

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALMOST ATHLETES, HELD AT THE CIVIL SERVICE CLUB TEWKESBURY ROAD ON THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2013 @ 7.30PM

Graham Fletcher (Club Chairman) formally opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking all for attending. 66 members signed in on arrival.

1 **Apologies**

7 apologies had been received.

2 **Minutes of the 2012 AGM**

The minutes of the 2012 AGM had been published on the club website for members to read at their leisure. Graham requested proposer and seconder for approval of the minutes. Minutes were accepted and signed off. Dave McGrath(p) and Colin Watkins.(s)

3 **Chairman's Report**

Graham started off by saying what a great year 2012 was for the sporting sector, Olympics, Paralympics, Ryder Cup and Football. This was followed by a clip of Mo Farah winning his 2 gold medals.

Graham went on to mention that there were now 308 members and talked about the variety of activity's the club has to offer. He mentioned the successes for Anthony Bailey winning the Gloss AAA, Karen Galpin being selected to run for England and the Almost Athletes winning the Glos AAA's men's open team prizes for 2012. Individual thanks were given to Jenny Norris for organizing the Christmas party, Ray & Cos Pearson for the entertainment. Thanks to race organiser's, Art & Jean for their efforts and club photographer Rob Hume.

Thanks went to the committee and to those standing down. Graham mentioned that the club now had 2 qualified UK Athletics Distance Running leaders, himself and Steve Adams. He wished good luck to this year's runners of the Club London Marathon places.

4 **Treasurers Report**

June had prepared an end of year statement. This was explained to the members. Several things were pointed out including why the Linda Franks income was down, due to date change, early start. DCC was hampered by the bad weather conditions. It was asked why the social expenses were up and this was mainly due to the number of buffets being provided by the club.

The accounts were accepted. Ray Pearson (p) Glenda Stanley (s)

5 **2013 subscription fees**

Graham stated that the fee hadn't changed for the last 2 years but due to receipt of a letter from English Athletics stating their fees had increased due to the Olympics the club has no choice but to increase the membership fee from £15 to £20. To tie in with the English Athletics it was also suggested that we change our membership year to run from April – March. The majority present voted in favour of this. Steve Wallbridge (p) Colin Watkins (s) Membership forms will go online tomorrow. Graham made it clear how to pay on line. It was asked whether the club would consider a junior section, it was agreed that this would be looked at in the future but at the moment the club is for over 18 year olds.

6 **Charity of the year**

James Clay from Sue Ryder thanked Almosts for their £1000 cheque and explained where the money was spent.

Suggested charities for 2013 were LINC, Cobalt Unit, Friends of Samaritans & Paralympics for 2016.

Linc and Cobalt Unit got the vote by the members. Graham Fletcher (p) ALL (s) Samaritans and Paralympics will be put on list for next year.

7 Election of Committee

Nominations, Claire Hawes, Nick Spice, Glenda Stanley & Alison Hume.

There were 4 spaces available due to Claire Cook, Sarah Wallbridge & Cathy Cotton standing down. David Lawrence (p) Bill Jones (s)

8 **Prizes and Awards**

Tony Evans won road race series

Runner of the Year

John Galpin and Glenda Stanley

Nick Lewis said a few words about the Handicap races for 2013 and ended by presenting Graham with a whistle from the club.

9 **AOB**

Graham read out a letter from Virginia re London Marathon.

It was bought up about Sweepers and the difficulty it is organising.

Glenda suggested that at the beginning of runs ask for one then.

Bibs for sweepers. Regroup points to be worked out. Steve to look at this when sorting routes. It is important that everyone runs the route the same way round.

Graham finally handed over to.....

Graham thanked everyone and said Good Bye