

Stonehaven Running Club Committee AGM

Tuesday 14th March 2017



Topic	Comment/Details
Present	Chris Cowley (Chair), Kate Robertson (minutes), Gary Gutteridge, Neil Easton, Alex Crossland, Ally Steel, Jason Kelly, Louise Kelly, Scott Sell, Karen Sell, Denise Goodlad, Vikki Shanks, Iain Shanks, Elaine Crawford, Alison Patterson, Rebecca Bryce, Steve Terwey, Ishbel Howorth, Charles Howorth, Frances Richards, Nicola Rhind, Jonathan Kennedy.
Apologies	Richard Clark, Anne Tough, Linda McKenzie,
Welcome	Chris Cowley welcomed everyone to the 2017 SRC AGM.
Chairman's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction: recent turn out at sessions has been good! Encouraging to see numbers have stayed high post-January. Massive thank you to the volunteer coaches who have run approximately 200 sessions each year. Also, huge Ceilidh turn out which filled the Town Hall. Last year we spoke about trying to integrate the Friday runners with the rest of SRC. They have stayed fairly separate and we have stopped trying to integrate further. They seem happy, so we have stopped driving for a change. 2016 also saw SRC formally allowing "Juniors" to the club sessions, with permission and a guardian. This has had a relatively small uptake, but has been successful and is something we will be continuing with. Quite a few new members have joined this year and stuck at it, showing clear improvement and engaging well with SRC - new members, we would appreciate any feedback on why you joined, how welcome you've been made to feel and how we can improve the "SRC Experience" for new members. - Individual Race Entries: Good to see SRC representing at a huge variety of races. Local, national, international. In 2015 I counted 80 + separate races entered by SRC members. - Club Championships and Improvers Cup: Some big turn outs at Championship races in 2016, and at the Improvers; Steve Terwey and Ann Gallon were crowned Club Champions and Alex Crossland was our best improver this year; he ran four times and improved every time (3:05 total improvement), followed by Stacey Ogton who did five runs and took 02:12 off her initial time. We are looking at modifying the way the Championship works at some point to take age into account, but we are not sure how we are going to do this yet. Route for the Improvers Cup will stay the same for 2017.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relays: The club has "officially" entered The Railway Relay (two teams of three), Comrie Hills Relay (four teams of five) and the Devils Burden Relay (four teams of six). We have had loads of great feedback from this, and we will continue to enter relays as a club, with the club footing the bill. We have had a few issues with late drop outs which is a shame, but often understandable, and we have always managed to replace (or double up runners). Other decent turn outs at other relays ("unofficially" entered) including D33 Unofficial Relay, Highland Fling Relay, D33 Unofficial Relay, Midsummer Relay on the WHW, Tiree Ultra Relay. For the remainder of 2017, we plan on entering The Railway Relay again, and the Scottish Long Coastal Relays (if they are on, if not, we will reconsider). We are planning on "officially" entering three relays per year; ideally fairly local (no more than a few hours' drive), and relatively inexpensive. - Club races: the half marathon was another great success with 372 finishers, thanks to the half marathon committee and all of the other volunteers who helped out. The Christmas fun run was another successful event, with 67 finishers running along the sea front. Thanks to Denise and her team who made this a success. The Fetteresso Forest Marathon - great trial event last month; indications from the Forestry that they are happy for us to host an official race in there next year. Stonehaven Highland Games Hill Race - We (Neil Easton) have approached the Games Committee with the idea of a hill race up to the Crypt on Ury estate during the Stonehaven Highland Games. They have indicated that they are very keen for us to arrange this, providing SRC does all the work. Cosmics/Deeside have their summer series, which Cheyne hill is part of; SRC is looking to "officially" organise Cheyne and get more involved with this. Other races? If anybody has any ideas for races, let us know, it would be good to get more club races organised (Cosmics have around 10, Deeside have 9). - Away weekend: Successful SRC away weekend 15/16/17 July 2016, big thanks to Neil Easton. The weekend was based around Braemar with three runs (Morrone, Derry Cairngorm, Glen Callater). The 2017 plan is in the works just now; current idea is Braemar to Aviemore Day 1, and Aviemore to Braemar Day 2. - Navigation workshop: We plan on running an SRC Navigation workshop in the Spring with the aim of getting people more comfortable using a map and compass when out and about. This will be open everybody and will be ideal for people who have never used a compass before and are a little uneasy when reading a map.
<p>Club Kit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The club has remaining stock of buffs (17), event clips (14), long-sleeved fastrax hi-vis tops (mens x 3 and womens x 8), short-sleeved black fastrax tshirts (mens x 1 and womens x 2), fastrax black vests (womens x 2) plus some old Ronhill kit (1 mens vest, 1 ladies vest and 2 ladies XL tshirts).

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Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary circulated a breakdown of all the treasurers' figures for the year. - The club finances are in a healthy position and we are generally taking in more money than spending. The biggest initial outlay is club kit and the ceilidh has made a small profit each year. - This year the committee decided to spend some of the surplus by subsidising club kit and paying for team entries to various relays.
Membership Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are currently 132 members. - There were 37 new members in 2016-17 but 39 did not renew in April 2016 so overall club membership remains the same. - There are 5 life members. - 7 people have membership until March 2018 as they joined late in the membership year. - Membership will again run from the start of April 2017 to the end of March 2018. - Membership fees will remain at £16 with an early bird offer of £15 throughout April. Membership will be available through Entry Central.
Coaches Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On behalf of all club members and committee, Scott thanked the volunteer coaches for their hard work. - There were two new coaches recruited this year – Ally Steel and Ali Robertson. - There is a shortage of female coaches - Kate Robertson volunteered to coach. - In general, the coaches are pleased to see an improvement in performances across the membership from one mile to ultra-marathons. - Monday night sessions continue to attract lower numbers – approx. 5-8 runners. The coaches are using this session to trial different things eg trail sessions, new coaches, perhaps navigation. - There will be an SRC mile time trial in May at ASV (date tbc). - Neil Easton is organising a club weekend away in the summer. - The coaches asked that all members are reminded to wear high-vis clothing when the nights are dark. In addition, on the moonlit runs, safety should be paramount with all runners looking out for each other and bringing head torches. Committee to discuss the purchase of back-up torches to be carried by coaches.

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Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- During 2016, both Vikki Shanks and Keith Anderson stood down from the committee. We recognise and appreciate their hard work over the years.- Ishbel Howorth volunteered to join the committee as an ordinary member. The committee is still looking for a social secretary.- The 2017/2018 committee will be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Chairman – Chris Cowleyo Treasurer – Gary Gutteridgeo Secretary – Kate Robertsono Membership – Vikki and Iain Shanks (non-attendance at meetings)o Coaches Rep – Scott Sello Club Kit – Ali Robertson (non-attendance at meetings)o Ordinary Members – Karen Sell, Denise Goodlad, Elaine Crawford, Ishbel Howorth and Nicola Rhind
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- With the departure of Dee Watters to Edinburgh, the club is looking for someone to help Karen with tea and biscuits on the last Tuesday of each month.- Denise is unable to organise the Christmas fun run in 2017 so is looking for a replacement organiser.- Chris thanked the committee for their commitment and hard work in 2016 and welcomed any ideas or suggestions for initiatives from all members.