

# **FLEET & CROOKHAM**

## ***Athletic Club***



**Annual General Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Start 7.15pm

### **Introduction**

David Long – Club Chairman introduced the meeting and thanked everyone for making the effort to attend on an unpleasantly wet evening making a good turnout. (*approx. 70 attended*)

### **Apologies**

Jo Sadler, Alison & David Holdway, Andrew Driver, Rob Coates, Jon & Sue Capel, Janet Leggett and Simon Mitchell.

### **Minutes of AGM 2011**

Accepted as true and accurate record:

Proposed – Chris Knowles

Seconded – Stacey Marshall

Vote of Members – unanimous acceptance

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that were not covered by agenda items.

### **Treasurer's Report** - Dave Haines

*Note: the accounts have been emailed to all members.*

The Club was reported to be in a reasonable state of financial health. The Club is anticipating a further spend on 6 courses for new coaches at £150 each. There are refunds due to junior members who attend more than the minimum number of coached sessions.

Open floor for questions – none.

Acceptance of accounts:

Proposed – Richard Simpson

Seconded – Roger Knight

Vote of Members – unanimous acceptance

### **Appointment of Auditors** – Alison Holdway and Evelyn Farrell

Proposed - Stephen Sear

Seconded - Penny Abbott

Vote of Members – unanimous acceptance

### **Members Subscriptions**

There will be no increase in the club membership subscriptions for the coming year. However the England Athletics fees for competition licences are increased this year, mainly as a result of losing lottery funding. A full explanation of the increases was on display. Payment of EA fees is 'voluntary' but effectively mandatory for members wishing to compete in XC & Track & Field competitions. Seniors benefit from £2 discount from certain other races through affiliation.

### Proposed Club Subscriptions for 2013:

Family Membership	£60	Second Claim / Associates	£18
18s and over	£30	Coaching fee for junior members	£80
Under 18s	£22	Non-Competing Coaches	£0.01
Pensioners	£22		

### Acceptance of Proposed Subscriptions for 2013:

Proposed – Evelyn Farrell

Seconded – Chris Knowles

Vote of Members – unanimous acceptance

#### **Membership Affiliation Price Structure 2013-2017:**

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>Club/Body Affiliation</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>£50</b>
Senior athlete membership	£20	£21	£22	£23
Off Track membership - all ages (for example road and cross country – not covering track & field athletics)	£10	£10	£10	£10
Under 17 athlete full membership	£15	£16	£17	£18
Athletic 365 (U11's) membership*	£15	£16	£17	£18

### **Chairman's Report** - Dave Long

It has been a very successful year, perhaps encouraged by the Olympics.

The 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations went well in spite of the wet weather.

One of the highlights was receiving the Club Mark Award. We were one of a very few clubs in the area to receive the award. It took a lot of effort and special thanks go to Evelyn Farrell.

David Haines and Evelyn Farrell received Hart Voluntary Action awards for their work with the Juniors and Penny Abbott received an award for her work in directing the Fleet Half Marathon.

The Fleet Half-marathon and 10k were successful events thanks to the Race Directors Penny Abbott and Michael Hegesippe. Thirty club runners completed the Half-marathon and the overall number of competitors in the 10k had increased from last year.

The club now has an associated Run England beginners group, which started at the beginning of November and who meet on a Tuesday evening led by Niki Lall. This is a 10 – week course that has about 20 runners. It is hoped that many of these will become future club members.

The Seniors Section has had a mixed attendance over the past year at some of the XC and Track & Field events. Attendance tends to fade post Christmas particularly in the Hampshire XC League and Today's Runner League. There were solid performances in the Track and Field events – both men and women coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the Vets League. The club also came 5th/6 in Division 2W of the Southern Men's League. However in the Hampshire XC, only the Veteran Men's team managed classification in their league.

This Autumn season has seen a markedly improved participation in events, which hopefully will continue.

#### **Individual Performances:**

John Dickinson and Andy Smeardon came 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in their age category in the Yeovil double decathlon event earlier this year, Anita Salter came 1<sup>st</sup> in age category in the Farnham Pilgrims Half-marathon and Janet Leggett came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age category. Bob Cornwell came 1<sup>st</sup> in his age category in the Basingstoke Half-marathon.

This year has seen funds spent on improving the image of the club by providing new signs at Peter Driver Centre, new flags and banners for events, a new event tent and a supply of bibs and tee shirts with club logos.

#### **Queen Elizabeth Barracks Athletics Facilities:**

The club is in discussion with Church Crookham Parish Council and Hart District Council regarding the provision of athletics training facilities. In the long term the club will be moved from the Peter Driver site, which is earmarked for football use. QEB facilities are intended for athletics use and any suggestion of use for football is being resisted. The new site has planning permission for a fenced-off athletics facility including throwing cage and long jump pit but as yet none for floodlighting. The current issues relate to the high costs proposed by the council and a decision on who will manage the site. The club will be looking for sharing costs with other parties and is also considering other options elsewhere. The current facilities are believed to be secure for the next 2 to 3 years.

Finally there was an appeal for helpers e.g. for sub-committees, events and the Run England beginners group.

#### **Fleet Half-marathon Report – Penny Abbott**

Penny reported that this event went very well with runners achieving good finishing times. Being very popular it was fully subscribed by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The 2013 event is already two thirds full so club members were encouraged to register or at least give up time on the day to provide help on the day.

Support from the local council has increased as they recognise the community benefits. The ASICS sponsorship was withdrawn at short notice due to a change in company policy across a large number of UK races. Fortunately, Brooks seized the opportunity to sponsor the event, recognising the high profile of the race.

Penny concluded by mentioning her unique experience at the track in this year's Olympic games, which all came about through volunteering and giving up time to pursue something she really enjoyed.

#### **Junior Section Report – Evelyn Farrell**

This year has been a good year with good turnout and more structured training for the Juniors. Three coaches have resigned (Elaine Tookey, Alison Cross & Pete Weaver) but six more are being trained to join the team. They will attend courses in the coming months. In addition Evelyn appealed for volunteer runners to help with the delivery of the training.

The Juniors have done well in the Border League – girls team 3<sup>rd</sup> and boys 4<sup>th</sup> place. In the National Young Athletes team captains have been appointed to help the coach and this has been a successful move, which assisted in the warm-ups and readiness of the runners for the start of the races. Parents were particularly thanked for their helpful contribution to success of the races.

Stacey Marshall was thanked for his part as 'Team Manager' of the Lilly 'B' League, which entered a team for the first time after a gap of 3 years.

David Haines was thanked for his work with the Hampshire XC League Junior teams. These were hard races but much enjoyed. It was noted that the Hampshire XC championships now has club juniors and this year an U11 team.

The Swallowfield 3k fun run was a popular event, which concluded with cakes and the opportunity to hold an Olympic torch.

The Hartley Wintney Fun Run was overwhelmed with F&CAC Juniors!

Juniors helped with the warm up at this year's Fleet Half-marathon resulting in the crowd singing along with the music. Juniors also made themselves useful for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the Fleet 10k event.

### **Election of Officers**

President - Malcolm Steggles

Chairman - David long

Vice Chair - Richard Simpson

Secretary - Penny Abbott

Treasurer - David Haines

The current incumbents are willing to continue in the above posts.

Acceptance:

Proposed – Debbie Pagan

Seconded – Stacey Marshall

Vote of Members – unanimous

### **Other Appointments**

Welfare Officer

Kate Smith

Minutes Secretary

Bob Cornwell

Coaching Chairman

Stacey Marshall

Development Officer

*Vacant*

Membership Secretary

Steve Sear

Social Secretary

Rebecca Brennan/Janet Leggett

Junior Section

Evelyn Farrell

P O Box 1

Edward Pumphrey

Fleet Half Marathon Director

Penny Abbott

Fleet 10K Director

Mickael Hegesippe

Website

Chris Knowles/Bob Cornwell

Trophies

Debbie Pagan

Club Kit

Sue Capel

Male Team Captain

David Long

Female Team Captain

Janet Leggett

The current incumbents are willing to continue in the above posts.

Acceptance:

Proposed – Michelle Jackson

Seconded – Aimee Hemming

Vote of Members – unanimous

### **AOB**

David Long announced that Half-marathon training sessions would be planned starting in January 2013 providing club member volunteers come forward to lead the groups.

The formal part of the AGM ended at 7:55 pm.

### **Awards Ceremony**

After a short break the Club awards were announced by Dave Haines and presented by John Spelman who was a former Club Membership Secretary of 25 years standing.