



## Petts Wood Runners - Annual General Meeting Thursday 24th June 2021 19:30

via Zoom

### WELCOME

Daniel Selman, Club Secretary welcomed members to the AGM and advised everyone on the structure and format of the meeting. He also advised that no apologies were received and not agenda items were received prior to the meeting from the members.

Quorum established based on at least 60 members joining the call which is more than 10% of the membership at the time.

A copy of the 2019 AGM minutes was shared prior to the meeting [available here](#) and they were accepted.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Nicola Moore)

Welcome to our very much delayed AGM. Unfortunately due to COVID we were unable to hold the AGM in 2020 and sadly can't be with you in person tonight.

Ordinarily the AGM provides us with an opportunity to meet socially and for the committee to be introduced to you all. Many long-standing members will know what a social club we are and it's been a real shame that we haven't been able to get together. Hopefully that will all change next month (and we will have a lot of catching-up to do!).

Our last social event was the meal at Uskudar and while we were being entertained by the belly dancer I don't think any of us guessed what lay ahead.

On 16th March last year, following Government advice, we took the decision to cancel all club activity...and hoped it would be temporary. Very sadly we had to wait until September for club runs to resume; but you kept yourselves busy in the meantime!

My first Thank You of the night goes to Tim Springett for putting together the Lockdown Running Advice. A 9-point guide to lockdown running etiquette. It was shared with our neighbouring clubs and proved so popular that the Blackheath and Bromley Harriers turned it into a video. We were quite good at staring ☆ in our *own* videos during lockdown. Huge thanks go to Kev Howarth for keeping us entertained and for all of the hours spent editing us into something watchable. For those of you who have missed Kev's videos, check-out the Facebook page or YouTube.

There were also virtual quizzes and running challenges on offer. Many of you will have participated in Viral's garden parkrun or had a go at the running SPRINGO! Or 12 days of Xmas challenge (apologies for the Committee's singing on that one!). Well done to all of you for keeping motivated and continuing with your running!

For some however, lockdown was a lonely time. Restrictions meant we weren't able to meet up with friends and family and some of our members struggled with this. My next Thank You goes to Laura Finch for providing support and advice during this time and for reminding us to look

after our mental health.

The end of lockdown part one was welcomed and thanks go to Richard Dunstan for organising the PWR mob match. It was so great to see everyone on that Saturday morning - I don't think it mattered who took the win!

Richard has also been overseeing the Grand Prix events that I know a number of you have enjoyed. Thanks also to the GP team involved.

More recently our latest Beginners' have graduated from the couch to 5k course. Special mentions to Donna, Sherry, Michael and Hannah for running the course over the past 8 weeks but also to all of our leaders, including the new leaders who answered the call to help out last year. Without you and all of our volunteers, there simply wouldn't be a Petts Wood Running club so thank you so so much, your help is really appreciated.

I'll try and keep this brief, but in summary I'll share with you some stats! Our membership is now 477 strong. Over the past 12 months, 70 members have left us and 66 new members have joined. Our Tuesday night runs are proving very popular with up to 200 runners signing-up each week. In addition, we have introduced the summer fitness sessions on Thursday evenings and a small group of regular runners continue to meet on Thursday mornings for a run around the trails of Hawkwood.

Races have resumed and our very own 10k is planned for later this year - thanks to Anna for helping to coordinate this event.

We really do have a lot to look forward to. Social events are being planned and we'll be doing lots of running!

But before I go I just want to say a big thank you to the Committee as they really do an amazing job behind the scenes and don't often get recognised for their efforts. They have been a huge support to me as a new Chair and so I am immensely grateful.

All that is left is for me to sign-off by thanking Stephen, Wendy and Joanne who as you know are stepping-down from their positions on the committee. They will be missed by us all, but we also look forward to welcoming the new committee members to the team.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Sarah Davis)**

Sarah referred to the Treasurer's report in the AGM prepared papers. The highlights are noted below. For a more detailed breakdown, refer to the member's area of the website where you will find the AGM papers including the financial statement for the 12 months ending 31 March 2021 along with a supporting note available at the following link

<https://www.pettswoodrunners.org/reports-to-members.html>

Cash accounting method is used.

There were very few transactions other than those relating to membership subscriptions  
Income – Income increased made up of membership fees less payments to English Athletics (EA) and the variance is based on the timing difference of when we receive fees and when pay EA  
Due to COVID 19 the Club has waived membership fees for 2021 and only the EA cost is applicable.

Expenses – There were limited expenses with the main expense being the net donation to charity from the 2.6 challenge virtual quiz £268

No questions were raised by members concerning the accounts

### **CAPTAINS' REPORT (Gillian Selman and Stephen Pond)**

Stephen Pond advised that he would normally report what the club has done over the past year but that has been very limited. He gave his thanks for to all for their support over past 4 years and hoped everyone would give the same support to the next captain. He gave specific congratulations to the Guinness World Record holders who ran the Virtual Marathon in October and a “Bloke in Poland bouncing his balls”

Gillian Selman welcomed all new members to the club.

She expressed her thanks to Stephen for great support especially when she became ladies captain and is looking forward to working with next captain.

Well done Donna for the Facebook daily keep fit routines, for those who created and joined in the virtual challenges. Whatever the level well done for getting out there and enjoying running no matter what level. Looking forward to getting out and seeing you soon.

### **COACH'S REPORT (Richard Dunstan)**

Richard provided the following statistics of the past year

- 38 new leaders were recruited last year which was essential as we had to reduce our numbers in each group to 6. They joined the 50 already leading on regular basis giving the club 88 leaders. Some of those have also helped at Thursday evening fitness
- Spring 2020 and Autumn 2020 Beginners courses both started but unfortunately due to lock down 1 & 2 they had to be stopped before graduation.
- Spring 2021 Beginners course had 32 graduates at Norman Park last Saturday
- There were 120 runners who entered the Winter and Sprint Grand Prix Challenge with 80 finishing
- Halloween mob match won by Hannah's Hurricanes and a good time was had by all

Richard then went on to give thanks to all who led, helped out and participated to make everything fun for everyone

### **ELECTION OF PWR COMMITTEE (Daniel Selman)**

A list of candidates, together with each candidate's nominator and seconder, can be found at Annex A.

The election for all positions on the new committee, with the exception of Men's Captain, was made by a vote and as no hands were shown the club endorses those with 1 nomination

Daniel welcomed the new committee members Alexandra Robbins as Members Secretary and Lianne Flynne as Social Secretary

Nominations were received for two candidates for Men's Captain. Each candidate was invited to submit a supporting statement which was distributed to members ahead of an online vote. The result of this vote was:

190 votes were cast including 37 duplicate and 1 triplicate vote and 1 vote with an invalid URN. From the correct 152 votes Kev Howarth gained 104 votes and James Wall 48 votes. Kev Howarth was elected as Men's captain.



## **UNFILLED POSITIONS**

No nominations were received for either Race Director or Online Content Officer by the deadline. Both roles are currently being filled by Anna Adams and Jason Hone in a non-Committee capacity (at their own request) and in the absence of any nominations for these roles the committee extends this arrangement.

## **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION (Daniel Selman)**

Following discussion at the 2019 AGM a Working Group was established to review the constitution and produce a set of recommendations for the Committee. Most of these were accepted and a revised draft constitution was circulated for members to review, along with a short summary of the changes that have been endorsed and those that were rejected.

Daniel highlighted the key points in the meeting and then requested that the members voted to endorse the draft constitution. No members disagreed and the Constitution is now formally adopted.

Thanks were given to those who gave up time to be part of the working group.

## **AOB**

No items have been submitted for inclusion ahead of the meeting.

Daniel confirmed that the H&S report by Tim Springett was available on the website which shows all incidents since the last AGM

Donna asked if the website could be updated with the new comments from the beginners course to be added to the website to be forwarded to Jason.

Meeting closed at 20:07



## Annex A - Nominations

<b>Role</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Nicola Moore	David Boswell	Sacha Townsend
Treasurer	Sarah Davies	Trish Wallace	Petula Herbert
Secretary	Daniel Selman	Jason Mercer	Dave Adams
Membership	Alexandra Robins	Hannah Harrison	Simon Gleeson
Men's captain	Kev Howarth	Elliot Miller	Lianne Flynn
	James Wall	Laura Elvin	Julian Edmonds
Ladies' captain	Gillian Selman	Marcus Elwes	Anna Adams
Minutes	Julie Medhurst	Kev Howarth	Eadoin Miller
Safety	Tim Springett	Matt Clark	Karen Clark
Coach	Richard Dunstan	Orla Weston	Janet Littlejohn
Liaison	Hannah Harrison	Emma Horan	Kathy Strachan
Social	Lianne Flynn	Julie Medhurst	Kev Howarth
Online			
Race Director			