

GALA HARRIERS AGM

8TH OCTOBER 2015

TWEEDBANK HUB

PRESENT: Fiona Dalgleish, Jenny Forbes, James Purves, Gillian Bryson, Jill Paterson, Laura Brown, Tommy Knox, Dawn Grant, Eileen Nicol, Angela Foss, Anne Purves, Gerry Moss, Fiona Shepherd, Billy McCulloch

APOLOGIES: Tony Lunn, Gillian Duncan, Shelagh King, Neil Renton, Rosi Capper

Welcome to the meeting was given by Gerry Moss

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Last year's minutes were approved by Anne Purves and seconded by Billy McCulloch

PESIDENTS REMARKS: Gerry described the success the club is enjoying at both senior and junior level. The first of two local open graded competitions organised by the club allowed junior athletes a taste of competition without having to travel. The junior membership continues to see good numbers training every week with membership now reaching a similar level to last year. Gerry emphasised the important role the committee play in the club's success and urged members to support the club and become active members of the committee. Gerry thanked Fiona Shepherd and Gillian Bryson the outgoing secretary and treasurer and presented them with a box of chocolates.

CAPTAINS REMARKS: The captains' remarks will be given at the Annual Presentation Night

Treasurers Report: The balance at 24/08/15 is £12248. The treasurer forecasted that due to pending payments the balance in the last quarter of the year will be around £4500. There are pending payments for Scottish Athletics Affiliation Fees £1330 and payment for Club Together Officer post of £6000. There were concerns raised by the committee about the balance in the account and also highlighted was the loss of £2500 for the year ended March 2015. It was predicted that the loss for year ending March 2016 will be of a similar amount. This continuing loss will mean that by year ended March 2018 there will be insufficient club funds. Gerry requested a copy of current club accounts which the treasurer will finalise and pass to Gerry for distribution to all club members. Please note the club together post is funded as follows:

- Athletic development group £1,000
- Sport Scotland £2,000
- Gala Harriers £3,000

FEES: There was a proposal by Tony Lunn to restructure Club Fees for season 2016/17 and these are detailed below:

Current Fee	Senior	Junior	Family
	£30	£25	£60

Proposal 1	Senior	Junior	Family	
	£35	£30	Adult 1	£35
			Adult 2	£35
			Junior 1	£30
			Junior 2	£25
			Junior 3	£20

Proposal 2	£40	£35	Adult 1	£40
			Adult 2	£40
			Junior 1	£35
			Junior 2	£30
			Junior 3	£25

There was discussion about the proposal and suggestions were made to not have a family membership, start a direct debit monthly scheme to increase club membership. Following a vote it was decided that and an amended version of proposal 2 be introduced from 01/04/2016. The proposal agreed was **Senior Members £40, Juniors £35 and Family Membership £100**. The honesty box will stay in place.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- **PRESIDENT:** Gerry Moss – Proposed by Fiona Dalgleish Seconded by Billy McCulloch
- **SECRETARY:** None Elected
- **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Junior Membership Secretary- Shared by Jill Paterson and Laura Brown- Proposed by Gerry Moss Seconded by Tommy Knox. Senior Membership Secretary – none elected
- **TREASURER:** None Elected
- **CAPTAINS:** Ladies Captain – Fiona Dalgleish will continue for an interim period until a Ladies Captain is found. Men's Captain – Billy McCulloch will continue for an interim period until a Men's Captain is found
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** General Committee Members elected are Fiona Dalgleish, Billy McCulloch, Tony Lunn, Dawn Grant, Tommy Knox and Jenny Forbes

It was suggested that an email could be sent out to encourage members to join the Committee and that a wider search could be carried out to find people who would be willing to join the committee. It was suggested that job descriptions be distributed to club members to allow people to understand what the roles involve and perhaps matching their skills to specific roles to encourage the growth and development of the committee and the club. It was agreed that current committee members give a job description to the President by end of December 2015 .

Gerry suggested a Junior Captain/Coach Co-ordinator post be created to allow the co-ordination of the junior section of the club. It was suggested that Adam may be interested in this role.

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There was concerns raised about the viability of the Club Together Post and that the members of the club require a more comprehensive explanation about the role to the post. There was concern raised about the ability for the club to be able to meet the financial commitment of the Club Together Post

Gerry asked the meeting for approval to work with Scottish Athletics to assist the club in registering as a Charity to enable financial benefits for the club. This was agreed.