



Barlick Fell Runners

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Present

Stephen Chew, Shaun Chew, Graham Wadsworth, Pat Wadsworth, Richard Treitl, Richard Starkie, Glenn Whittaker, John Boothman, Jonathon Boothman, Bob Jackson, Rachel Lowther, Andy Berry, Andy Driver, Helen Stead, James Stead, Rob Whipp, Des Walkden, Stuart Bryan and Michael Thistlethwaite.

Nomination of Committee

Everyone on the existing committee stood again except for Nick Treitl. It was proposed by Stephen Chew and seconded by Graham Wadsworth that the existing committee should be re-elected and this was passed unanimously. This reduced the committee to seven members.

There was then an open invitation to anyone else who wanted to join the committee for the forthcoming year. Helen Stead, James Stead, John Boothman, David Halliday and Stuart Bryan all put themselves forward and were voted onto the committee. This was proposed by Stephen Chew and seconded by Rachel Lowther and again, the vote was unanimous. The roles of the new committee members will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Secretaries Report

The club now has 136 members

The England athletics affiliation will be going up £12 per person next year and also the club affiliation will be going up to £100.

The Cross Country is going well with record turnouts and results alike. We have also managed to get a ladies team in this year for the first time.

Treasurer's Report

Glenn Whittaker presented the accounts and he was worried that he couldn't account for a discrepancy in the books and the bank balance of £110. The present book keeping system was recommended by accountants, but causes severe difficulties in reconciling the book balance with the bank balance. It was accepted that the treasurer's role in an amateur club is an extremely difficult one with money being handed over in all sorts of situations and the discrepancy may have been caused by unclear note taking, rather than being an actual loss. It was agreed that Glenn should continue in his present role.

Glenn went on to confirm that the club is in a healthy position again going into 2015.

The balance carried forward from 2013 was £1,704.03

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There was an excess of expenditure over income in the past year, but the club has invested in new flags, a new gazebo and also paid for relays, cross country and England Athletics affiliation.

Race profits were down by £500 this year - something we'll try to remedy next year by getting sponsors for races to offset the cost of prizes.

Membership Fees

It was proposed by Stephen Chew that the membership fees rise in the coming year to £10 to help cover the rising costs of England Athletics affiliation and also the extra demand for people running in relays. This was seconded by John Boothman and unanimously voted for by everyone present who agreed that it is still excellent value for money for our members. An email will be sent with the renewals so the members will know the reason for the increase.

Relays

The Club will continue to pay for the following events in the coming year as it reaped the rewards this year.

Mid Lancs Cross Country League
Northern 12 Stage Road Relays
Northern 6 Stage Road Relays
Calderdale Way Relay
Ian Hodgson Mountain Relay
UKA Fell Championships

How many teams we fund will be decided by the committee prior to the event.

Website

Graham Wadsworth reported that there has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of visitors to the website, with an average of over 3,000 visits per month. This number is over 5,000 in the summer months. The website currently has 9 sponsors and pays for itself with a small profit. Graham thanked the sponsors and feels they get great value for money because of the number of visitors we get to the site.

If anyone else knows of anyone who would like to put an advert on the website, it is £20 for the year and is a great way for the cub to raise extra income.

Although the majority of visits to the site are now on mobile devices, it was agreed that there was no need at this stage for the web site to be upgraded to a more mobile friendly format.

It was also agreed by everyone attending that the archiving of the full results of every race in which Barlick members have taken part should be continued as it is good for the club having all its' history in one place and it makes it easy for members to look back on past performances.

Races We Organise

With exception of Pendle Cloughs, last year, our races were registered and insured with the FRA. For the forthcoming year, Andy Hirst has decided to return to the FRA for the Pendle Cloughs race, so all our races will be run under FRA safety rules and requirements.

The dates for our races are-

Pendle Cloughs 2nd May

Pinhaw Moor 8th May

Kelbrook 6th June

Weets 13th June

Buckden Pike 20th June

Last year we had a great response regarding marshals and hopefully that will continue this year.

Membership Renewals

Graham Wadsworth will be collecting the renewals this year as he did last year. Members will again be able to pay by cheque, cash or internet banking. Graham will be sending the reminders out shortly.

Gazebo

Shaun Chew was at the NEC last week and bought a Gazebo for £250. We are currently looking for a sponsor. John Boothman has kindly offered to pay £80 to print the club's name and web address on the canopy.

Training

Tuesday

Harvey will continue in the New Year with the track sessions at Seedhill at 7pm.

Rachel Lowther will continue with the ladies sessions from the Fosters Arms from 7pm.

James Stead has offered to take a mixed ability group from the Fosters to introduce beginners to running.

Wednesday

Glenn Whittaker and Pete Jackson will continue to organise the Pub runs.

Thursdays

Andy Berry will be starting the cycle of his 5k, 7k and 10k runs commencing the first week in the New Year.

Any Other Business

Juniors It has been discussed again and it was decided to start looking into all the details for setting up a junior section within the club. Stephen Chew will look into the various laws and things the club needs to have in place to support a junior section including safeguarding and costs.

Navigation Training Des Walkden mentioned the possibility of the club putting on Navigation training lessons so members could learn to read maps. It was mentioned that Sam Wadsworth may be able to take a lesson, so we will investigate this possibility.

Weets Classic Route This has been raised before, but the club will now actively investigate whether the race can return to the old route from

Rolls Royce Social Club. Andy Berry and Stephen Chew will undertake this task.

AGM CONCLUDED AT 10PM