Minutes of Annual General Meeting (2022)

Esk Valley Fell Club

Venue: Upstairs Meeting Room, Royal Oak, Great Ayton

Date/Time: **Tuesday 29th March 2022, at 8.15pm**

Attendees: Mike Quinn, Phil Conner, Dave Gibson, Tim Hill, Sid Bollands, Richard Veitch, Paul Cook, Gary Talbot

1. Apologies received from: Clive Thornton, Martin Perry, and Tim Parker
2. **Chair's Annual Report** (Mike Quinn)

   Mike welcomed everyone and all agreed it was great to be back in a room together (post-COVID). EVFC recommenced races somewhat later in 2021 than some clubs, with the Fryup Frazzler (19-Sep-21) and a strong turnout of 80 runners for this first race in the Northern Runner Winter Series.

   There have been some big rounds completed over the past 12 months by club members; 3 x Frog Graham Rounds, 2 x Bob Graham rounds. We have 2 more club members (Andy Mochrie, Dave Berry) aiming to complete the BGR on 30-May-22. Good luck and celebrations to all!

   Club training restarted after the various COVID-19 lockdowns, initially limited to groups of 6 by law. Started 3 sessions at staggered times, and this has proven a popular format, and is generally well received. Survey of members supported continuation of this approach.

   Delighted to be hosting an English Championship Senior Race and Junior Race in 2022 – great for the Club.

3. **Treasurer's report** (Dave Gibson)

   Dave presented the accounts for the calendar year 1/1/21 to 31/1/21. Overall loss in the year due mainly to purchase of prizes for the G'boro Woods and Captain Cooks races which were cancelled at last minute due to COVID situation, and the purchase of £600 of club vests which are now in stock. However, overall club finances remain very healthy with other £7,000 of reserves in the bank account.

   Dave also advised that he had attended formal EA training seminar for Club Treasurers, and this was reassuring and confirmed that the manner in which we manage our accounts is fully aligned with our type/size of Club.

4. **Election of Officers** due for re-election in 2021
   a. Club Secretary — Phil Conner – re-elected
5. **Election of Ordinary Committee**
   a. Club Captain — To remain vacant
   b. Membership Secretary — Phil Conner - Re-elected
   c. Welfare Officer — Tim Hill - Re-elected
   d. Race Co-ordinator — Bob Lillie/ Clive Thornton – Re-elected
   e. Training Co-ordinator — Mike Quinn – Re-elected

f. Webmaster Tim Parker – Re-elected
g. Club Statistician Martin Perry – Re-elected
h. Junior Coordinator Tim Hill – Re-elected
i. FRA Liaison Position to be closed, as Chris Vanderhoven has relocated

6. **Confirm 2022 Club Membership fees, and SIEnties portal**

Confirmed Club Fees have increased slightly to offset slightly higher admin charges for use of SIEntries portal for online payments/application processing:

Seniors	£11.20	
Juniors (14-18)	£1.20	
Associates (U14)	£1.20	
UKA affiliation	£16	(from 1/4/22)

7. **Race Coordinator's Report** (Clive Thornton)

No report as Clive Thornton unable to attend due to testing COVID+

8. AOB
   a. Reflection – new Club member Gary Talbot asked "how big a club do we want to be'? Good reflective discussion. Consensus is that we are happy to be a 'small club' of (<100 members) as we are happy to work within our current remit to encourage local fell racing, and local athletes to enjoy training and racing on the hills. We value the 'informality', and are not aiming to have a big Club organisation. The quality of the runners in the Club is impressive, and continues to go from strength to strength. We have streamlined the Club admin, and this has also been shared out to a wider group than historically. The Club is on a sustainable long-term footing. FC website is ready to launch in April. A massive thankyou to Rob Pollard who has maintained the existing website over many years.
   b. Reminder that the 2022 English Championship Races still require Club volunteers/ marshals - please contact Cliver Thornton to confirm if you can assist/ support in any way.
      i. 30th April: Seniors Race – 3 Tops Guisborough
      ii. 22nd May: Juniors Races – G'boro Woods
   c. Brief discussion on arranging Club 'day outs' – agreed it would be nice thing to do, but is club big enough, and ultimately relies upon individual's to make it happen.
   d. Discussion around resurrecting the EVFC Club Championship. General agreement this would be a great idea and likely to generate interest, enthusiasm, and possibly bring in some new members. Great prizes! Propose to discuss at next Club Committee Meeting, and aim to put a modest Club Championship together for the second half of 2022.

Phil Conner (EVFC Secretary)

30/3/2022