

**Victory Athletic Club Annual General Meeting
Held at Havant Leisure Centre
On Thursday 26th November 2009**

Present

1. James Tolson
2. Rob Godwin
3. Ian Murray
4. Bill Kelly
5. Graham Foden
6. Jim Clow
7. Neil Tolfrey
8. David Howard
9. Nicola Stott
10. Mary Short
11. Pete Harding
12. Emma Jenner
13. Belinda Harding
14. Diana Littler
15. Sue Gardener
16. Marilyn Crocker
17. Colin Moon
18. Pete Drury
19. Tony Butler
20. Lucy Smith
21. Suzy Walker
22. Dave Walker
23. John Gallagher
24. Bob Field
25. Elaines Munns
26. Jenny Ewer
27. Malcolm Hagan
28. Richard Mitchell

The meeting opened at 19:50 on Thursday 26th November 2009

1. Apologies

1. Chris Gallagher
2. Rob Davies
3. Martin Coles
4. Carol Tolfrey
5. Bernie Cammell
6. Gordon Osborn
7. Gill Jones
8. Graham Coleman
9. Kevin McTaggart
10. Paul Willcox
11. Dave Morris
12. Bob Wheeler
13. Ruth Bates
14. Jan McDonald
15. Liz Mitchell

2. Items carried forward

4.3 Guidance was published to help members decide whether to affiliate to EA or not.

9.1 The word "social" was added to the calendar to the Sunday run on the VAC website calendar.

9.2 The points system for the handicaps was revised and the final races were not awarded double points

9.3 Individual winners of the handicap races were awarded trophies again (2008 retrospectively).

9.4 Actions are in place to produce a handbook again; Mary Short already has much in the required input.

3. Vote on approval on 2008 minutes

vote - 26 for, 0 against

4. Chair's report (Shelly Butler)

Thank you everyone for coming to this year's AGM.

It's been a very busy year for the committee and everyone who helps with the various important jobs which help make our club a successful one.

Encouraging new members is always important and you only have to look around to see we seem to be doing very well in this department. Also, encouraging new coaches has gone well this year with Belinda Harding, Mike Grigg and Dan Bailey voicing their interest in becoming future coaches.

Alas the last year has been particularly bad for injuries to many members but thankfully many of us are on the road to recovery.

Looking at the last RRL event (Gosport half) it was amazing to see 12 PB's in that event alone plus 1 club record (Chris Riddington W35 rec). We are doing very well in our respective leagues and hope for promotion. The next event is the Stubbington.

I had a very quick look over a few of the recent flyers looking at the reports of the many different races people had done and any other interesting snippets of information.

Dave Baldwin & Alasdair Helliwell – Dublin Marathon – PB's

Martin Coles – Abingdon Marathon

Lucy Smith – Leatherhead, Badger Half

Rob Edwards – Stadium to Stadium 10k San Francisco – Rob 1st OAP over line

Looking to the future, Suzy, John G and myself have had our first of many get togethers regarding the Billy 5. I'm sure you'll agree this is one of the most important dates in our calendar. John & Suzy, along with many others have organized the run for the last 12 years and would like to take a back seat this time. The handbook is being looked at by Mary, which is fantastic. It would be great to see the handbook published again. It is important that we have first aiders trained and regularly attending the club sessions. We have been looking at courses and are hoping to secure a grant as they can prove to be very expensive. Of course, we also need volunteers to attend the courses. Pete H is busily looking at the possibility of a Hayling 10k. There are still many hurdles to cross regarding this but we are hopeful it will become a reality.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the committee members and members who perform vitally important tasks within the club such as kit, flyer, trophies, handicaps and social events.

5. Secretary's report (Malcolm Hagan)

no report this year

6. Treasurer's report (Richard Mitchell)

The Treasurer described the accounts to the meeting. They show a surplus of £560 for the year, up from £299 last year. The financial position of the club is in good order. No issues raised at the meeting.

7. Vote on approval of accounts

vote - 26 for, 0 against

8. Resolutions

The Committee propose... Change the second paragraph of rule 8 of the Club Rules to say "The committee or any member may place an item on the agenda, providing details in writing to the Secretary at least seven days prior to the meeting. Only matters specifically notified on the agenda may be decided at the AGM"

vote - 26 for, 0 against

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Chair - Shelly Butler
Secretary - Malcolm Hagan
Treasurer - Richard Mitchell

Committee Members
Emma Jenner - Membership Secretary
Marilyn Crocker
Sue Gardener
Belinda Harding
Lucy Smith

No vote required

10. AOB

10.1 There was much discussion concerning the Long Handicap. Sue Gardener is concerned that some members are perhaps doing too much racing and not enough training. Although popular with many members, the Long Handicap is too long a run for many (particularly newer) members. Along with the Short Handicap, it means that almost half of the Thursday training evenings are replaced with Club races. A significant minority don't participate in the Long Handicap. Due to a lack of Club Coaches, it is difficult to arrange alternative 'easier' sessions without the Club Coaches having to miss the race. One suggestion put forward was to move the race to a Tuesday, as the usual Tuesday session is a steady run of nearly similar distance. Another suggestion was to reduce the number of races, perhaps the August race, when many members are on holiday. It was also mentioned that members were free to join in the race or not. There were a couple of votes.... 6 were in favour of moving to Tuesday, 11 wanted no change

Sue Gardener wants more qualified members to qualify as level 1 coaches. Suzy Walker volunteered. There is a need to get more coaches, as Sue Gardener is not working locally and cannot guarantee to attend all sessions. The club only has 2 regular qualified level 2 coaches and the club could do with more.

Pete Harding talked about the possibility of the race organising a 10K race on Hayling Island. There could be problems getting roads closed on the proposed course. Old legislation means that a road cannot be closed more than once in a year. The intended course will use part of the same course as the Hayling 10M course this Sunday. The new Highways Act would allow the race to take place using the same roads. Our ability to organise the race might depend on whether there are any complaints this Sunday. It was believed that just one complaint might be enough to stop our race. The race would be an excellent revenue opportunity for the club e.g. to pay for members to qualify as coaches.

Jenny Ewer suggested that the club should join Facebook, so the club can connect with 'the world'. She also volunteered to try and set up on behalf of the club

Pete Drury thanked all the Committee for their work during the year

The meeting closed at 20:58

Malcolm Hagan (VAC Secretary)