

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Esk Valley Fell Club

Virtual Meeting: via TEAMS

Date/Time: **Thursday 25th March 2021 at 8.00pm**

12 Attendees: Phil Conner, Mike Quinn, Dave Gibson, Simon Ashwell, Clive Thornton, Dave Aspin, Gavin Coventry, Richard Veitch, Geoff Hine, Martin Perry, Tim Hill, Sid Bollands, Ian (Robinson?);

3 Apologies: Tim Parker, Ray Dang, Stephen Pugh

1. Chairman (Mike Quinn) opened the meeting
2. Apologies
3. **Chairman's Annual Report** (Mike Quinn): Overviews the local races early in 2020 before the season shut down in March as COVID lockdown took effect. The Bilsdale Race on 15-Mar-20 was one of the very last races of the year with 100 out of 120 pre-registered runners turning out on the day. The following week the full lockdown was announced. There have been only 20 races nationwide in the 12 months since the Bilsdale Race. Mike then reviewed some of the amazing 'Fastest Known Time' records that have been set during 2020/21 as runners have taken to doing their own solo challenges. Within EVFC Nick Barber completed his BG round in 18hrs, and Mike Quinn/Paul Williams completed a Frog Graham round.
4. **Treasurer's report** (Dave Gibson): See attachment 1. The accounts for the period 1/1/20 to 31/12/20 were presented and approved. Opening balance of £8,750 and closing balance of £6,992. Income of £6,483, and expenditure of £8,241 including £2,839 to charities. The G'boro fell race income is usually retained for the club, whilst all other races arranged by EVFC are neutrally funded with all 'profit' donated to charities; that race was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. Phil Conner opened up a discussion as to whether the current club funds should be further distributed to charity, unless a decision can be made on whether to invest in race timing/checkpoint equipment (which has been our intent for several years). Various members supported both viewpoints but general agreement that we should make a concerted look at identifying and purchasing 'fit for purpose' race equipment for the club/ local races. SI system is expensive but market leader. SIAC (touch free system) is good but dibbers are v. expensive (£63 each). Sid suggested road race timing equipment may be a cheaper and provide a 'fit for purpose' solution. Ideally we need to find a way to adopt new race timing equipment (eg with runners bring their own dibbers) whilst allowing existing/new runners to participate without dibbers; differential race entry fees could provide a motivation to runners to invest in their own dibber and help to transition quickly (over 1-2 yrs) towards a largely 'digital' race entry/timing solution. The members agreed to form a sub-group to be coordinated by members of the Committee (Simon Ashwell/Dave Gibson); plus Dave Aspin, Martin Perry. Agreed to target feedback to EVFC Committee in June 2021.
5. **Election of Officers** due for re-election in 2021
 - a. Chair Mike Quinn Re-elected (Proposer; Phil Conner), (Seconder; Simon Ashwell)
 - b. Treasurer Dave Gibson Re-elected (Proposer: Tim Hill), (Seconder; Ian Robinson)
6. **Election of Ordinary Committee**
 - a. Club Captain *Remains Vacant*
 - b. Membership Secretary Simon Ashwell Re-elected

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| c. Welfare Officer | <i>Remains Vacant</i> |
| d. Race Co-ordinator | Clive Thornton Re-elected |
| e. Training Co-ordinator | Mike Quinn Re-elected |
| f. Webmaster | Rob Pollard Re-elected, Tim Parker to be approached as well |
| g. Club Statistician | Martin Perry elected |
| h. Junior Coordinator | Tim Hill elected |
| i. FRA Ambassador | New role, Chris V-d-H has expressed interest – Clive to confirm |

7. **Confirm 2021 Club Membership fees;** fees confirmed (no change from 2020) and membership portal open on the EVFC website.
8. **Race Coordinator's Report** (Clive Thornton): The 2019/20 Winter Series category winners were confirmed, and the 2020 NYD race was the first of the FRA's 50 at 50 races (50th anniversary). The 2020 NYD race had a record entry field of 449 seniors/59 juniors and raised over £2,000 for local charities including £800 donation to Cleveland Mountain Rescue. The only other races of the 2020 season were Heartbeat Hobble, and Bilsdale. Clive confirmed that the forward plan is to recommence racing in August 2021 as mass start races unlikely to commence until 'Step 4' of the Govt roadmap out of COVID which signals the end of all restrictions. Likely to limit race entries for first few races until numbers established and confirmed 'under control'. We do plan to run a local Winter Series for 2021/22.
9. **AOB**
 - a. Training to recommence next Tuesday (30th March), following relaxation in COVID restriction on 29-March.

20201 AGM Minutes and Statement of Accounts (2020)

Approved by:

Phil Conner

(Secretary)

Mike Quinn

(Chairman)

Dave Gibson

(Treasurer)

Attachment 1: EVFC accounts 2020 (for period 1st Jan '20 to 31st December'20)

Opening balance

01/01/20 8750.7

Income

Subscriptions and
Race entry

6419.2

Interest

64.06

Total

6483.26

Expenditure

Prizes

777.03

Stationary

12.97

England Athletics

165

Guisborough refund to
Sientries

3331.49

Bilsdale race expenses

240

Trophies

770

Charity donations

2839.25

Website

105.39

Total

8241.13

Opening balance

8750.7

Income

6483.26

Expenditure

8241.13

Closing balance

6992.83 31/12/20