**Minutes of AGM 2012**

Present – Becky T, John H, Julien, Sikobe, Carl Buckley, Paul S, Neil Mc,Andy O, Andy W, Adele M, Andrew A, Beryl B, Stev C, Vaughan M, Alison H, Steve H, Charlie E, John Stephenson, Jonathan C, Sue C, Dave H, Jeroen P, Phil S, Lynne T, Tim B.

Apologies – Andy F, Gordon C, Lins P, Nev Mc, Neil S, Bill B Rod H, Darren A, Kirsty J

Minutes of 2011 AGM agreed

**CHAIR** – John H thanked everyone for attending and suggested approval of the new Constitution, following an update from last year’s AGM of why the club was in desperate need of a new Constitution and explanations all members present unanimously agreed that the new Constitution be accepted and adopted with immediate effect.

John H then encouraged attendance for the new Championship races for 2012, he mentioned that we had a new winner for 2011, Julien Minsull, he mentioned Gwyn’s star performances over the last year and the excellent results at the recent Trigger Race where GDH ladies won the team prize. He also mentioned the High Peak Marathon where the team consisting of Julien, Mark, John Doyle and Jasmine had set a new mixed record. He mentioned recent successes by Beryl and Sue, and Julien as VET 50, also the Ladies team won this year in Shropshire. He mentioned great performances from new members Gwyn, Tim Budd and Lizzie and hopes that in 2012 we can attract more new members. John also mentioned that GDH are the current holders for the team trophy for The Old County Tops Race.

John also thanked the committee particularly Jeroen for working so hard on the new Constitution.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – **2011**

Firstly my thanks go to the Committee and all the hard work they have put in over the last year. We have been meeting on a regular basis when there has been a lot of work to do and decisions to make and on one occasion the meeting lasted four hours! Despite this the support John and I have received has been fantastic and people have done their best to attend. Thank you to the new committee members, John Stephenson, Paul Stitt, Charlie Eaton and Jeroen Peters who have joined the committee this year.

Special thanks to Jeroen who has worked hard on the new constitution and then spent many an hour talking through the drafts he has produced in meetings. Additionally he has also taken up the position of Training Coordinator and thrown himself whole heartedly into coaching speed sessions and additional training for relevant qualifications.

Next to thank Julien who continues to provide an excellent running program for the summer as well as being an outstanding Club Captain, ensuring wherever possible the club is represented at relays.

Thanks also to Alison, Lady Captain who as well as managing to get a team together for the FRA championships has been a great support to me with club business, taking the minutes on occasion and having them all written up and distributed the next day! She had also stepped up to the challenge of helping to organise the 30th anniversary and has been a very active member of the sub committee. Becky gave personal thanks to Alison Holt on a personal level for her excellent contribution, support and assistance during this busy time as club secretary.

My other personal thanks go to Carl Buckley for taking over the England Athletic registrations from me. When we explain the reason for the membership costs going up later, it will be apparent why Carl has taken over this.

Thanks to Charlie for doing a brilliant job of updating the championship results. A big thank you also to Charlie and Ann for yet again hosting the Christmas Do.

Thanks to Charlie, Nev and John S for all their hard work in organising and sorting this year’s championships and preparing a super selection of races to suit a variety of running tastes.

Our race organisers did an excellent job yet again, thanks Andy for ensuring that the race went so smoothly, especially since we had lost our regular venue for registrations etc. A huge well done to Gordon on organising the Shelf Moor race too. Superb planning ensured that yet again we had a well organised, successful race yet again.

Thanks to Dave for organising the Rum and Eigg week, I believe it was fantastic and have booked myself on this year’s trip as a result (same weather please Dave). When I last viewed the chat regarding this I believe there were 4 places available.

Adele, thank you so much for organising the weekend away last year. Great running and great fun was had by all. Thanks to Julien for planning a route.

Also thanks to Sikobi and family for hosting the summer BBQ, I believe it was a huge success.

Lastly another thank you from me to those who have stepped forward in the club to offer their services on the 30th Anniversary Sub Committee, everyone involved has been working hard to ensure we have a really great celebration!

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - Phil reported that this covered the last two years and that the club reserves had been reduced by £446.42, which had been mostly spent on stock, including a club tent and covering costs of team relays, fuel costs and coaching (Jeroen) £3757 overall. Phil particularly thanked Bill B for doing the banking and Carl B for also assisting in this, he thanked Charlie for his assistance with the cheques etc. He also thanked Andy and Gordon for subbing finances for the races. Herod Farm and Shelf Moor – Andy W handed over cheque for HF.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT -** Carl B reported that there are currently 74 members, a little lower than the previous year. He mentioned that he has now taken over registering member with England Athletics as Membership Secretary and that a new membership form has been created to incorporate this.

**RACE REPORTS** – Andy W said that the pub closing the year had put him in a dilemma as regards registration for the race and this had meant that there had been a new venue for registration for the HF race, the Reliance Garage which had proved successful and that, as such, had meant that parking had also been provided for competitors. There had been 107 competitors for the 2011 race which was a good turn out and he thanked John B for continuing to sponsor the race.

Andy W said that he still needed more Marshalls for the 2012, 18th April race and that this year’s prizes would include beer and mugs that had been especially brewed and designed for the 30th Club Anniversary. He also mentioned that this would be his last year as race organiser and he would be standing down. Members were asked if there was anyone who would take over this (following AGM position now filled by Sue Clapham, thanks Sue!)

Gordon C – emailed to say he was standing down and the Shelf Moor race had been put in place for this year but he would not be doing it. No one came forward to fill this position.

**TRAINING COACH REPORT** – Jeroen reported that he had been doing this position for almost 2 years now and that attendance had been between 6 and 20 people for each session. Jeroen reported that he was currently on a UKA course and had Bashir Hussain as his mentor. GDH are paying for Jeroen to do this course but he had managed to get it part funded by Derbyshire County Council. John S, who is also qualified is helping out with the Speed Sessions, covering when Jeroen is not available. Jeroen also plans on running some short courses to attract new runners, he has discovered that we can train runners under 18 years old, other runners can also lead runs and he asked for people to put themselves forward to assist, and help would be very much appreciated. Jeroen will email the group about free CRB checks.

**WEBSITE -** Charlie mentioned that this year had seen new prizes awarded for Best Newcomer, Most Improved and a prize for the highest points had been awarded for the runner that had done the most races. Charlie said he had been busy for the last couple of months and therefore the website had not been updated but will be soon. Charlie asked for assistance with the website, no one put themselves forward to help.

No one had put themselves forward for a position on the committee and all present members agreed that the current committee should remain in their positions.

Becky thanked Rod and Alison Holt for their hard work in producing the tickets for the 30th year celebrations and designing and ordering the mugs .Becky informed members that Paul Stitt will be in control of ticket sales and there will be a no money no ticket policy. Charlie to advertise the celebrations on the website.

John H introduced the new constitution and summarised why it had been necessary to update it. There was no procedure for decision making and authorising spending, and membership therefore the committee had felt there was no alternative but to change it.

Steve Hoon thanked the committee for their hard work and said that this was timely and much needed.Phil supported the new constitution and it was unanimously agreed to move forward and adopt the new constitution with immediate effect.

Carl Buckley explained that the committee proposed changes to the membership fees to accommodate the England Athletics membership fees and that the committee proposed from 2013 to give members the option of paying an extra £5 for this to be incorporated into their GDH membership. This was seen as a fair process as the club do not contribute to FRA membership, he pointed out this was mainly required for road races and possibly partaking in Cross Country Championships in the future. A discussion followed, Jeroen suggested that Carl Buckley, as membership secretary decide on whether an opt in or opt out would be the best option. It was decided after discussion that there would be an opt in option as it was not acceptable to give members details to EA without their consent. This was voted and approved with a 23 to 1 majority, just one member wanted automatic entry for all members to EA. The rate for students and unemployed was then discussed and it was agreed that there would be a minimum £5 charge to cover external costs, 20 voted for this to be adopted, 1 member voted against and 2 members abstained. It was also agreed for 2013 that there would be no joint membership fee for couples, proposed by John H, seconded by John S, 22 for and 1 member abstained.

John H then introduced the plans for the 30th Anniversary, that there is a dinner with Ceildh planned at the Golf Club in Glossop for 30th June, and there would be a trail or fell race or both organised for the morning of the 30th.

There was a vote on a name for the ale that had been brewed especially for the club and the name Bog Trotter was voted in.

Neil Mc mentioned that the notice board in the leisure centre was not being currently used to advertise club activities. No one came forward to take responsibility for doing this.

Phil raised that there may be required a contribution for club funds required for the celebration, which would include possible assistance with paying for the Ceildh and production of GDH car stickers to give to members – this was agreed at a limit of £500 by all member present at the AGM.

Carl Buckle mention he had had communication from Neil Shuttleworth regarding communication for those that don’t have regular internet access, Carl offered to keep Neil S posted on club updates and any other members that felt as though they were not being kept informed of what is happening in the club.

Jeroen mentioned he had been approached by Women’s Aid to organise a 1k and 5k fundraiser, Jeroen said he felt this was a good cause and it would be good publicity for the club, he was considering undertaking this as a GDH representative.

Formal meeting closed at 22:27