



Elswick Harriers

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Date	Friday 1 st November 2019
Location	Newburn Leisure Centre	Time	19.30 – 20.10

Next Meeting	2020 (TBC)	Date	
Location	Newburn Leisure Centre	Time	

Meeting chaired by	Harry Matthews	Scribe	Graham Bell
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ATTENDEES. SCANNED DOCUMENT. ATTACHED SEPARATELY.

Attendees	Attendees	Apologies for absence	Junior Coaches & Assistants
		See Below	

Meeting Actions:	Assigned To:
01) The need for more Junior coaches. Collective effort required.	Committee. Club Members Parent & Guardians
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Minutes:	
	To receive apologies for absence.
Alan Nendick, Mary Lisle, Melissa Bateson, Frank Watson	
	Minutes of the AGM.
- To approve the minutes of the previous AGM held on 2nd November 2018. - Proposed by Tom Hanson. Seconded by Ben Hall.	
	Matter arising from the previous minutes.
No queries. Accepted as a true record.	
	Treasurers Report.
- Daniel Nettle talked through the key financial points for the club, referencing the summarized financial statement. The clubs finance sheets were independently verified by Peter Sloan. - In summary: After the clubs 3 run events: There was a surplus of £4500 with a net gain of £3000. - Assets were up. - Money was moved into a savings account from the Charity Bank. - EA subs would go up £1. The club would absorb this cost. In addition: - There will be no Club Subscriptions increases for 2019. - A team effort: A thank you from Daniel to Steve Robertson, Peter Sloan, Ken & Jan Heslop. - Attendees agreed to adopt the financial report.	
	Annual Report from Chairman, Harry Matthews.
- He was impressed by all of the help from club members that had made 2019, a successful one for the club: A true team effort. He thanked the elected committee and all of the run groups. - The Chairman thanked Steve Robertson for this tenure as Mens Captain but was pleased to re-affirm that Richard Houghton and Scott Brady have taken on the roles of Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. A note to the excellent support from all of the coaches throughout the year. - Pleasing to see a number of newly qualified LIRF coaches giving their time to coach & session plan. - Harry welcomed the clubs support for a number of charities, so a note of thanks to Simon Lynch and Michelle Coleman for their help. - A note of congratulations w.r.t. International honours to Andrea Banner and Gillian Allen for attaining their first England Masters Vests. The committee members had been asked to summarise in their own words the highlights w.r.t. Their roles within the club: A summary of each as follows: Mens Captain – Richard Houghton: He and Scott Brady were honoured to be asked to take on the role as Men's & Vice-Captain. A lot had been learned w.r.t. the role, rules and regs. Thanks of support to Andrea Banner. A thank you to the athlete's commitment towards training and racing. Robert Emson – Junior Coach: Active participation from the juniors at NEYDL, NEHL, A recent meeting at Manchester it is hoped will lead to juniors competing out of the NE Area and aim for regional and national competition. It was noted that the junior section needs more coaches. Tom Hanson - Senior Coach: Good to see full squads out on Tuesdays: Thursdays although slightly less in turnout, it is still well attended. Good to see the beginner athletes making the transition to the main squad for training sessions. Examples of success from the main squad athletes. A note of thank you to the extra help given by the volunteers. Andrea Banner – Womens Captain: Talked through a long list of notable success for the female athletes at the club (individual and team). The support of all the volunteers was highlighted. A note to Simon Lynch for being a reginal winner of EA's Run Together Leader Award. The club championship: Much improved participation across the age groups and prize winning at the 2019 races. Thanks to Noel Stoddart for all his work on this year's club championship format and points system.	



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- **Les Williamson - Beginners Run Group Leader:** A notable list of achievements from this group: Starting with just a handful of runners to now and over 70 runners. Beginners run Park Runs, Couch to 5km and many other distances and terrain. The group has support, & enthusiasm. Thank you to all of the team leaders from this group: a tremendous effort that reaped rewards.
- **Simon Lynch - Couch to 5km run leader of the year winner:** Simon explained the rationale and inception of his quest to launch a couch to 5km in the West of Newcastle. Completion rates from over 100 people joining have seen rates rise from 20% to over 40%. A further 4 are planned for 2020. Simon said it was an honour to be recognised for his work in this field by his peers and personally thanked Andrea Banner for his nomination.
- **Graham Bell – Events Co-ordinator:** Reported that the club had successfully delivered the 3 races (Good Friday Relays, River Run, Norman Woodcock Memorial Team Relays) held by the club. This could not have been done without the collective help from ALL of the volunteers, sponsorship and officials at each and every race. This enabled the club to generate good receipts from all 3 events. In a first for the clubs River Run the club had event helpers and finishers t-shirts for all. Thanks to Harry & Michelle for doing the lead up to & on the day organizing.
- **Michelle Coleman – Club Events Co-ordinator:** Reported that the club has enjoyed several social events, Xmas, do, Boxing Day Parlaufs and Presentation evening. Members generously donated to nominated charities, Newcastle Food Bank, Ghanaian Children's Trust. This year (2019) collecting will be extended to provide further items for the charities aforementioned. It is noted that Michelle is involved in delivering the club's hosted races.
- **Daniel Nettle – Club Treasurer:** Reported that the club is in a strong financial position mainly due to the success of the club's three hosted races. It gave the club a surplus. Therefore there will be no subscription increases for 2020, despite increased costs passed onto affiliated clubs from England Athletics.
- **Keith Batey – Club Welfare Officer:** Keith said that in his view the club has created a safe environment for all club members. On the few complaints received, it is hoped that all of them have been dealt with in a fair and timely manner. The club is growing with a diversification in its runner's demographic boundaries and actual numbers of membership.
- **Chairman Harry Matthews** thanked the contributors for their words and concluded that it had been a very good year for the club all round. On that note the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the 2018 / 2019 retiring officers and committee: Proposed Ian Leighton and seconded by Peter Jobson.

Election of officers and committee for 2019 / 2020.

POSITION & NOMINATED PERSON	PROPOSED	SECONDED
CHAIRMAN HARRY MATTHEWS	S.LYNCH	L.CLEGG
VICE-CHAIRMAN DEREK NELSON	T.HANSON	R.WILSON
SECRETARY VACANT	-	-
TREASURER DANIEL NETTLE	K.MATTHEWS	P.SLOAN
WELFARE OFFICER KEITH BATEY	S.LYNCH	J.ROSS



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LADIES CAPTAIN ANDREA BANNER	R.NEWLANDS	K.MATTHEWS
MENS CAPTAIN RICHARD HOUGHTON	P.SLOAN	R.WILSON
MENS VICE CAPTAIN SCOTT BRADY	D.NETTLE	P.JOBSON
WOMENS VICE-CAPTAIN: ROBYN NEWLANDS	I.LEIGHTON	A.BANNER
EVENT CO-ORDINATOR MICHELLE COLEMAN	K.BATEY	J.HESLOP
RACE CO-ORDINATOR GRAHAM BELL	H.MATTHEWS	S.LYNCH
MINUTES SECRETARY GRAHAM BELL	R.WILSON	A.BANNER
COMMITTEE MEMBER SIMON LYNCH	L.HYMERS	K.HESLOP
COMMITTEE MEMBER ROBERT EMSON	K.HESLOP	A.BANNER
COMMITTEE MEMBER LEANNE HYMERS	K.BATEY	B.HALL

The newly re-elected Chairman Harry Matthews thanked the nominees & voters.

LONDON MARATHON DRAW.

- The Chairman informed the attendees that the club had received 2 VLM places.
- One place was to be drawn at the AGM.
- T Hanson drew out Ross Kyle's name.
- (Another would take place at a date TBC).
- A free membership draw took place. Graham Bell drew out the name of Chris Hull.

A.O.B.

- Ben Hall stated that the club and committee should look to re-invigorate the social media rep role and have that role put on the committee.
- Graham Bell stated that Jen Scarlett volunteered to take on the Twitter account role in time for the club's 2019 Good Friday Relays. G Bell is to ask if Amy Fuller would consider doing a dual role for the club's Twitter account.
- In principal it was agreed that the Media Role be put back onto the committee.
- Ben Hall proposed and Daniel Nettle seconded the motion. Those present were all in favour.

- Chairman Harry Matthews Thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

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