



Victory AC AGM 2012

Conference Room, Havant Leisure Centre. 22nd November 2012

Present:

1. Malcolm Hagan
2. Belinda Harding
3. Jim Clow
4. Martin Coles
5. Kevin McTaggart
6. Neil Tolfrey
7. Nicola Stott
8. John Cowlin
9. Suzy Walker
10. Colin O'Donnell
11. Mark Hay
12. Dave Morris
13. Jo Gilholm
14. Mary Short
15. Andrew Wright
16. Stephen Redman
17. Jan MacDonald
18. Pete Harding
19. Paul Willcox
20. Gill Jones
21. Graham Foden
22. Rob Godwin
23. Elaine Munns

24. Hamid Alamar
25. Lucy Smith
26. Mike Edwards
27. David Walker
28. Marilyn Crocker
29. Graham Coleman
30. Andy Smith

The meeting opened at 19:32.

1. Apologies:

- Ed Spencer
- James Tolson
- John Gallagher
- Christine Gallagher
- Bernie Cammell
- Carol Tolfrey
- Gordon Osborn
- Rob Davies
- Damian Hamilton
- Anne Panting

2. Items carried forward (numbering from 2011 Minutes)

10.1 – VAC has been asked to organise the Sport Relief Mile in 2012. Belinda to seek more information from Havant Borough Council. **This was carried out successfully by the Club at Staunton Country Park.**

10.2 – James Tolson urged the committee to consider how best to mark the Olympics, Queens Jubilee and VAC 30th Anniversary in 2012. **The Annual Dinner was moved to June as a one-off to celebrate these events and a 30th Anniversary memento given to all attendees.**

10.3 – Suzy Walker and Gill Jones expressed an interest in joining the committee. **They joined at the next committee meeting.**

3. Approval of Minutes from 2011 AGM

Proposed by Paul Willcox, seconded by Mary Short.

4. Chairperson's Report – Belinda Harding

Thank you all for coming to this year's AGM in the club's 30th anniversary and welcome to new members.

This past year has been yet another successful one for the club and the club goes from strength to strength with new members joining the club. Encouraging and supporting new members is always important and you only have to look around here and at training to see that we appear to be doing well with new members.

In February Jim Clow was awarded the Veteran Sportsman of the Year 2011 at the Havant Borough Sports Awards 2011, and quite deservedly is the winner of this local prestigious award for his outstanding performances in 2011 whose pinnacle of his success was winning the Hampshire Road Race Leagues overall 60 male award, claiming a new club records in his age category for road races in a Marathon, 20 miles, Hayling Billy and 5K. and more recently at the Gosport Half marathon last weekend won the male over 60 Hampshire Championship.

March saw the Club facilitate with Havant council the Sports relief mile, and we continue to raise money for local charities with the Hayling Billy 5 which has raised in the 14 years races a whopping £16.650. We also are successful in supporting Hayling RNLi with the club's annual round the island relay – this year raised £572.

In the Road Race League both the ladies and men's teams were both relegated to Division Two. Both teams have made a promising start to this season. The Cross Country season is now well underway, in the Hampshire Cross Country League on Saturdays and The Today's' Runner on Sundays. I am sure that the Club captains will be very grateful for more runners to participate. Further afield, the club has been represented in various marathons which is a great achievement and challenge for individuals. I know that this year saw some of you running your first marathon, Dawn being one of them who chose Snowdonia for her first 26.1 miler. The Club handicaps continue to be popular and credit goes to Jan Macdonald for the Summer handicaps and Malcolm for the Winter handicaps for facilitating and 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 and Test Way relay.

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. Thank you.

5. Secretary's Report – Martin Coles

No report this year.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Clow

The account summary (Appendix 1) shows details of income and expenditure, the bank balance, and charity donations.

Income and Expenditure

The club had a surplus of £719 this year. Membership subscriptions were up by £200, and we received funds from the Hayling Billy 5, and the Anniversary Dinner raffle.

Our main expenses were the Havant Leisure Centre fee of £1,000, trophies, and affiliation fees to various athletics and sports bodies. Unlike some years, we spent nothing on replacing equipment, and nothing on coaching.

Many club activities, such as social events and relays, are intended to be self funded by the participants.

Charity Donations

Victory AC once again supported a variety of local and national charities, and donated a total of £2,767. This figure is a little down on the £3,250 of the previous year, when we raised a record amount at the Basingstoke Relay.

The figure does not include fund raising by individual members in events like the London Marathon, Great South Run etc.

Outlook for next year

For continuing financial health, the club must maintain membership numbers, and keep looking at costs.

The surplus from this year will give us the opportunity to invest in the club, as well as increasing our reserves in the bank account to around £1900.

We are not dependent on raising money for the club in the Hayling Billy 5 next year, but funds raised in this event, or others, will be welcome.

7. Approval of Accounts

Proposed by Malcolm Hagan and seconded by Hamid Alamar.

8. Resolutions

The Committee had put forward a resolution on Honorary Membership which had been published to the membership in the Flyer for some weeks prior to the AGM. We have received some comments, many of which we are able to take into account and the final version of the resolution is as follows:

Honorary Membership

- 1. Honorary Membership** is an award made to a club member for exceptional and sustained services to Victory AC. Being awarded Honorary Membership is recognition from the club for the contribution made by an individual that is well over and above the norm.
2. Any VAC member can nominate any other VAC member, who meets the criteria above, for consideration to be awarded Honorary Membership. The nomination is passed to a committee member and considered at the next Committee Meeting.
3. The committee will consider the suitability and affordability of the nomination. A majority of the committee must endorse the nomination for Honorary Membership to be awarded. If the proposal is not endorsed, the nominator will be informed by the committee why this is the case.
4. An Honorary Member would no longer have to pay any annual club subscription

5. It would be expected that the number of Honorary Members is very low, e.g. <1 per year.

There was a lively debate on 2 points; whether we should have this new category of membership and whether the committee should be the body to approve them. There was a point of view that approval should be given by the AGM.

A vote was held and the resolution was passed by 24 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions.

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Chair – Belinda Harding

Secretary – Martin Coles

Treasurer – Jim Clow

Membership Secretary – Jan MacDonald

Committee Members:

Malcolm Hagan

Suzy Walker

Nicola Stott

Kevin McTaggart

Marilyn Crocker

10. AOB

10.1 – Sweeper System

There was debate on the operation of the sweeper system. The concept is really appreciated and is working well but there was some concern over the carriage of the First Aid Kit and whether people should be accredited/qualified to use it. **The meeting agreed that the process should be formalised and it was referred back to Committee to resolve.**

10.2 – Long Handicap

A concern was raised about the length of the long handicap and that some members were put off/excluded by that. After debate it was agreed that there will be no change.

11. Close AGM

The meeting closed at 2033.

Appendix 1 follows – details of the 2011/12 accounts.

Treasurer's Report

November 2011 to October 2012

Summary of Accounts

	<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Key items	£		£	
Subscriptions	2,288	(2054)	HLC fees	1,000 (1000)
HLC cards	216	(221)	Affiliation fees	477 (442)
			Entry fees	176 (231)
			Trophies	546 (764)
			Expenses	72 (105)
			Stationery	55 (44)
			Other	11
			Subtotal	2,337
Subtotal	2,504		Subtotal	2,337
Self funded items				
EA registrations	360			350
Kit	64			64
Relay events	150			212
Subtotal	574		Subtotal	626
Club run events				
Hayling Billy 5	2,704			2,250
Hayling relay	592			592
Subtotal	3,296		Subtotal	2,842
Social /charity items				
Sponsorship/raffle	675			675
Social runs	0			80
Annual dinner	2,218			2,073
Christmas dinner	1,434			1,351
Christmas curry	105			105
Subtotal	4,432		Subtotal	4,283
Total	10,806		Total	10,087

HLC Havant Leisure Centre, EA England Athletics, figures in brackets are 2010/2011.

Bank Account

Balance on 01/11/2011	1,656	Cheques not cleared on 01/11/11	40
Income	10,806	Expenditure	10,087
Cheques not cleared on 31/10/12	592	Bank balance on 31/10/2012	2,927
Total	13,054	Total	13,054

Charity Donations

Pink Ribbon Foundation (Xmas raffle)	232
Alzheimers Society (Basingstoke Relay)	443
Hayling First Responders (Hayling Billy '5')	750
Hayling Blind School (Hayling Billy '5')	750
RNLI (Hayling Relay)	592
Total	2767