



Dulwich Park Runners Annual General Meeting

30 March 2021 @ 8pm via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees

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| David Mullany | Derek Hodgson | Clare Dunne | Lucy Ross |
| Oghene Aaron | Emma Pond | Jacque Kerr | Laura Griffin |
| Gillian Cavell | Di Suter | Sonia Burrows | Katia Hadaschik |
| Emma Heath | James Hewlett | Johanna Morley | Kieran Morley |
| Sarah Crompton | Christine Sheppard | Chris Ince | Nina Kenton |
| Paul Griffiths | Angela Emmott | Lou Fernandez | Ian Fernandez |
| Susan Smith | Alan Brown | Rachel Wylie | Paula McMahan |
| Spenser Lane | Emma Embleton | Ian Teelan | |

Apologies

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| Harriet Smith | Martha Brownlow | Emma Davidson | Fran Clixby |
| Faith Anderson | Denise Blake | Linda Griffiths | |

1. Welcome and meeting protocol
2. Minutes of 2020 AGM and matters arising
No issues. Minutes were **agreed**.
3. Chair's Report on April 2020 – March 2021
David summarized the report. Thanks to Di and Susan for the very successful beginners' course; Emma, Paula, Oghene and all who helped. Thanks to the committee for all their various roles. Thanks to those who have stepped up for the vacant roles. David asked if anyone wanted to do the social secretary role. Thanks also to Susan for her coaching and thanks to everyone for getting involved and sticking with the club this year.
4. Club plan 2021-2
A full calendar of competitions and social events is planned, including the Summer league and cross country.

Katia asked about the item regarding three people completing the EA coaching course – what would be the aim of this? David explained that this was at the ideas stage but that it would be good to have a succession plan as we only have one coach currently.

Spenser asked about the type of coaching – athletics or road running – given the rules document mentions us being an athletics club. David confirmed that we are still a road running club. Emma stated that the rules document regarding us supporting amateur athletics hadn't been changed.

Lou asked about suggesting field trips – this will be discussed under AOB.

5. Election of Committee

Nominations for 2021/22 committee posts:

| POSITION | NOMINEE | PROPOSER | SECONDER |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Chair | David Mullany | Lou Fernandez | Katia Hadaschik |
| Club Secretary | Emma Heath | Zoe Wilson-Young | Alan Brown |
| Membership Secretary | Oghene Aaron | Lynn Burton | Di Suter |
| Stock Secretary | Emma Pond | Sonia Burrows | Nina Kenton |
| Treasurer | Derek Hodgson | Lou Fernandez | Susan Smith |
| Communications Secretary | James Hewlett | Lucy Ross | Susan Smith |
| Race Secretary | Sonia Burrows | Sarah Crompton | Emma Pond |
| Social Secretary | | | |
| Other member (1) | Jacque Kerr | Cath Rooney | Philippa Badnell |
| Other member (2) | Denise Blake | Cath Rooney | Philippa Badnell |

The new committee was elected.

6. New club rules

These were updated to reflect current practice, using an England Athletics (EA) template. A code of conduct was also created and will go on the website.

Two motions were proposed: Accept the new club rules, Accept the new code of conduct.

Everyone was asked to vote via online poll. Both motions were **passed** subject to later issue raised by Laura regarding the concession category as in the rules it says that concessionary rates will be at the discretion of the committee with members applying for a grant. It was **agreed** to take the part about the grant out of the rules and to review the wording of the clause on concessions to ensure consistency.

7. Approval of 2020 Accounts

The large reduction in rent made a big difference this year, as well as the rent-free months when the clubhouse was closed. We made a surplus of >£1900.

The accounts have not yet been audited due to the lockdown restrictions. The accounts were **approved**, subject to audit.

8. Membership fees and budget for 2021/22

Chris and Di questioned the reasons for reducing the fees. Derek explained that we don't need to make a surplus as reserves are healthy.

Ian asked if our EA membership was value for money. He also pointed out that we made a surplus this year as we haven't been able to spend the money on social events so are we sure there is adequate provision for the social programme in the budget?

Spenser and Katia clarified that the club fee gives us insurance and the individual fee gives us a reduced entry to races and support.

Spenser questioned whether we wanted to "insist" that each member pays the individual EA fee (currently £15) given that many members do not often take part in races. We use the EA platform to manage the payment of our membership fees, which massively simplifies things. **The committee will discuss this further.**

Gillian asked if EA membership gave insurance and Katia confirmed that it gives public liability insurance.

The discussion around the fee change continued with various people speaking for or against it. Johanna suggested that any surplus was spent on subsidizing under-represented members or devoting resources to attracting new members.

It was pointed out that the poll did not give an option to select a different membership fee amount. Agreed that a vote against the motion would be a vote for a net fee of £30 rather than £25.

Motions:

- a. Motion to fix net fee at £25 was not approved. **Agreed** the net fees would be £30
- b. **Agreed** the concessionary rates with necessary adjustments for the senior membership fee being fixed at £30

- c. **Agreed** to adopt the new approach of adjusting fees quarterly rather than monthly
- d. **Agreed** to the proposed reduction in fees to any beginners joining after the beginners' course.

9. Choice of DPR partner charity

Two charities came out on top in the pre-AGM poll so the AGM participants were invited to vote on these two. Southwark Centre for Asylum Seekers received one more vote than Emmaus but owing to abstentions the required minimum of 50% of the vote was not reached. Decided to revisit this.

10. A.O.B.

- a. Field trip suggestions: idea from Lou – Offas Dyke 15-mile race gives camping opportunity and option to do a non-competitive social run. Or we could do something towards Sussex as many past and long-distance members live out that way, e.g. Linda and Tim, Danny and Emily.
- b. Events coming up – handicap on 6 April, DPR parkrun on 10 April, clubhouse can be used from 13 April.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm