



# Victory AC AGM 2014

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Conference Room, Havant Leisure Centre. 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Present:

1. Jim Clow
2. Shelly Butler
3. Martin Coles
4. Neil Tolfrey
5. Nicola Stott
6. Andrew Wright
7. Jan MacDonald
8. Pete Harding
9. Gary Heather
10. Andrea Collier
11. Jenny Lown
12. Michelle Cooke
13. John Cowlin
14. Bridget Main
15. Claire Sellars
16. Jane Noble
17. Suzy Walker
18. Clare Eglin
19. Lucy Smith
20. Mandy Coles
21. Dawn Watson
22. Cathy Beresford

23. Dave Lown

24. Joanne Gilholm

25. Helen Clarke

26. Rachel Jarvis

**Secretaries Note: This list is as collected on the night with the circulated sheet and it is possible that some attendees did not enter their name.**

The meeting opened at 19:45

## 1. Apologies:

- Christine Gallagher
- John Gallagher
- Hamid Alamar
- Carol Tolfrey
- Mary Short
- Dave Morris
- Rob Godwin
- Colin Moon

## 2. Items carried forward (numbering from 2013 Minutes)

- 10.2 – Handicaps
- *Gary Heather raised several points from his analysis of the summer handicap results from this year which were debated. These included:*
- *Winter relief not fair as set time given for fast and slow runners.*
- *Consider additional points for PBs*
- *Removal of “old” runners from the lists*
- *Update website with final results and standings.*
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- *Jan responded that she had inherited the rules and the complex spreadsheets when she took over and gave the meeting a rundown of how these worked based on Races, scores, bonus, series and winter relief. It was agreed that it would be referred back to committee to review prior to the new season start in March/April.*
- **Complete, some minor amendments done.**
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- 10.4 - Safety
- *Gary suggested that everyone should give an In Case of Emergency (ICE) contact which the club could access and use should any issues arise whilst training or racing with the club. There ensued a debate over how this could be done using iCloud technology etc. but it was reiterated that this was very much a personal responsibility of the individual. The committee would debate further.*
- **Complete, ICE added to membership forms and logged on membership record.**
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- 10.6 - Handbook
- *This was raised again by James Tolson and there were mixed views on what could/should be done especially as we had a comprehensive website nowadays. The committee would seek volunteers to take it on.*
- **Complete, a small team headed by Nicola Stott would take this on.**
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- 10.7 – HBC Sports Awards
- *Dan Bailey would be nominated in the senior men’s category. His gold medal at the World Duathlon Championships should be compelling evidence.*
- **Complete, he won the award.**

## 3. Approval of Minutes from 2013 AGM

- Approved.



- The Club has also hosted a new race this year, the Selsey 10K, which was organised by Dan Bailey and numerous helpers from the club. It was a great success and the next race is already being planned for 2015.
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- We have also seen changes in the committee with new members on the committee and one member leaving, namely Kev and he is also giving up producing the flyer, a duty he has performed brilliantly for many years.
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- Lastly I would like to mention our charitable donations from the club, something we've always been proud of. Jim has more details in his report but this year we have doubled the amount we raised for charity to over £4,500. I'm sure you'll agree that's a fantastic achievement and thanks to all those who helped make it happen.
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- I would like to thank the committee for all their support this last year and as mentioned earlier it has been an honour being chairperson of such a wonderful club. I hope 2015 will continue to see the club flourish and go from strength to strength.
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- Finally I would like to thank Martin for reading this for me in my absence. Thank you
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## 5. Secretary's Report – Martin Coles

- No report this year.

## 6. Membership Secretary's Report – Jan MacDonald

- 2014 saw a large increase in the number of club members from 203 at the end of 2013 to 260 at end of 2014. This is mainly due to new members who have joined through the Couch to 5K scheme, run primarily by Suzy Walker and assisted by other club members. Many of these C25K members have become regular attendees at the club sessions.
- Typically the club loses around 30 members a year and gains 30 members but there has been a slight increase in the number of new members this year boosting our total.

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- Breakdown:

- Honorary 2
- New or returned 35
- C25K 50
- Renewals 173

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- Income generated:

- Family memberships 24
- Single memberships 128
- Rest are non-paying family and C25K members

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- 73 (28%) have English Athletics first claim

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- 35 have use of Victory AC Horizon Passes (out of 50 passes available)

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- Demographics of club by age:
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## 7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Clow

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- Please refer to the Account Summary (Appendix 1) for details of income and expenditure.
- The club's finances are sound. Subscriptions will not change in 2015, but are likely to increase in 2016.

### a.i. Income

- In addition to the club's usual income from subscriptions, Hayling Billy '5' and raffles, we received substantial funds from Havant Borough for the Couch-to-5k scheme and the Sport Relief Mile. We also made a surplus on the Selsey 10k, and Waitrose Community Matters awarded funds to the club. Total income from Couch-to-5k was £4,040 making 2014 an exceptional year.

### a.i. Expenditure

- Our expenditure on coaching matters has risen to £830 this year, from a negligible amount the previous year, and this is a pattern that is likely to continue. This year we have also started to plan for future events earlier than ever before, in particular the Christmas Dinner, Selsey 10k and the Endure24 Relay.

### a.i. Surplus

- The club has a surplus of around £5,000 this year, a windfall which will not be repeated in future. The committee has decided how the club should use these funds over the next three years, described under **Bank Account** overleaf, but of course this allocation can be changed.

### a.i. Charity donations

- This year's Hayling Billy '5' was one of the best on record for supporting local and national charities. The Selsey 10k and the Hayling Relay also produced impressive donations.

## 8. Approval of Accounts

- Approved by show of hands.

## 9. Resolutions

- No resolutions this year.

## 10. Election of Officers and Committee Members

- The following were elected at the meeting.
- Chair – Belinda Harding
- Secretary – Martin Coles
- Treasurer – Jim Clow
- Membership Secretary – Jan MacDonald

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- Committee Members:
- Malcolm Hagan
- Nicola Stott
- Marilyn Crocker
- Dave Lown
- Gary Heather
- Beth Pirie
- Suzy Walker
- Andrea Collier

## 11. AOB

- 11.1 – Long Handicap – Jan MacDonald
- Background
- Participation in the Summer Long Handicap Races was down a little during the last couple of years, particularly in relation to the number of club members. In order to encourage more people to participate in the race series, there was some discussion about making changes to the route. A simple questionnaire was circulated in an effort to measure the effect of any such changes and to allow us to come up with a proposal which would give us the highest participation in the series.
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- Questionnaire results
- There were 55 responses to the questionnaire, about 25% of our membership at the time. The results published in August below were based on the answers to the questions without comments being taken into account.
- Q1. Are you more or less likely to run the Long Handicap if it was moved to a Tuesday:
- More likely: 6 Less likely: 16
- Everyone else stated the same likelihood.
- Q2. Are you more or less likely to run the Long Handicap if it was shorter:
- More likely: 20 Less likely: 1
- Everyone else stated the same likelihood.
- Do you have a preference for a 10K race: Yes: 9, No: 9, the rest stated no preference either way.
- Q3. Are you more or less likely to run the Long Handicap if there were fewer gates:
- More likely: 4 Less likely: 3
- Everyone else stated same likelihood.
- Do you have a preference for an off-road course: Yes: 27, No: 1, the rest stated no preference either way.
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- Conclusion
- Having analysed the results and comments regarding preferences for distance and number of gates, the following conclusions were arrived at:
- Keep the handicap race on a Thursday.
- Leave the distance the same (7.6miles) or shorten it. There was no definite preference to shorten the race to a 10K distance and the club now has a measured 10K winter run. There were however a number of people who liked the challenge of a longer race.



- There was no definite preference to reduce the number of gates but a definite preference to keep the race off-road. The conclusion is to keep the current route but if the race is to be shortened then remove an on-road section.
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- Proposal for 2015
- Shorten the Long Handicap race by removing the New Lane section, reducing the distance by approximately 0.9miles making the new course approximately 6.7miles.
- Start the race at the far side of the car park (same place as Winter Handicap start), finish outside Police Station (no change to current).
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- This prompted some debate with Andrew Wright and Jo Gilholm both stating they preferred the longer run and James Tolson felt that we keep the challenge of the longer run.
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- On balance though the meeting agreed that the proposal should be adopted.
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- 11.2 – History Run – Shelly Butler
- Shelly outlined her idea which would to be organise a run that could take in places of historical interest in the Havant area. There could possibly be a winter or summer variant. This received good support and would be passed back to the committee to ensure inclusion in the training schedules.
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- 11.3 – The Club Role in Park Runs – Cathy Beresford
- Cathy believes that the club could take a more prominent role in the Park Run series especially the local one at Havant. She pointed out that in a recent week there were 187 runners of which 116 were unattached, mostly from the Havant area and we should use this as an opportunity to recruit.
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- However since she had originally raised this prior to the AGM, Bridget Main can now report that Victory would be guest hosts for the Park Run on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Nicola Stott also said that the ethos of Park Run is that it is very much for the people and communities without the club involvement and we could be overstepping the mark if we pushed a recruiting drive. We should still benefit from exposure that we already get as quite a few of our members participate in Park Runs, many wearing club kit.
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- 11.4 – Awareness of others – Gary Heather
- Gary felt that we do not consider other HLC users and referred to a recent (cold) night when we congregated in the reception area. This crowding also occurs in the corridor by our noticeboard and outside near the entrance.
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- Members were urged to give consideration to others with coaches and committee members leading by example and help keep the access areas clear.
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- 11.5 – Kevin McTaggart
- The AGM recorded a big thank you to Kevin for his work in keeping us informed with the Flyer for several years and of course his contribution to the committee. Andrea Collier is now taking on the Flyer with the publication day changing to Friday.

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- 11.6 – Hayling 10 Marshals
- Needed for this weekend, volunteers please!
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- 11.7 – Cross Country Championships – Marilyn Crocker
- Marilyn gave a quick rally call for runners to enter the series of championship races commencing with the County race on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. See her for further details!

## 12. Close AGM

- The meeting closed at 2050.
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- Appendix 1 follows – details of the 2013/14 accounts.
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### a.i. VAC Account Summary

	<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
		20	2		20	2
• Key items	£			£		
		2,5	2		1,0	1
• Subscriptions						
		17	1		57	5
• Leisure Centre Cards						
• IBM Club grant for trophies		25	2		12	6
• Sport Relief		50	-		96	1
• Couch to 5k		40	-		18	4
• Waitrose Community Matters		24	-		83	5
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• Future events						
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• Self funded items						



