

KILMARNOCK HARRIERS AGM

Date:	27/03/15	Time:	7.00
Venue:	Park Hotel Kilmarnock		
Chair:	Jim Young	Minutes	Suzanne Sharp

Apologies : Jean Youden, Brian McCutcheon, Eddie Tonner, Donald McIntosh

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were proposed by Matt Ferguson and accepted by Anyy Kyle.

2. Presidents Report

A warm welcome was extended to everyone at the club's AGM.

Reviewing the last 12 months activities highlights how far KHAC has come on in developing growth not only in gross numbers which was our main target when the Club embarked on Scottish Athletics initiative CLUB TOGETHER but at so many different levels – yes our membership has grown to approx 450.

Our Club is the strongest it has ever been in it's 128 year history.

Over the last two years we have been carried along on a tidal wave of new young members inspired by:

The £7 million investment of the A.A.A. Now our base of operation

The 2012 Olympics, the 2014 Commonwealth Games when we had the Ghana teama and some of the Scottish team train with us.

The timing of these could not have been better in helping us attain our intial goal of doubling our numbers – we have certainly achieved this.

The AAA facilities have attracted major events: County T&F, West District T&F, National age greoup T&F, Nataional/District XC.

Our athletic partnership with East Ayrshire continues to flourish, organising School XC events, giant heptathlon and sportshall athletics.

Our club's involvement in all these thing along with the management of our growth would not be possible without our volunteers.

We have increased the number of athletes competing, the medals won are are increasing as well. We now offer training at AAA 5 nights a week Monday – Friday and also on a Saturday at Dean Park.

The club's results speak for themselves.

3. Treasurers Report

Copies of the accounts were issued to all present at the start of the meeting. We have a surplus of £2700 as at 28 February 2015 and remain in a sound financial position.

There is approx £19,000 in the bank.

Costs are continuing to rise as the club uses the facilities more.

The treasurer reported that it costs approx £32,000 to run the club.

The accounts were proposed by Andy Kyle and accepted by Scott Martin.

4. Senior Men's/Women's Report

The past year has been an successful one for the senior section with lots of pbs and fantastic runs. Some of the highlights have been Kara Tait being crowned scottish 5000m champion and scottish silver medalist over 10000m. Also Lindsay McMahon and Scott Martin representing the scottish Vets in the Masters International in Nottingham with Scott being ranked 1st in his age group in Scotland for the Marathon in 2014. Also Cammy Wilson became Scottish police champion, and more recently came 3rd in the British Championships having won the event 12 months previously, and James Wales also came in the top 20 in the same race.

In addition to this the new club standards were introduced which has given the senior athletes something to aim for. In its first year, an impressive 14 athletes gained at least a bronze standard in the scheme that gives everyone a chance to target age graded times over numerous distances. All seniors took part and the ones gaining a Standard were rewarded with a lovely t-shirt and certificate at the club presentation night.

5. Junior Report

There has been an increase in members and we now train Mondays and Wednesdays, there is a small waiting list but the standard of kids is high. We won a national sprint relay medal. Track meetings were well attended but cross country wasn't. Wednesday night is gaining strength but Tues/Thurs need more coaches. Kids are enthusatic but we are still losing some but reasons are unknown.

6. Disability Report

There is a race running group now set up but a coach is needed to help, there are holding an induction/info night and there are currently 8 kids attending regular, it is going well and hopefully will grow once they become more structured.

7. Subscriptions 2015/16

The Treasurer reported that as he had just been informed that let costs would be increasing this year by £2,500 we should look at our income.

Suggestions to recover this money were:

- 1: Club absorbs and no increase in membership
- 2: Add 50p per night to track fees

3: Add £5 to membership across the board.

He stated that option 1 was not good idea as club together funding may cease next year and we would need to look at this, though kit cost shouldn't be as high this year and this could help absorb.

After discussion on the 3 options a proposal was put forward to increase membership by 10%. The membership form would also be tidied up to remove u20, and also include disability athletes.

Members were reminded that their membership got them discount at DW Sports and that Brantano were also offering members 10%.

8. Election of Office BearersThe Office Bearers for 2015are as follows:-

Committee (Exec)

President Jim Young Proposed Matt Ferguson
Seconded Andy Kyle

Jim accepted but stated that this would be his final year.

Vice President Alasdair Murray Proposed George Morton
Seconded Scott Martin

Alasdair accepted but stated that this would be his final year.

Minute Secretary Suzanne Sharp Proposed Lindsay McMahon
Seconded Andy Kyle

Admin Secretary Andy Kyle Proposed Lindsay McMahon
Seconded Iain Sloan

Treasurer Alastair Murray Proposed George Morton
Seconded Andy Kyle

6 committee members who could vote were elected as follows:

Paula Wilson proposed by Lindsay McMahon seconded Scott Martin
James Beswick proposed by Andy Kyle seconded Alasdair Murray
Ian Gebbie proposed by Alasdair Murray seconded Kate Todd
Matt Dodds proposed by Alasdair Murray seconded Roddy Pugh
Eddie Tonner proposed by Alasdair Murray seconded Lindsay McMahon
Margaret Chalmers proposed by Andy Kyle seconded Ian Gebbie

9. AOCB

There being no other business the president thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 8.30 pm