



Ashridge Canicrossers

Minutes of the AGM

19th February 2020

Attendance: George
Sarah
Alison
Sam
Natalie
Matt
Becky
Claire
Anne
Karin
Kate
Lucy
Emma
Sheena
Carin
Abi
Michela
Paul

Apologies: Chris
Caroline
Simone
Louise
Claire

1. Welcome **George**

The meeting was opened at 19:32, with George welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.

2. Apologies of Absence **Alison**

Apologies of absence were received from those listed above.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM **George**

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed. Proposed by Matt. Seconded by Becky

4. Chairperson's Report

George

Please see separate document of George's Chairman's report

5. Treasurer's Report

Matt

Matt provided a high-level summary of the Club accounts:

- The Club had two sources of income in 2019. Membership Subscriptions, and the race.
- The main outgoings of the club this year are race costs, donations, Insurance and new kit.
- The cash Balance at the end of the year was £4784.90(2018), £4520.27(2019).
- Race Entries down slightly (55 vs 65 in 2018) Donations NT £300, £400 Appledown Rescue. Profit £110. Raffle not as successful as last year.
- Dog Massage courses were £300
- Christmas meal was subsidised £230 by the club.
- Going forward with the club's healthy bank balance it is likely that further kit will be bought and sessions such as Dog First Aid subsidised.
- Kate checked and verified the accounts

6. Re-Election and Election of Committee Members

George put himself forward for re-election as Chairperson. This was proposed by Alison and seconded by Sheena. There being no other nominations, George was re-elected Chairperson.

Matt put himself forward for re-election as Treasurer. This was proposed by Becky and seconded by Carin. Matt was elected Treasurer.

Alison stepped down as Club Secretary. Becky Martinez put herself forward. Proposed by George seconded by Matt. Becky was elected Secretary.

Abi put herself forward as Social Secretary as Caroline steps back. Proposed by Carin, seconded by Becky.

Carin also joined the committee which now consists of George, Becky, Matt, Abi, Kate, Chris, Caroline and Carin (who will responsible for Web Admin).

7. AOB

• **Website**

Alison

Alison confirmed her company Profile currently looks after the website on Wordpress and asked if someone could take this work on. Carin offered and also her and Becky offered to have their numbers on website so Alison's could be removed.

Action: Alison to organise hand over to Carin of the website.

• **Club Runs and Run Leaders**

All

A discussion was had as to whether groups were dictated by distance or pace. It was agreed that it was a mix of the two and is also determined by the number of leaders that are available. Note the club is always accepting of new leaders and it was discussed that if new leaders are not totally confident we could do a "buddy" system where existing leaders support those new to heading runs. When the temperatures rise through the summer it is possible that some route recce walks (Karin kindly offered to do this) could also be done to enable familiarisation of the Ashridge Estate – best way to get learn your way round is to simply get out there via "Fiveways", "The dead pony paddock", "The tree with the roots" to name but a few George-isms!!

• **Weds Tweenies**

Becky

Becky asked that if we post up a Weds Tweenies, and a leader has volunteered then a tweenies level run should be undertaken, rather than mixed with the faster Motley group. This avoids the slower runners feeling uncomfortable at the latter group having to wait.

• **Sunday Runs**

Natalie

The possibility of Sunday club runs was raised. Anne said she often runs Sundays. It was agreed that should a run be added it would be covered by Insurance so up to club members to organise if they wish to. No club kit available.

• **Other Activities**

All

As per the past couple of summers it was requested if we could swim at Box End, George to confirm. Abi has also been in touch with the venue and asked to the feasibility of us having a swim and picnic day. Claire is happy to organise paddle boarding with dogs at River Spirit (River Nene) depending on interest, and further to the massage sessions which were held last year, the club will look to set up some Dog

First Aid Sessions. Carin has also enquired about sniffer dog training, so lots of ideas for alternative activities as the summer months advanced. Becky also confirmed that her house can be used as a venue as necessary.

- **2020 Ashridge Club Race**

George

The annual race will be held on Sunday 4th October 2020. We have a race committee but any members wishing to join and help will be very welcome. Meetings will commence soon.

- **Advertising**

Abi / George

It was discussed that some members have services that could benefit other club members. It was agreed that advertising on the FB page by club members in response to a request for recommendations was allowed but persistent unsolicited advertising by non-club members will not be tolerated, and these individuals will be removed from the FB club page. Note that if you have any offers for club members or a business of “doggy” interest please let a committee member know and we can add this to the annual membership letter that is sent out with all memberships.

8. Close

The meeting was closed at 8.40

Signed and dated:

George Humphreys
Chairperson

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Date:

Becky Martinez
Secretary

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Date:

Matt Armstrong
Treasurer

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Date:

