

# **VAC 2011 AGM Minutes**

## **Present**

1. Malcolm Hagan
2. Belinda Harding
3. Glynne Parsons
4. Mary Short
5. Nicola Stott
6. Carol Tolfrey
7. Ann Mann
8. Claire Elgin
9. John Cowlin
10. John Masters
11. Helen Smith
12. Andrew Smith
13. Richard Mitchell
14. Lucy Smith
15. Andrew Wright
16. Paul Willcox
17. Graham Foden
18. Kevin McTaggart
19. John Gallagher
20. James Tolson
21. Neil Tolfrey
22. Damian Hamilton
23. Jim Clow
24. John Tudor
25. Pete Drury
26. Dave Morris
27. Mike Edwards
28. Martin Coles
29. David Walker
30. Gill Jones
31. Suzy Walker
32. Marilyn Crocker

The meeting opened at 19:45 on Thursday 24th November 2011

## **1. Apologies**

1. Nichol Riggott
2. Julie Riggott
3. Annice Riggott
4. Rob Davies
5. Gordon Osborn
6. Ed Spencer

7. Pete Harding
8. Graham Coleman
9. Colin Moon
10. Hamid Alamar
11. Emma Jenner
12. Bob Wheeler
13. Ann Panting
14. Bernie Cammell
15. Christine Gallagher
16. Bill Kelly
17. Liz Mitchell
18. Mark Hay
19. Jan MacDonald

## **2. Items carried forward**

10.3 As a result low attendance at the last Annual Dinner, the Committee urged to poll the membership on how to move forward. No poll performed... c/f.

10.4 Pete Harding believes Dan Bailey should be nominated for the Havant Borough Sports awards. Despite his status as an international tri-athlete, he still considers VAC as his first claim club. He was nominated and won Senior Sportsman of the Year and HBSA Sports Person of the Year. VAC also won Club of the Year. .

10.5 Lucy Smith asked if the Winter Handicap could be moved to a Thursday. Coaches asked if such a move would fit into coaching schedules. An impromptu vote was in favour. Committee did consider and decided to leave as is.

10.6 As a result of Sue Gardener's other commitments and health, there had been no stats produced this year. John Gallagher had volunteered to take over, but Sue had not found time to complete a handover.

Action - Malcolm Hagan to contact Sue and suggest give the current spread sheets to John in their current state. Done - John now doing stats.

## **3. Approval of 2010 AGM minutes**

proposed by Paul Willcox and seconded by Mary Short

## **4. Chair's report (Belinda Harding)**

Thank you all for coming to this year's AGM, my first as Chairperson after taking over from my predecessor Shelley. Planning my speech, I had to revisit past chairperson's reports to give me some ideas as to what to include in my inaugural AGM report. I am also mindful that must I must not waffle and make it into an 'Oscar speech'

This past year has been very successful for the club as in February the Club won the Havant Borough Sports Award for 'Club of the Year'. This was mainly due to the 'return to running course', which was led by Pete Harding assisted by members of the Club and also in supporting beginner runners within the club outside the course. Encouraging and supporting new members is always important and the club and you only have to look around here and at training to see that we appear to be doing well with new members. Also at these awards, Dan Bailey was awarded the Senior Sportsman Award and Sportsperson of the Year. His CV for this was Gold at the European Dualathlon Championship, and Silver in both the European Triathlon Championship and World Championships.

In various race meetings in the past year, the ladies team were promoted to Division One in the Road Race league and the men's team which had been struggling with injuries throughout the year managed to stay up with an excellent last race at Netley and by the skin of their teeth stayed in Division One. However this year both teams are hovering in the 'danger zone'

The Cross Country season is now underway, and the in the Hampshire Cross Country League on Saturdays both teams struggle to put in a full team – and I am sure that the Club captains will be very grateful for more

runners to participate. The Today's Runner Cross County is only one race into the season which was local and was well attended by Victory

The Hayling Billy 5 organised by Jon Gallagher, Suzy walker and numerous volunteers had an improved field from 2010 with 207 in the senior race and we raised **£1500** for The Rowans.

Further afield, the club has been represented in various marathons which is a great achievement and challenge for individuals. I do know that next year some of you are running your first marathon, so good luck in all of those long runs.

The Club handicaps continue to be popular and credit goes to Jan Macdonald for the Summer handicaps and Malcolm for the Winter handicaps for organising these events.

The relays are always popular with the Club. This year in the Emsworth to Basingstoke relay, the Ladies team came in first in the competing ladies teams. We also put teams in for the South Downs way Relay.

The Hayling Relay was also successful and **£420** was raised for the RNLI on the Island.

The smooth running of the club relies on the contributions of many unsung heroes, who do various tasks in their own time. I feel that without them the club would not be as successful as it is. I will not name you all as I feel that I will miss some one out and I do not want to do that. But as chairperson I would like to thank all of the unsung heroes and I am sure you know who you are. If these people do not volunteer then certainly the club would not be as successful as it is. So if you feel or think you would like to 'help' in making this club more successful then please feel free to volunteer and get involved with the Club.

Finally on a personal note, it has been an honour to be Chairperson of such a great club this past year. I would like to thank the committee members who perform vitally important tasks within the club and also for the support you have given me during my first year as chairperson the year. Malcolm and Richard are both retiring from their roles on the as secretary and treasurer respectively. On behalf of the Committee and the Club I would like to present both of you with a small token of appreciation for the input you have given in your roles to the club. Thank you.

## **5. Secretary's report (Malcolm Hagan)**

No report from the Secretary this year, but he read out a message from Pete Harding, Head Coach.

" In 2003 I qualified as a Level 2 coach with my intention to put something back into VAC as acknowledgement of the support and encouragement I was given by other members and the then coaches. What do I offer the club as a coach? Well it is certainly not my jokes!. Seriously, my greatest satisfaction is encouraging new members to achieve what they thought was not possible, to support more experienced runners and offer advice and assistance to anyone prepared to listen. VAC has gone from strength to strength in recent years with its name and reputation growing. Last years' Club of the Year award was testament to this.

I will ask again "what do I offer to the club as a coach?. In my opinion not much - I help to devise the Training Schedule and hopefully make this interesting and challenging for all. Without a challenge none of us develop or progress. Some of you have to supplement your training and running with VAC elsewhere and this is not a criticism but an observation. It is time for new and younger blood with fresh ideas and energy.

The current Tuesday and Thursday schedules run to the end of March 2012 and I hope the new incoming committee use the time till then wisely and find a replacement with the aforementioned qualities. You don't get rid of me that easily, I shall become an ordinary run of the mill member, but willing to give a hand if necessary.

When this is read out I shall be in Australia and hopefully got a few runs under my VAC vest, which I will wear proudly albeit more slowly. After all I am on holiday! Nothing to do with age or alcohol!

Seriously, thanks to each and every VAC member that has listened, acted, ignored or followed my guidance

and advice.

Happy running and see you in Mid December”

## **6. Treasurer's report (Richard Mitchell)**

Copies of the accounts were distributed to the meeting

I have split the I&E account into 3 separate sections again, viz: base club events, and other. I have shown 3 groups of columns which are for current year, budget, and previous year.

Starting with the I&E,

Base income is slightly lower than last year (£163), with members' subscriptions being the main reason (£158). Otherwise, an IBM subsidy for trophies of £110 last year was offset with a corresponding grant of £100 this year from HBC.

Expenditure is up (£404), despite a small reduction in HLC charge this year (£50). This is due to increased affiliation fees (£221), Ems to BSTK relay which we support for charity (£80), and trophies (£225). We had some one-off expenditure, notably purchase of banners (£136 – shown in trophies) and First Aid course (£100 – under IT & other expenses).

The club run events were a success, improving on last year. HB5 increased income, and we were able to donate more to a charity, Rowans, than in the previous year, as well as retaining a larger sum in club funds. Hayling relay also contributed a higher amount to RNLI.

Although the social events float suffered a drop of £136, this will be addressed over the next year, as we continue to make events self-funding, and aim to bring the float back up to £200, primarily through raffles at the events and making a small profit contribution from events.

Overall, we made a loss for the year (£268), but the decline in float contributed £136 of this, and our finances are still in a healthy position. We have become dependent on HB5 to support our revenue stream, but I am recommending that we maintain subscriptions at the same levels as last year.

However, the main risks to maintaining this in future are: number of members, HLC charges, containing the amount we spend on trophies, and the need to continue HB5.

However, we can contain these risks by increasing number of members, retaining a higher proportion of monies raised for charities, and containing costs.

Overall, and going forward, the club is still in a strong financial position, with £1,534 of cleared funds in the bank.

*NB: Figures in parentheses are measured against budget, unless stated otherwise.*

## **7. Vote on approval of accounts**

proposed by John Gallagher and seconded by Mike Edwards

## **8. Resolutions**

none this year

## **9. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Chair - Belinda Harding

Secretary – Martin Coles  
Treasurer – Jim Clow  
Committee Members  
Richard Mitchell  
Marilyn Crocker  
Damian Hamilton  
Kevin McTaggart  
Malcolm Hagan

No vote required

#### **10. AOB**

10.1 VAC has been asked to organise the Sport Relief Mile (on the same day as the Eastleigh 10k). Lack of information on what is required. Belinda Harding to seek more information from Havant Borough Council in order to make a decision.

10.2 James Tolson noted that 2012 was the Olympics, Queen's Jubilee and VAC's 30th anniversary. Committee urged to consider how best to mark the occasions.

10.3 Suzy Walker and Gill Jones expressed an interesting joining the Committee. The Committee will consider inviting them to join at its first meeting

The meeting closed at 20:21

**Malcolm Hagan (VAC Secretary)**