

## Esk Valley Fell Club

### Special General Meeting

8.15pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Royal Oak, Great Ayton

#### Notes

#### 1.0 Present (14 members)

Clive Thornton, Phil Conner, David Gibson, Simon Ashwell, John Williams, Mike Quinn, Adrian Martin, Simon Greenwell, Paul Williams, Mark Bown, Mike McGough, Mick Garrett, Sid Bollands, Richard Clark

#### 2.0 Apologies

Louise Campbell, Joe Johnson, Tim Whitehead

#### 2.0 Update on Dave Parry

Dave Parry is out of hospital and was able to support the Eskdale Eureka race. He hopes to start chemotherapy treatment in the New Year, but may require further operations. He is also hoping to come along to the Guisborough Woods (27<sup>th</sup> December) and New Year's Day races.

#### 3.0 Fell Race Update – Winter/Summer series 2016

We are delighted to confirm that a programme of races is confirmed for 2016, and entry forms were posted in time for inclusion in the FRA Handbook.

It has subsequently been agreed to also run two additional races, based upon feedback from Dave Parry and Bob Lillie; Eskdale Eureka (Sunday 04/12/16), and Whorlton Run (Provisional Wednesday 22/06/16). Dates to be confirmed.

#### 4.0 Amendments to the Club Constitution

The following amendments were agreed by votes on each proposal. The underlying reasons for each amendment are simplification of the club constitution, and to enable online membership/ payment to facilitate improved club administration. There was a unanimous vote, from those in attendance at the meeting, in favour of each of the following changes:

- **Clause 2.1 Membership Application:** shall now read:

Membership of the club shall be open, on application, to anyone 14 years of age or above, interested in recreational or competitive running, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, race, nationality, sexual orientation, occupation, religion, political or other beliefs. Children under 14 years of age can be Associate Members.

Individuals who wish to become members of the club must apply using the online system, or Membership Application Form, as approved by the Committee from time to time. Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate subscription fee.

The committee will review all new member applications, from time to time. The committee shall reserve the right to subsequently reject a candidate (and refund their subscription fee only), if acceptance of the new member would be contrary to the best interests of the sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club.

By becoming a member of the club, every member agrees to abide by the club's constitution and Rules; the Rules of competition and other rules and regulations of UK Athletics Limited; and the rules and regulations of England Athletics Limited (or relevant successor bodies).

- **Clause 2.2 Membership Classes:** shall now read:

The club shall have the different classes of annual membership set out below. Members will enjoy the rights and obligations specifically outlined in this document. Members must also designate themselves as either "First claim" or "second claim" Members.

### **2.2.1 ORDINARY MEMBERS**

Anyone satisfying the general admission criteria (as determined from time to time by the committee) can become an Ordinary Member, provided that: they are an amateur as defined from time to time by UK Athletics [and that they are aged over 14 years at the date of their application].

There are three classes of ordinary membership;

- Senior (over 18 years)
- Junior (under 18 years, but 14 years or over)
- Associate (under 14 years)

Anyone under the age of 18, at the date of their application, shall join as a Junior Member. Anyone under the age of 14 years, at the date of their application, shall join as an Associate Member and such person must have their application seconded by a coach or parent/guardian who is also a member of Esk Valley Fell Club, and who will undertake to initially train that candidate. Junior and Associate Members do not have voting rights.

Only Ordinary Senior Members shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the club.

### **2.2.2 LIFE MEMBERS**

This category of membership has been discontinued.

### **2.2.3 HONORARY MEMBERS**

Honorary membership may be granted to an individual in recognition of their outstanding personal contribution to the club's affairs, and will be conferred by the committee, and announced at the Club AGM. Honorary membership shall end when so determined by the committee.

- **Clause 3.2 Honorary Officers:** shall now read

The Honorary Officers of the club shall be the Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Membership Secretary, the Welfare Officer, and the Club Captain; who shall be nominated in accordance with the procedure set out in section 3.4, and elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Chair, Treasurer and Club Captain will be elected in odd numbered years.

The Secretary, Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer will be elected in even numbered years.

The Honorary Officers shall remain in office for a term of two years after their election until the end of the Annual General Meeting in the second year after their election and shall be eligible for re-election. These officers may delegate and assign tasks to other members of the committee and Club.

- **Clause 4.2.1 Calling the AGM:** shall now read

The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held within the month of March each year, on a date and at a reasonable time and place to be fixed by the committee for the following purposes and order of business:

- to receive from the committee an Annual Report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year;
- to elect the Honorary officers and the committee and to ratify the selection of the Honorary president.
- to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as provided by these Rules.

- **Clause 5.0 Accounts:** shall now read

The Treasurer will ensure proper accounts are kept and provide Committee Members with accurate financial reports on at least a biannual basis. The club's financial records shall always be open to inspection by the committee.

The club's Financial Year shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive. The Treasurer shall present accounts for the previous Financial Year to the Annual General meeting for consideration and copies of these will be available to Members at the meeting. If the Accounts are not accepted at the Annual General Meeting, a qualified Accountant may be appointed to investigate members' concerns.

## **5.0 Election of Officers of the Club Committee**

### Honorary Officers:

President -	<i>Not appointed</i>
Chairman –	Phil Conner
Treasurer -	Dave Gibson
Club Captain -	<i>Not appointed</i>
Secretary -	Clive Thornton
Membership Secretary -	Adrian Martin, Simon Ashwell (supported by Phil Conner)
Welfare Officer -	Louise Campbell

### Ordinary Committee Members:

Race Coordinator -	Bob Lillie
Training Coordinator -	Mike Quinn, Adrian Martin
Web Master -	Rob Pollard
Club Statistician -	Cameron Taylor
Juniors Coordinator(s) –	Louise Campbell, John Williams, Mark Brown

## **6.0 Club Finance Arrangements**

The club's former bank account has been closed, with a final balance of £393.73.

The club will open a new Club Account with Santander, with 3 named signatories: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. It is intended that the new club account will be linked automatically to the new online membership application portal. This will allow the collection of member subscriptions to be simplified and “automated” as far as possible.

## 7.0 Subscriptions

It was agreed that the following subscription arrangements should be put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, and to apply for the full 2016 calendar year.

- Senior Membership           £10 per annum
- Junior Membership         £5 per annum
- Associate Membership     Free

If an individual applies to join the club after 1<sup>st</sup> October, then their subscription fee will cover the subsequent year, as well as the remaining period of the current year (i.e. up to 3 months "free membership").

Existing club members shall be required to pay their 2016 subscription no later than the date of the next AGM.

## 8.0 Date of next Club Annual General Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next AGM on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, at the Royal Oak, Gt Ayton.

## 9.0 Next Club committee meeting

It was agreed to hold the next committee meeting on Tuesday 9.00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. Specific agenda items shall be to review set-up of new finance arrangements, website updates, and online membership portal.

## 10.0 Meeting Closed 9.45pm

Signed,



Clive Thornton – Secretary

Signed,



Phil Conner - Chair