

**Derwentside AC,  
Committee Meeting,  
Beamish Mary,  
11th April 2018, 7pm**

**Present**

Brian Buckley, Mark Davinson, Graham Marshall, Paul Wiltshire, Claire Wilkie, Christine McGlone

**1.0 Apologies**

None received

**2.0 Previous minutes**

Accepted as an accurate record by all present.

**3.0 Matters Arising**

**3.1 Pedro 10K:** T-shirt design still to be completed

**3.2 parkrun takeover:** Riverside parkrun is due to be cancelled on 07.07.18 when we were planning on the club takeover. Alternative dates discussed, with 14.07.18 being most favourable. CW to contact parkrun to move this forward. C to 5K finale is also to be moved to this date to allow best possible DAC support.

**3.3 July Burnhope fundraiser event:** Has been added to the training plan.

**3.4 Parent Participation evening:** Took place 26.03.18. Some parents of the younger junior members took part. Only 3 feedback forms were received, but all with positive feedback.

**4.0 Ability Section**

Christine McGlone gave update on Ability Section progress & immediate plans:

**4.1** Ability Section will be attending Villa Real school in June for athletics sessions.

**4.2** Ability Section also to attend Primary school's Disabilities Athletics Day. Christine to distribute fliers promoting DAC at this event.

**4.3** Club sessions are progressing well. Volunteer levels currently ok, but more would be welcomed.

## **5.0 Junior Section:**

**5.1 Training Plans:** are on the new website.

**5.2 Training Groups:** We are now ready to accept a new intake of Yr 2 juniors.

**5.3 NEYDL:** There has been a good interest from U13s so far. Less so from older children.

- 1<sup>st</sup> event is taking place 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- We are a 'host club' on the event on 24<sup>th</sup> June at Darlington. Additional volunteers will be needed to assist with this.
- Suggested tip for managing competing children is to use sticky labels identifying events and times for each junior member.

**5.4 NOTAN:** Juniors are continuing to compete, and are doing well.

## **6.0 Senior Section:**

**6.1 Couch to 5K:**

- Phil Lightburn sending John Walker to assist with paperwork on wk1 of the course.
- CW has begun coordinating run volunteers
- Course is now full. CW has been advised that no new sign ups can be made even in the event of drop outs.

**6.2 Training Groups:**

- Currently going OK.
- Potentially need more run leaders
- Training plans to be updated with run leader identified for each section/night accordingly
- Training Plans are currently on the new website.

**6.3 Competitions:** There has been a significant increase in senior members representing the club in competitive races recently. Hopefully this trend will continue and should be encouraged.

**6.4 Berlin Trip:** 17 Senior members competed in the Berlin Half marathon on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

4 members recorded PBs at this distance. Congratulations to all who competed, with particular thanks to Wayne Thompson who organised the event. The trip was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

## **7.0 Coach Development:**

**7.1 Coaching Assistant courses:** Next available are 13/14<sup>th</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December. GM & PW have expressed interest and will confirm which date they can attend.

**7.2 Leading Athletics courses:** Both Jacob & Olivia have expressed an interest and are to be booked onto a course date TBC.

## **8.0 Persimmon Homes Funding:**

**8.1 Funding gained:** DAC were successful in winning £5K funding, confirmed in the Persimmon Homes Presentation event 22.03.18 that was attended by Graham & Tanya Marshall.

**8.2 Future Funding:** It was noted that we can re-apply for the funds again next year. Also, Aviva have a similar funding scheme available.

**8.3 Spending:** It was discussed how best the funds might be put to use. Suggestions include:

- Coach development course fees
- New equipment (various)
- Improving the long jump pit – the most effective way of doing this may be with the purchase of a cover to keep the worst of the weather off the pit. New sand is also required. MD to investigate what permissions etc. are required from DCC FM for any work within NDA.

## **9.0 Summer Relay:**

**5.1 Route:** Route is confirmed as Corbridge -Gypsy's Green in S Shields (via Amble). GM is currently working on breaking the route down into various stages and has completed 50% of the detailed route.

**5.2 Mini-bus:** This is still to be booked GM to make booking nearer the time. It was agreed to use the same hire company as last year – Post meeting note: Mini Bus is now booked (17 seater) for 29.06.18 – 02.07.18 Cost is £210, less £75 deposit paid. £150 returnable bond is also required.

**5.3 Gaining interest:** GM to issue Facebook post with outline of the route and reminder of the date to refresh interest from club members.

## **10.0 Website**

**10.1 Progress:** Website is ready for use, with training plans, reports from XC, track & field, Sports Hall events etc. all in place.

**10.2 Domain Link:** The only outstanding item before the website goes live is that W. Hogarth is to create a link between the current domain name and the new site. BB to chase this item up.

### **11.0 Membership.**

**11.1 Outstanding fees:** A list of members whose annual membership fees are outstanding was discussed. Committee members to follow up with these members accordingly.

**11.2 New members:** It was agreed that more clarity is required in informing any new members as to when they will be registered with England Athletics, as well as any reasons for not doing so straight away.

### **12.0 A.O.B**

**12.1 Pedro 10K:** 15 volunteers from outside the club are currently confirmed

**12.2 Bank account:** GM has resubmitted details again for the change of signatory at the bank. This should now be in hand.

**12.3 Engraving:** CW is still awaiting the outcome of the engraving trial from a potential new engraver for club trophies.

### **13.0 Date of next meeting**

9th May 2018, 7pm, Beamish Mary

