

HAMILTON HARRIERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 21st January 2009

Scottish Gas, Murdoch House, Uddingston, 2pm



ACTIONS

1. PRESENT

John Berry (In the Chair)

Dave Adam Jnr (DA)	David Hay (DH)	Alan Mooney (AM)
Ross Bickerstaff (RB)	Paulo Leite (PL)	Gary Mooney (GM)
Jim Breen (JBr)	Joanne Malarkey (JM)	Roz O'Hanlon (RO)
Roy Foot (RF)	Michael Maxton (MM)	Graeme Pearson (GP)
Mark Bryson (MB)	Andy McLinden (AMc)	Claire Purdie (CP)
Terry Grady (TG)	Peter Middleton (PM)	Neil Robbins (NR)
Davie Kelly (DK)		

2. APOLOGIES

Tom Steel

3. WELCOME

John Berry opened the meeting thanking members for attendance and thanking Mark Bryson for the catering and event organisation.

The presentation for the Hamilton Harriers 10K Sealed Handicap took place:

- Gary Mooney was the first male to finish (35:30)
- Claire Purdie was the first female to finish (45:30)

Taking into consideration the sealed handicap times, the top three were:

- 3rd place: Neil Robbins
- 2nd place: David Hay
- 1st place: Mark Bryson

Full results will be made available to members following the meeting.

JB gave a summary of the significant progress the club had made over the last twelve months and future direction of the club. Points covered included:

- The successful introduction of a new payment structure for membership fees
- The planned introduction of membership cards for members
- The success of the new HH merchandise range
- The growth of the social side of the club
- The introduction of the half-marathon club handicap
- The planned growth of the coaching structure of the club
 - DH and CP to complete stage I coaching
 - PM hoping to complete stage II coaching
 - AMc hoping to complete stage III coaching
- The possibility of an application for lottery funding

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting (proposed by GP, seconded by RF)

5. MATTERS ARISING

GP asked is there was any progress on the possibility of track training that had been raised at the previous AGM. AMc replied that this is something that may be considered for the summer, with Coatbridge being the most likely local track that could be used.

AMc

6. COACHING UPDATE

Andy McLinden gave a summary of the direction he hoped the club would take in the next twelve months. He referred to the planned development of the coaching structure and hoped this would help the members achieve more in the near future.

AMc also suggested that cross country was an area which was poorly represented by the club and called on members to consider participating either as individuals or as teams in some of these events.

7. **TREASURY
UPDATE**

Peter Middleton gave a summary of the clubs current financial position. Overall, the club was considered to be on a sound footing, and the changes to fee payment structure had helped significantly. A breakdown of the club finances was intimated to members.

Members were encouraged to make use of the Standing Order payment option if they had not done so to date. Fees for the forthcoming year were announced:

- Seniors: £7 per month or £84 per annum
- Juniors: £3.50 per month or £42 per annum
- Those who attend training sessions infrequently would continue to be offered the chance to pay £2 per attended week

All

Ways in which to differentiate between members fees payments were being investigated and DA agreed to work with PM to try and set up a system whereas the origin of fees coming into the club account could be identified.

PM
DA

8. **COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee for the forthcoming year was elected with the following appointments being made:

Position	Appointed	Proposed	Seconded
President	John Berry	PM	AMc
Race Secretary	Andy McLinden	MB	JM
Minutes Secretary	Roy Foot	JB	AMc
Treasurer	Peter Middleton	JB	ROH
Education Officer	David Hay	JB	JBr
Merchandising Officer	Ross Bickerstaff	CP	DH
Grand Prix Secretary	Mark Bryson	RF	JBr
Website Facilitator	Paulo Leite, Mark Bryson	DA	RB
Press Secretary	Claire Purdie	JB	DH
Social Convener	Tom Steel	RB	PM
Disclosure Officer	Dave Adams (Snr)	JB	AMc
Committee Members	Joanne Malarkey	JB	RB
	Graeme Pearson	RB	PM
	Dave Adams (Snr)	JB	AMc
	Jim Breen	RF	NR
	Neil Robbins	JB	AMc
	Roz O'Hanlon	JB	TG

9. **AOCB**

Grand Prix 2009:

GP had asked if a structure had been agreed for the Grand Prix this year. JB informed the group that a structure had been agreed whereby a member's best 15 results from 20 races would be used as the basis for a scoring structure. Full details would be made available on the website in due course.

Cross-country Winter Series:

JB proposed a series of races over the winter months in a similar format to the 5k club handicap. Races could be held on a Sunday morning at Blantyre with a suggested distance of approximately 5 mile. Several members expressed an interest, and this would be considered for the winter 2009/10.

Targeted races for 2009:

A discussion ensued surrounding which races should members be actively encouraged to enter in the forthcoming year:

- JBr suggested that members should be supporting local races, specifying recent races where HH presence had been poor
- The Mighty Deer Stalker was suggested as a potential targeted race
- JB proposed concentrating on a local race and trying to achieve a high turnout of Harriers. Members would be encouraged to do this race for a local charity, suggesting that as well as raising money for a worthy cause, could help raise the profile of the club
- JB asked members to consider and propose races and charities at future committee meetings
- DA suggested that the target race could be the Hamilton 5K and that rather than a charity, funds raised could be used to buy athletics kit for a local school to help raise awareness of the benefits of exercise.
- It was agreed that these suggestions would be considered at a future committee meeting.

5K Handicap Series:

PM suggested that rather than trophies for individual monthly winners, vouchers for a local running shop could be considered as an alternative. It was pointed out that the trophies were of nominal value and that vouchers of the same value would not be particularly useful to members. Also, many members liked the idea of small trophies that could be kept.

Membership Fees:

PM reiterated to members that fees should be paid for attendance at training sessions and referred back to the new payment structure.

Rebuild of Bothwell Primary School:

Mark Bryson informed members that because of the imminent closure of the school and planned building work, car parking for training sessions may become more problematic.

Potential Social Events:

JB informed the group on behalf of Tom Steel that future ideas for nights out included a Karting race night at ScotKart in Cambuslang and the Eglington Point to Point Horse Race on March 21st

**10. DATE OF NEXT
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Monday 16th March 2009, 7pm, Doonin Pub, Blantyre

The meeting ended at 3:25pm