lights for the field sessions during the winter months.

Request that notices are kept to a minimum with a prompt start to ensure training can begin shortly after 7pm.

Suggested improvement to website. Nick Gurney noted he is looking into this at the moment, any suggestions please contact him.

Nicki Gibson suggested more information and updates to be added to the website and not just reliant on Facebook. Nick Gurney noted a monthly email newsletter is in the pipeline and possible members area on the new website.

Linda Moore noted how much the club has moved forward in the past year and congratulated everyone involved in that.

London Marathon Ballot results

Winner

Colin Weller

Sally Aspin

Reserve

James Cook

Graham Watering

Michael Armes

Mark Betts

Kerry Commosiung

Garry Gannon

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