



# AGM Minutes

25 February 2025, 8.00pm

The Crown and Greyhound, Dulwich Village  
Upstairs room

## Present:

Alan Brown Alison May Andrea Bauer Angela Emmott Angus Norton Anna Gregorowski Ben Frankel Clare Dunne Dave Harris David Mullany (DM) David Whitehead Derek Arnold Ellen Gleeson Emma Pond (EP)	Fiona Callister-Davies Gillan Cavell Heather Larsen Ib Lilley (Ib) James Hewlett Jamie Brockbank Jenn Owen Jessica Hodgson Jo Spenser Julia Gale Kate Crowe Louise McKeown Lucy Ross (LR) Lynne Stockbridge Mark Schofield	Nicole Teszke (NT) Oghene Aaron Patrick Regnault Rachel Jones Rob Coles Ronnie Patel Rosemary Harris Sara Scott Spenser Lane Susan Smith Zsuzsanna Barkanyi
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## Apologies

Alex Markovich Andy Birchall Darren Cheek Di Suter Jill Gauntlett	Katia Hadaschik Lou Fernandez Paul Conway Rachel Griffith	Rachel Wiley Sonia Owens Tim Murray Will Blackmore
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## Agenda

1. **Welcome and Meeting Protocols.** Apologies were noted.

2. **Approval of minutes of 2024 AGM and matters arising.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the members.
3. **Presentation of Chair's Report, January-December 2024.** The report had been circulated with the papers, including outcomes against the annual plan 2024. DM presented the highlights of his report including a number of thanks to those who had contributed in both committee and non-committee roles. He concluded by asking everyone to continue to support the beginners courses, annual dinner and the new committee.
4. **Approval of 2024 Accounts.** These had been circulated with the papers. Ib presented the accounts and thanked Alison May and Paul Conway for assisting with the audit and Courtney Spittal for stepping in as treasurer at short notice. The plan for last year was split into two, one part for 40<sup>th</sup> year related activity and the other for normal year activity. The budget for the 40<sup>th</sup> year activity was largely spent. Although last year we had planned for a deficit for the normal year related activity, we ended up with a surplus again – mostly because of more members and beginners signing up than had been anticipated. In response to a question from GC regarding the rent on the clubhouse, DM explained that it had been reduced five years ago but can be increased by up to 5 per cent a year on reasonable notice and is terminable with 3 months' notice either side. We currently pay £1,300 a year. The accounts were approved by the members.
5. **Presentation of Club Plan 2025.** A draft plan had been circulated with the papers. Lucy Ross presented the draft plan and explained that the targets were aspirational but achievable. These included a membership target of 270 by the end of the year (and 190 by mid-July, in order to qualify for two marathon places). The public 5 mile event in October will be repeated. It is hoped that there will be two field trips this year: one in Autumn and one to Malaga. There will also be a mid-year forum to discuss how to handle the club's large reserves. The annual plan was approved by the members.
6. **Agreement of 2025 budget.** The draft budget had been circulated with the papers. Ib presented the annual budget which targeted a planned deficit of c. £1,480 and explained that she had allowed a 5-7% increase on most of the expenditure, but that the racing budget has been significantly increased. The club will continue to subsidise kit. The 2025 budget was approved by the members.
7. **Agreement of detailed fees schedule, 2025.** The fee schedule had been circulated with the papers
  - i) DPR senior fees: £25 DM explained that the EA fee had gone up by £1 so a corresponding reduction had been made to the club fee to allow the membership price to remain the same as last year. DPR senior fees were agreed at £25 (excluding the EA fee of £20, total membership fee will be £45).
  - ii) Concessionary senior fees and 18-25s were agreed at £11.00.
  - iii) Long distance fees were agreed at £8.
  - iv) There was a discussion around junior members and the extent to which the club should be targeting them. DM noted that charging a nominal fee of £1 was administratively burdensome for the money raised. It was

determined that this would be reviewed should the number of junior members increase. It was agreed that junior membership should be free.

- v) It was also agreed that graduate beginners should continue to receive a free t-shirt.

8. **Election of Committee 2025.** The list of nominations had been circulated with the papers. DM ran through the nominations and these were agreed by the members.

9. **Approval of certain amendments to club rules to remove certain little-used membership categories.** A report had been circulated with the papers. EP presented. Susan Smith raised a couple of queries regarding associate membership and club colours. The rules were agreed subject to further amendments to clarify these points.

10. **Approval of charity for DPR to partner.** NT thanked everyone who voted. Three charities were nominated: Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers ("SDC"), Coin Street Community Builders Trust ("CSCB") and Dulwich Park Friends and votes for SDC and CSCB were non-determinative. A further vote between SDC and CSCB had resulted in SDC becoming the favoured charity. This was ratified by the members.

11. **AOB.** DW said he was not sure that he and JH would be able to fill even one of DM's big shoes! He gave a vote of thanks for all that DM had done for the club as chair over the last few years.