

# Denmead Striders Running Club

## Annual General Meeting 2016

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.00pm at Cowplain Activity Centre.

### Minutes

The Chairman opened the A.G.M. at 19.00 and thanked everyone for attending, his last as Chairman. He reported as follows;

The club continues to thrive with lots of new members joining throughout the past twelve months. There have been many successes including our combined ladies and men's cross country teams who did really well in the Southern Cross Country season (I'll leave it to Graham to provide the details) and our five teams competed at a very high level in the Hampshire Road Race League. The second staging of our 10k race last October was another great success and I thank everyone involved both on the day and the 10k race committee, under Richard Gray's excellent leadership.

Socially, the club has enjoyed another excellent year with numerous drinking, eating and sporting events and generally having a great time enjoying each other's company. We are proud of our reputation of being the friendliest club and I am certain this will continue under the new regime with Terry as Chairman.

### **1.1 & 1.2 2014 AGM minutes – Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM. The minutes from the previous AGM (20/03/2015) were agreed and signed as a representative account of the meeting.

Proposed: Mark Pelley (Club Chairman)

Seconded: Richard Gray

### **2. Reports from Committee members.**

#### **2.1 Club Secretary – Tracey Crank**

As stated in the club constitution the Club Secretary confirmed the club is affiliated to UK Athletics (UKA) and its subsidiary England Athletics (EA), The Hampshire Athletic Association (HAA) and the South East of England Athletic Association (SEAA)

The club is also affiliated to the following 'racing' leagues. The Hampshire Road Race League (HRRL) and the Southern Cross Country League.

The committee met on several occasions during the year and the minutes are available on the website. One of the things discussed was the allocation of London Marathon places now that we only have two places. As this would need a change to the constitution the secretary proposed the following amendments;

9 (e) The first draw will be for members who have never done the race before. The second draw will also be for them with those that have done it before added.

9 (f) will change so that any member who had a club place in the last two years will be excluded.

The changes were seconded by Terry Aked and agreed by all. The revised constitution will be available on the website.

The secretary encouraged members to sign up to 'easyfundraising' when doing any Internet Shopping which raises funds for the club. Over £150 was raised last year.

## **2.2 Treasurer – Stuart Hoare.**

Stuart thanked the executive committee for their assistance in his first year. The accounts (appended to the minutes) showed a deficit for the year of £904. Apart from subscriptions the main income was from marshal fees for the Great South Run (£300) and donations from EasyFundraising (£151). Main expenditure was Ryde travel and social events. The closing balance of £3,540.63 was mainly funded by a £1,351 surplus from the Denmead 10K.

## **2.3 Membership Secretary – Julia Revill.**

2015 was another good year for membership figures, our best yet at 141. It is great that so many of our members renew so we must be doing something right. Park Run seems to have had a significant effect on the number of runners who realise they can run, no matter what speed, and we have recruited quite a few from the Park Run family, long may it continue.

I did not count the male v female figures but the turnout for cross country and HRRL events proves that we have enough people who want to race for the club, so no pressure on those who do not like the idea of racing but just want to run for fun and to keep fit, we welcome you all.

## **2.4 Publicity – Sarah Heard**

This year the club's membership has been at a very healthy level so there has been no need for publicity to attract new members. However, the club has enjoyed a good level of media coverage, including:

- Substantial interest in Mike Shaw running the Great South Run
- A picture of Gary McCawley and Anita Crawley taking part in the Devil's Punch Bowl Challenge, in the Haslemere Herald
- Coverage of Julian Manning in the Petersfield Post's article on the Butser Hill Challenge, also featuring Paul Welch and Graham Bowpitt
- A group photo of the Denmead Striders at the D-Day 10k in The News
- National television coverage of Julian Manning running alongside Paula Radcliffe at the London Marathon

## **2.5 Club Captains**

### **Martin Shaw**

In the 14/15 season the men's A team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in division 1, the same as the previous season. The B team finished 9<sup>th</sup> in division 1 (7<sup>th</sup> in previous season). In the men's individual league we had 4 in the top 50. Julian Manning 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jon Sullivan 17<sup>th</sup>, Gary Armstrong 37<sup>th</sup> and Lee Mawson 49<sup>th</sup>.

In the current season with 4 races to run the men's A team is in 6<sup>th</sup> position in division 1, the B team is in 11<sup>th</sup> position in division 1 and the C team is in 4<sup>th</sup> position in B division 2.

### **Mel Hunt**

The ladies finished the 2014/15 season with the A team in 4<sup>th</sup> place of A division 1 and the B team in 1<sup>st</sup> place of B division 2. The B team being promoted to B division 1. 4 ladies finished in the top 65, Sally Rowe 33<sup>rd</sup>, Anita Crawley 39<sup>th</sup>, Melanie Hunt 46<sup>th</sup> and Annali Court 57<sup>th</sup>.

## **2.6 XC Representative – Graham Clarke**

At the AGM this time last year I reported that “our final position in the Southern Cross Country League was 20<sup>th</sup> out of 23 clubs, a position on which I know we can improve”. Well we have certainly done just that and finished this year’s season in 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 23 clubs, the first time that we have been placed in the top 10 for several years. This is a very commendable improvement thanks to an admirable attendance record, brilliant performances of the teams and a wonderful enthusiasm from everyone!

This year there were six league races all of which continue to gain in popularity – up to 500 runners. The last race of the season included a new venue at Haslemere, very scenic but probably the most challenging involving a trip into the murky depths of the Devil’s Punch Bowl followed by a long haul out of it but I am sure everyone enjoyed the views!

50 Striders (nearly half the club) participated in at least one of the Southern Cross Country League races, 27 of whom completed at least half the races, earning themselves Striders’ League bonus points!

I would like to give special mention to Clare Welch, Brian Harris, Gary McCawley, Alan McVittie, Paul Welch, Darren Butwell who completed all six races and to Mel Hunt, Julia Revill, Martin Shaw, Gary Armstrong, Roger Jones, Phil O’Connor and Tony Laurenson who missed just one.

Cross country races are not for the faint hearted so well done to everyone for your contribution to our performance this year. Let’s see if we can become even more successful next year and continue to move up the charts!!

## **2.7 Coaching – Graham Bowpitt**

No coaching report was available but all agreed that the new training schedules were working well and were proving very popular with members.

## **3. Affiliation to the HRRL and SCCL for 2015/16**

The Club Chairman put forward a proposal that the club remained in the HRRL and the Southern Counties Cross Country League for 2015/16 season.

Proposed: Mark Pelley (Club Chairman)  
Seconded: Tracey Crank (Club Secretary)

The proposal was put to the A.G.M. and agreed.

## **4. Election of Officers.**

The Chairman reported that he would be standing down. Pete Maisey was standing down as Newsletter representative (after 20 years in post) and Sue Rattley was standing down as website administrator. All other committee members were happy to continue in their roles. Terry Aked had kindly agreed to stand as Club Chairman. The appointment was proposed by Mark Pelley, seconded by Tracey Crank and agreed. Claire Welch had agreed to take on the role of Newsletter Representative and Sarah Heard would add the website administration to her Publicity Officer role

The chairman asked if anyone else wanted to put their names forward for any of the positions which would result in an election being held.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Elected Officer</b>
Chairman	Terry Aked
Vice Chairman	Lee Weeks
Treasurer	Stuart Hoare
Club Secretary	Tracey Crank
Membership Secretary	Julia Revill
Club Captains	Martin Shaw & Mel Hunt
XC Representative	Graham Clarke
Club Kit	Terry Aked
Newsletter Representative	Claire Welch
Publicity Officer	Sarah Heard
Website	Sarah Heard
Members Representative	Alison Pople
Members Representative	Richard Gray

With no further changes the above officers were appointed.

## **5. Health and Safety**

There were no notifiable occurrences during the year. It was agreed that runners would continue to be encouraged to wear hi-viz and signs put out on training nights.

## **6. Website Update – Sue Rattley.**

First of all, my apologies for not being able to attend the AGM.

Secondly, I'd like to thank everyone who contributes to the website, especially Kev Raymond for the race results every week, Pete Maisey for the photos and Lisa for details of social events. Facebook is great for giving details of last minute events etc but the Club still needs a formal interface to inform members new and old of the day to day running of the Club.

As I've said before, my website skills are very limited so the design has remained unchanged for some time now. I feel that the time has come for a fresh approach but I do not have the skills to take it any further. I've decided therefore to hand over the reins to someone who can, and Sarah Heard has kindly volunteered to do this after Easter. Thank you Sarah.

Please continue to advise me, and eventually Sarah, if you find any problems with the website.

## **7. Club Newsletter – Pete Maisey.**

February 2016 was my last edition as editor of the club's newsletter Stride and Tested. I did not realise that I had been editor for 20 years until I looked back through the archive I have kept since my first edition.

I have had plenty of copy to work with over the years, about 250,000 words in total. Sadly, some stories escaped. I would ask all members to think about writing something of their running experiences, especially if doing an event outside the usual local circuit. And if you aren't sure if it will be of interest just ask the editor.

And on the subject of editor, after 20 years, it is time to put away my pen and hand the job onto somebody else. Clare Welch has offered to take up the reins. I feel the newsletter needs a new approach, something a little more up-to-date, and looking at the first edition Clare has produced (March 2016) I think we have the right person for the job.

## **8. A.O.B.**

8.1 None notified

## **9. Chairman's Closing Remarks.**

Before we adjourn to the bar prior to the Awards presentation I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has made my five years as Chairman so enjoyable and rewarding. The club is only as good as its members and we have the best around. I never cease to be amazed by the amount of encouragement and support I see on training nights and at road and cross country races throughout the county.

There have been several changes to the club committee and I would like to thank Clare Welch for taking on the role of our Newsletter Editor, Sarah Heard for becoming our Webmaster and of course Terry Aked for being the new Chairman. Peter Maisey and Sue Rattley have carried out their roles of Editor and Webmaster respectively so well over many years and I would like to thank them both, on behalf of the club, for all they have done.

I would like to wish Terry, Claire and Sarah the very best in their new roles and to thank the existing members of the committee for all the help and support they have provided me during the last five years. They are a great bunch of people and I have enjoyed every moment working with them. Finally, to everyone in the club, thanks again and let's congratulate Terry and look forward to Denmead Striders continuing to flourish under his Chairmanship.

Meeting closed at 19.40

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Financial Statement at 31st December 2014

Bank Bal as at 1st January 2014	1250.47		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Subscriptions 2014	2160.00	Affiliations	1520.00
Subscriptions 2015	674.00	Club Kit	260.00
Club Kit	155.25	Cross Country	316.55
Cross Country	302.50	Denmead 10k	1298.54
Denmead 10k	2604.45	Social Events	754.52
Social Events	827.50	Awards Night	604.48
Great South Run	300.00	Coaching Courses	130.00
		Ryde 10	290.00
		Sundries	6.48
		Closing Balance	3093.60
<b>Total</b>	<u>8274.17</u>		<u>8274.17</u>