

Sandhurst Joggers – 35th Annual General Meeting

Held Tuesday, 14th March 2022 at 7:30pm
Sandhurst Town Council Offices

Agenda

Welcome by Chair

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 - Chair
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 - Social Secretary
 - Events Secretary – Winter /XC
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 - General Members
8. Non-elected Posts for 2022/23
 - Yateley Road Race Director
 - Handicap Run Organiser
 - Webmaster
 - Track Coaches
 - Kit Manager
 - Pure Beginners
9. Any Other Business
10. Closing remarks by Chair
11. Bake Off & Refreshments

Present

Committee - Dave Bartlett, Mo Willcox, Andy Hazell, Janice Alves de Sousa, Patrick Wadsworth, Alison Jones, Sarah Jones, Andrea Hadfield, Erol Ali, Lisa Harrold, Scarlett Palmer, Gabbi Bassett, Nigel Bassett, Martin Steadman,

Other members –Sally Kent, Janet Venables, Susan Plumb, Alurie Dutton, Monica Burbidge, Gerry Mephram, Richard Boese, Jackie Kent, Simon Whillis, Anne Whillis, Emy Circuit, Bhavini Patel, Philip Turner, Jim Casey, Julian Rawcliffe, Cat Wickham (Forbes), Andrew Hibbitt, Nikii Heritage, Vinnett Taylor, Helen Davey, Marin Steadman, Sue Hopkinson, Andrew Provost,

Proceedings

1. Approval of the 2022 Minutes and Matters Arising

Approved

2. Apologies for Absence

Suren Mannick, Helen Vizard, Karen Symons, Chris Cole, Jo Cole, Carl Bradshaw, Andrea Vincent, Jim Haffey, Lina Jay, Damien Matthews, Jane Bannister, Elin Loftesnes, Clare Gallagher, Jodie Dineen, Sarah Alexander, Kate Turnell, Janet Rogers, Diana Sarghea, Roger Haliwell, Charles St Aubyn, Julie Graham, Blanche Barnes, Dick Newman

3. Reports from Committee

a. Events: Summer/Relays

Patrick talked through his report. He thanked everyone for their attendance at Summer/Relay events during 2022 and encouraged more members to participate. Dave highlighted the fact that members may not realise that the entry fee for Team Relay events is covered by the club for ALL members, well worth taking advantage of.

b. Events: Winter/Cross Country

Nigel went through the Cross Country report, describing the XC season a great success. One event out of 8 was cancelled, a new run took place at Marlow in -4°C conditions. On average, the attendance was 17 members this year, down from an average of 30 last year. Monica Burbidge suggested promoting the opportunity of car share from Sandhurst library as a way of encouraging greater participation. Gabbi will add a note to the Facebook post to promote the idea of car sharing. As numbers get higher, impromptu car sharing will be more of a possibility, and turning up speculatively at the library as in previous years will be more likely. Members are encouraged to offer car sharing or asking for lifts if needed. Our home cross country received many positive comments as always.

c. Membership

Janice talked us through her report, membership is down this year but still over 300 members. It now stands at 305, with 168 females and 137 males. Membership payment continues to be paid through MemberMojo. EA have once again increased the affiliation fee by £1, to £17. Club affiliation remains

at £150, the number of members subscribing to EA membership makes us eligible for 1 free London marathon place. Affiliation runs from 1st April to 31 March. EA affiliation details are digital and it is the individual member's responsibility to keep their details (email address) up to date. There are additional slides with further analysis of the membership. Dave emphasised that you do NOT need a PayPal account to pay for items through MemberMojo.

d. Kit Manager

Janice explained that Kit sales have been quite slow this year, especially the long sleeved T-shirts. The club welcomes suggestions from members who wish to see a certain item listed in the club kit store.

e. Social

No social secretary was recruited in this current year, so no presentation was made

f. Secretary

An explanation given of the meetings and frequency that they are held and the fact that they have moved from online to in-person. We have been able to give away places in The Great South Run and the London Marathon. We have £500 credit of Scimitar vouchers in our account to use on club kit. England Athletics dictate that we have three further policies added to our club constitution: an Inclusion Policy, Grievance & Disciplinary Procedure and Health & Safety Policy and these will be debated at our next committee meeting.

g. Publicity

Sarah began by explaining that she is stepping down from the role due to an increase in her studies. She then explained her role to the meeting and how straightforward it can be once the basics are mastered. Dave thanked Sarah for her time and emphasised that to anyone wishing to take on the role, it could be as big or as little as required. The main aim is to make club members aware of what events are happening and encourage members to actively use their membership.

h. Treasurer – Annual Statement of Accounts

Andrea talked through the Statement of Accounts. As a summary, the club is in a good financial position, we maintain the equivalent of one year of subscriptions. A concerted effort to reduce the cash reserves we have was successful, investments were made in new gazebos and flags. Track continues to be subsidised.

i. General Members

Dave read the reports for the GMs.

Monday - continues to attract a core group of runners. All runners welcomed and faster runners will loop.

Tuesday – Solid number of runners throughout the year but the summer months are more popular unsurprisingly. The pub runs were very popular. Crowthorne attendance remains low. Coach Carl has set aside time to teach stretching techniques to the run leaders.

Tuesday Intervals – Always well attended by a loyal group of about 6 runners each week, with a great variety of runners and Andy Provost stressed it is open to everyone, with great improvements achieved.

Wednesday – The evening run is an effort (threshold) run, with no looping required, attracting 6-8 people, while encouraging participation in the

Handicap run on the second Wednesday of each month. Erol stressed it's not just for faster runners, everyone is welcome and no one gets left behind.

Wednesday lunch run – Janet informed us that the lunch run has been going for nearly 2 years now, and is well established attracting 6-8 runners each week.

Sunday – Scarlett informed us that there are a good number of runners for the Sunday morning run in Swinley Forest, a fantastic local setting. Most weeks there are sufficient numbers to split into two groups based on pace.

j. Vice Chair/Chair

Dave reported in both his capacity as Vice Chair and Chair. 2023 saw a gradual return to pre-covid activities. The Intraclub relays were very popular and well attended. An away-intraclub relay was proposed but due to lack of interest, this did not take place.

The home cross country was well supported by the club members and Dave added his thanks for such great commitment.

Membermojo continues to work well, simplifying kit purchases, track bookings and even the Ball tickets this year. 61 tickets have been sold for the Ball this year, with a separate sub-committee led by Lisa Harrold in charge of delivering The Ball at The Casa in Yateley on the 31st March this year.

Dave's vision for the future includes more intraclub relays, and locations, with an opportunity to socialise after the events. The Pub Run returned in 2022 and it would be great to see that again in 2023 with greater numbers attending. Increased club attendance at Team events would be welcomed, especially with the knowledge that the cost of entries will be supported by the club. And finally, continued successful club representation at next year's cross country.

4. Yateley Road Races Report and Accounts

Alison read the report for 2022. There were 2,367 for the race with 25% no show/deferments and a further 236 for the Fun Run. Entries were lower than previous years in line with the trend of other local races. Costs have increased and entries have declined but in spite of that, £6,650 has been committed to charities that support the races and a further £2,650 donated, giving a total of £9,300. Due to the healthy state of the SJ bank balance, the usual donation of £1,000 wasn't awarded. For 2022 the focus was on sustainability, and that included the use of an electric car, no plastic water bottles, paper cups, no plastic wrapped sweets, wooden medals and no t-shirts in an aim to reduce landfill. This sustainability theme will continue for 2023. Over 70s have a free entry, a change from over 65s. No series discount, each individual race entry will be £18 (affiliated) or £20. No number exchange allowed unless the race is full. Each race will have a limit of 800 to reduce overheads and waste. New First Aid company with lower costs has been chosen. An ice cream van, with a 10% of takings going to YRR. There will also be a coffee van too.

Andy Provost asked how well the wooden medals went down – and was told that the wooden medals are chosen for their lightness and sustainability and this year’s design is very eye catching.

Monica asked if “plant a tree” had been considered as an option. Alison explained that this was usually an option to buying a t-shirt, but no merchandise is being offered this year.

5. Coaches Report

Dave read through Carl’s track report. Track is averaging 10-16 up from last year’s 5-12. With 3cTri joining through the winter, the number of athletes increases to 14-25. A new marathon group has been added and will run up to April 2023. Vinnett Taylor has joined the team and is coaching beginners every 2 weeks which has already gone down very well. Carl would love to see more members taking advantage of the low £3 cost for the session.

6. Club Subscription

Once again it is proposed that the annual subscription for membership fees remains at £15. As EA membership has increased to £17, anyone wanting a joint membership will pay £32. Dave will ensure this is reflected on MemberMojo.

7. Election of Committee for 2022/23

The election took place with the results below:

Position	Candidate	Proposed by:	Seconded by:	Result (Elected Unopposed)
Chair	Dave Bartlett	Jim Casey	Lisa Harrold	Elected Unopposed
Vice Chair	Andy Provost	Dave Bartlett	Alison Jones	Elected Unopposed
Treasurer	Andrea Hadfield	Mo Willcox	Catriona Wickham	Elected Unopposed
Secretary	Mo Willcox	Andrea Hadfield	Sally Kent	Elected Unopposed
Membership	Janice Alves de Sousa	Richard Boese	James Casey	Elected Unopposed
Social	Nikii Heritage	Andy Provost	Andy Hazell	Elected Unopposed
Events-Winter/XC	Gabbi + Nigel Bassett	Emy Circuit	Jackie Kent	Elected Unopposed
Events-Summer/relays	Patrick Wadsworth + Julian Rawcliffe	Catriona Wickham	Sally Kent	Elected Unopposed
Publicity	Julian Rawcliffe + Catriona Forbes	Alison Jones	Jackie Kent	Elected Unopposed
General Members				Elected Unopposed
Monday	Patrick Wadsworth	Dave Bartlett	Richard Boese	Elected Unopposed
Tuesday	Andy Hazell + Sally Kent	Catriona Wickham	Monica Burbidge	Elected Unopposed
Wednesday	Erol Ali	Andy Hazell	Gerry Mepham	Elected Unopposed
Sunday	Scarlett Palmer	Alison Jones	Janet Venables	Elected Unopposed

8. Non-elected Posts for 2022/23

Position	Candidate
Yateley Road Race Director	Jenny Robinson + Alison Jones
Handicap Run Organiser	Simon + Anne Whillis
Webmaster	Ant Harrold
Track Coach(s)	Carl Bradshaw, James Casey, Newton Johnstone, Vinnett Taylor
Kit Manager	Catriona Wickham
Pure Beginners	Lisa Harrold
Home XC	Wayne Boardman

Outgoing Committee member Sarah Jones was thanked for her fantastic contribution to the club. Dave thanked Janice for being Kit Manager and welcomed Cat as her replacement. Also welcomed were Andy Provost, Julian Rawcliffe and Nikii Heritage.

9. Any Other Business

Patrick organised a draw for four free places for the Windsor Trial and also announced there is a 25% discount code for anyone else wishing to enter. The lucky winners were, Alurie Dutton, Sue Hopkinson, Jim Casey and Susan Plumb.

The first Tuesday run of the month at Crowthorne was discussed. The attendance for this night when held at Crowthorne is a lot lower. It was proposed that for the winter months, October – March, the run would revert back to Sandhurst. During British Summer Time and with the lighter evenings however, it was agreed that close proximity to the trail routes was an advantage and so from April – September the venue will still be at Crowthorne for the first Tuesday.

Lisa thanked Sarah for her contribution and hard work over the past few years. And thanks went to Dave for stepping in as Chair after being her “wingman” vice chair for the previous few years.

10. Closing Remarks

Dave closed the meeting by announcing the start of the Bake Off competition and thanking everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9pm.