

**Derwentside AC,
Committee Meeting,
Beamish Mary,
10th January, 7pm**

Present

Brian Buckley, Claire Wilkie, Mark Davinson, John Donneky, Graham Marshall, Paul Wiltshire,

1. Apologies

Colin Brothers, Wayne Thompson, Christine McGlone

2. Previous minutes

Accepted as an accurate record by all present.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 BB has contacted NE Counties re. handbook update (change of club secretary) no response yet received.

4. Junior Section

4.1 UK Athlete Development Pathway Document: Initial draft has been completed by Christine McGlone. BB to provide finishing touches.

4.2 New groups / training plan: New training plans have been completed that feature more choice of activities for older groups on Thursdays. Plans now uploaded on website.

4.3 Competitions: A number of competitions are forthcoming:

- Sports Hall Athletics Competition for U11's 4th feb at Sedgefield, DAC looking after the Speed Bounce
- Sports Hall Athletics for U13's and U15's hosted by DAC on 25th Feb at NDA
- NE Indoor championships 17/18th Feb

Junior attendance at recent XC events has been good. It is unknown if any juniors will attend the School's XC competition on 20th Jan.

5. Ability Section:

Not discussed following apologies received from Christine. CM to send report to committee.

6. Senior Section

6.1 Training plans: New plans are now complete and are on the club website. BB to compile separate marathon training plan to assist those training for Edinburgh.

6.2 Training groups: Senior training groups appear to be doing well. Some members may need encouragement in advancing in their ability groups.

7. Coach Development

7.1 Coaching courses: there is significant interest from members in attending coach development courses. BB to circulate details of upcoming course dates. BB to also gauge interest from junior members in attending Leading Athletics courses.

7.2 LCDP: BB to circulate info on workshops when received.

7.3 Athletics 365 app: This is a free app that contains demos and coaching tips. BB to increase awareness of this to DAC coaches. CW to look into costs etc.

8. Club Competitions

8.1 Handicap: 1st handicap of 2018 has taken place. BB to issue e-mail to inform members of points system change.

8.2 Road Race competitions: Information on Grand Prix events now on website. MD has also sent out Facebook notifications as entries to these events open to increase awareness for members.

A decision is to be made as to whether Kielder events will be added to the Grand Prix.

8.3 Cross Country Competitions: Committee agree that they are happy with the current points system for the club competition – BB to send Steve to put on website.

9. Presentation Evening

Date & Venue: Confirmed as 23rd February at South Moor Golf Club.

9.1 Tickets: BB to contact Colin Brothers to organise printing of tickets.

9.2 Buffet: Agreement that a hot buffet will be ordered for min. 100 people.

9.3 Awards: Need to be returned. Request has just been sent out. BB to follow up in a week or so for any outstanding trophy returns.

9.4 Raffle: Members to provide prizes this year. BB to send out e-mail with this request. Possibly asking people to think “outside the box” for prizes other than alcohol & chocolate.

10. Hellhole / Pedro's 10K

10.1 Name change: It was agreed that the name of the event will be changed to:

Pedro's 10K

(formerly Hellhole Multi-terrain Race)

MD to produce Facebook status update on the Hellhole page.

10.2 Date: Date of Druidge Bay XC event is yet to be announced. However it was agreed that to meet the organisational timescales for this event a date needed to be set. It was agreed that Pedro's 10K will take place on **30th September 2018**.

BB to inform NEHL and request that they avoid this date for their fixtures.

10.3 Race transfers: It was agreed that race transfers will be allowed up to 10 days before the event, providing the race organiser is informed.

10.4 T-shirts: A new T shirt design will be required featuring an image of Gerard. It was suggested that a line drawing would serve best for cost effective printing. GM to produce initial ideas for next meeting

10.5 Charity contribution: It was agreed that all profit made from the event will be split as follows:

50% to Pancreatic research or another Charity agreed with Gerard's Family– this will also be topped up by money raised by DAC summer relay.

50% to developing junior athletics in Stanley.

PW to research details of exact charity to receive this donation. It was also suggested that a presentation event should be arranged once the funds have been raised.

11. A.O.B

11.1 Couch to 5K: CW confirmed that 1st May will be the start date for the next 10 week C25K course. CW to confirm number of places available.

11.2 Summer Relay: Date has been confirmed as 30th June 2018. – GM to issue Facebook status update at the weekend.

A provisional route has been proposed by BB & GM which incorporates sections of St. Oswald's Way as well as some of the coast & Castles cycle route. This will have an approximate total distance of 100miles. GM to explore route details further for discussion at February's committee meeting.

11.3 NEYDL: Meeting required with Sedgefield Harriers to co-ordinate teams for the event. BB to arrange this.

11.4 Banking: GM still needs to drop off change mandate forms at Barclays for signatories change.

MD proposed moving DAC savings account to Prince Bishop's Credit Union to realise a better interest return. All in agreement of the proposal in principle. MD to investigate further details.

12. Date of next meeting

14th February 2018, 7pm, Beamish Mary