

Denmead Striders Running Club

Annual General Meeting 2021

Due to Coronavirus lockdown the AGM was not held in public.
Reports below were collated and agreed by the club electronically.

Minutes

1. The Chairman – Clare Welch

1 year on from taking over as chairman and none of this was in the job description!

No awards, no HRRL league, No Cross-Country league and more importantly no Christmas Party and Lee Week's infamous curry nights!

Unfortunately, we have also seen us unable to hold the Denmead 10k which is a shame as we had a new committee ready in the wings to go full steam ahead. And Dan Starkey and Lee Mawson unable to fulfil their well-earned club place at the London Marathon.

All of this said I still feel very much that the club committee and its members have shown a united front and remained the friendly, close knit club we all know and love.

We have had virtual race successes, people dressing up and filling up their bingo cards and even managed to be a bit social with a Virtual quiz night.

Thank goodness for the power of social media and the club website as this has formed a vital channel of communication for our club members. Allowing Gary to carry out virtual training sessions and members to come together as a community sharing success stories and having a bit of fun along this very strange journey, we have all been on.

1.1 & 1.2 2020 AGM minutes – Matters arising.

The minutes from the previous AGM (March 2020) were agreed and signed as a representative account of the meeting.

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

2. Reports from Committee members.

2.1 Vice Chairman – Julia Revill

Not a gruelling year for me in post, I was sorry not to have the pleasure of handing out trophies at the Awards Evening. Best wishes to Del, a worthy addition to the committee.

Julia stepped down as Vice Chairman.

2.2 Club Secretary – Lisa Peckover

Nothing major to report for the year.

Proposed a possible change to the club constitution to input wording regarding Covid. It was agreed that we would extend the wording surrounding cancelling the training sessions as and when needed. The constitution will then need to be agreed by committee members and posted on the clubs website.

2.3 Treasurer – Stuart Hoare.

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 show a reduction to membership income down from £3,972 last year to £3,310 for this year, due to drop of the membership over the year, Further the club had to cancel the Denmead 10k race, thus losing out on potential surplus funds to the club.

The costs to the club mainly consists of England Athletics fees for its members together with various organisation's affiliation fees (£2,290). The other running costs during the year are the costs of the Awards Night (£828) cost of coaching course (£140) for our newest coach Gemma Heggs, transport costs for the Ryde Road Race (£139), cost of website (£156) and sundry other items (£81).

Overall the club spent more than it received by £321 however the club still holds reserves of £4,162 against the future financial requirements of the club, from replacement equipment, training of coaches and contingency against running of the Denmead 10k road race.

At the year end, December 2020 the club held a current bank account of £741 and £3,009 in a reserve bank account with a cash float of £411

The accounts are appended.

2.4 Membership Secretary – Julia Revill.

Not a demanding year for me. We finished with 146 members compared with 186 in 2019. I am hoping that this year will be back to over 160 again. Direct payment by BACS works well but I am happy to take cash or a cheque to pass on to Stuart.

2.5 Club Captains

Kirsty Bailey

Nothing major to report with the HRRL being cancelled for 2020/21.

When the league starts up again, hopefully in September I will be encouraging the ladies to compete in HRRL to try and get strong ladies teams again.

Gary Armstrong

Nothing to report for the year as the HRRL for 2020/21 was cancelled.

2.6 XC Representative – Paul Welch

Like most of the other committee members I don't really have anything to report. The season didn't happen at all last year, we didn't even get around to having a meeting. I'm hopeful with all the measures that are being rolled out that we will have a season this year, especially with the XC season not starting until the latter part of the year.

2.7 Coaching – Gary McCawley

The past year has been a challenge for both the club and its members as we all navigated around the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank the members for their patience and understanding as the coaching team endeavoured to bring you some sense of normality with training sessions when they could.

It has been really inspiring reading all the social media posts as you challenged yourself to complete marathons, half marathons, 10K's and other distances. Thanks to Clare Welch for her motivational challenges during the first lockdown. Many of you rose to the occasion dressing up as bananas or ingeniously slowing down a faster runner in your socially distanced pair.

The club currently has 10 qualified coaches. Since passing his athletics coaching course Martin Parfitt has expressed an interest in joining the coaching team and I will look to add him to the summer schedule later in the year. Once again, the coaching team all worked well together, helping each other out if sessions could not be taken. I would like to thank the team for all their time, enthusiasm and dedication which allowed the club to return to training in between the lockdowns.

Now that the Government has announced a roadmap to bring the country out of lockdown the club will look to return to training within the dates and guidelines set out by the roadmap. More on this in A.o.B.

Run safe everyone and with any luck we will all be getting back to what we love, running and racing as a club.

3. Affiliation to the HRRL and SCCL for 2021/22

The Club Chairman put forward a proposal that the club remained in the HRRL and the Southern Counties Cross Country League for 2021/22 season.

The proposal was put to the A.G.M. and agreed.

4. Election of Officers.

The following committee members had resigned their posts at the AGM;

Vice Chair – Julia Revill

Volunteers to take on these positions had been found and agreed.

The chairman asked if anyone else wanted to put their names forward for any of the positions which would result in an election being held.

Position	Elected Officer
Chairman	Clare Welch
Vice Chair	Del King
Treasurer	Stuart Hoare
Club Secretary	Lisa Peckover
Membership Secretary	Julia Revill
Club Captains	Kirsty Aked & Gary Armstrong
XC Representative	Paul Welch
Newsletter Contact	Clare Welch
Website	Graham Clarke & Clare Welch
Members Representative	Mel Hunt
Members Representative	Simon Toms

With no further changes the above officers were appointed.

5. Health and Safety

The club has successfully been able to put on safe training sessions following EA guidelines when governments rules have allowed.

6. Website Update

Graham reported the website has been ticking over fine and welcomes any suggestions people may have.

The membership form format is being looked into.

7. Club Newsletter – Clare Welch

There was no newsletter last year. It will resume in 2021.

8. A.O.B.

Addition to Committee – Clare Welch. Clare Welch proposed that the head of the Denmead 10k Committee become an official committee member. This proposal would need to be put out to club members and the constitution changed if agreed. After further thought Clare decided it would be best to leave the Head of the Denmead 10k Committee as an invited member to the committee, so we do not have to change the constitution back if the Denmead 10k ceased to run in the future.

Return to Training Proposal – Gary McCawley

9. Chairman's Closing Remarks.

As the roadmap out of this pandemic has been laid out I am hopeful for a more settled 2021 where hopefully we can resume some kind of club normality and get back to the things we know and love - training, races, Lidl runs, Friday socials runs and maybe even some purely social gatherings oh and Wednesday announcements as I am dying to use my whistle!

I may sound like a broken record, but I cannot thank Gary McCawley enough for how he has supported me and the members over this pandemic. He has worked tirelessly putting together training sessions when we had our window of opportunity to resume and has been brilliant in writing up the schedule every Monday and Wednesday so that when in lockdown members could still carry out training sessions on their own.

I would also like to thank all the committee members for their continued support over this last year, even though it has not been as we would expect you have still been great in offering advice and coming up with ideas on how we can keep going. Thank you also to Julia for stepping in as Vice Chairman whilst I waited for a wingman to surface.

Lastly thank you to all the great members for helping to keep this club well and truly alive when it could have quite easily fallen flat on its face. It really is a testament to what a great club we are.

DENMEAD STRIDERS RUNNING CLUB**Income & Expenditure****01 January 2020****to 31 December 2020****2019**

	£	£	£
Balance held, 1st January 2020			
Balance at Bank		4,283.40	4,144.94
Cash in hand		200.20	5.00
		<u>4,483.60</u>	<u>4,149.94</u>
Income			
Subscriptions	3,310.00		3,972.00
Funding - first aid course	-		360.00
Easy Fundraising	-		34.76
Bank interest	3.28		4.19
Other	-		-
	<u>3,313.28</u>		<u>4,370.95</u>
Running costs of the club			
Affiliations & memberships	2,290.00		3,010.00
Coaching course	140.00		360.00
Equipment, etc.	16.62		222.06
Stationery & other costs	-		24.00
Website/Domain	155.94		-
Awards night costs	828.54		943.44
Donation - Denmead scouts	-		-
Social events	57.00		306.29
Summer Xcountry	-		550.00
Ryde Road Race transport	139.20		139.35
Other costs	7.49		57.30
	<u>3,634.79</u>		<u>5,612.44</u>
Club running deficit in the year		(321.51)	(1,241.49)
Denmead 10K, surplus		-	1,575.15
Balance of the Club, 31 December 2020		<u>4,162.09</u>	<u>4,483.60</u>
Represented by:		£	£
Balance at Bank - current account		741.12	777.29
Balance at Bank - deposit account		3,009.39	3,506.11
Cash in Hand		411.58	200.20
		<u>4,162.09</u>	<u>4,483.60</u>