

# Ripley Running Club

## Minutes of AGM 2018

Held on Monday 16 April 2018, at 7pm, in the Thorn Tree, Waingroves

### 1. Members present

Matt Baker, Martin Penny, Ian Warton-Woods, Wayne Smithhurst, Wayne Yearwood, Carl Hopkinson, Simon English, Neil Worthy, Richard Kimber, Luke Beresford, Karl Tietz, Cathy Cresswell, Matt Jones, Richard Phillis, Jerry Bateman, Anne Cook, Jo Howett, Tim Donovan, Amy Bradley, Jo Potter, Rachel Jones, Stephen Hutsby, Eleanor Robinson, Richard West, Michael Corrigan, Esther Broughton, Alison Butlin.

### 2. Apologies

None received

### 3. Approval of last year's minutes

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved as a true and accurate record.

### 4. Chair's report

There were some impressive PBs at the Hague Half Marathon, organised by the Great Run Company, and GRC were fantastic hosts. The run of the trip was Matt Jones, with a half PB at 47 years of age, sub 1.20!!

At the British fell relays – we had 3 teams, all with respectable positions and a fantastic RRC support crew. Luke and Paul were 23<sup>rd</sup> in their legs against top British runners. Ripley A team came 45th, Ripley B team 139th and the ladies 158 out of 181.

In the BDL XC , we were 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies team, and overall 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Individual age category results included Christian 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior – who has transferred to run 1<sup>st</sup> claim with RRC. Luke came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tim 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lucy 1<sup>st</sup>, Jo 1<sup>st</sup>, and Eleanor 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the BDL Summer league, individual age cat placings included Matt Jones, Pete Collinge, Fiona A/Jo V45, and Eleanor 2<sup>nd</sup>

We made a good start to 2018 summer league with Matt Jones, Tim Clayton, and Eleanor getting 1<sup>st</sup> in age category, and Jo Howett 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rich West won the Championship marathon place.

Sadly this year we lost one of Ripley's original and long standing members, Pete Shaw, an outstanding runner and genuinely lovely guy. Thanks to Ian for organising this year's RRC calendar with proceeds going to Bowel Cancer UK and to Luke for organising a charity walk on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Approx 14 miles, open to all including non-members for a donation to the charity of £5.

This year will see the end of an era with two of our committee members stepping down. After many years of commitment above and beyond, Eleanor will be handing over the reigns as secretary to Alison. We are truly grateful for the time Eleanor has given to the club and her wealth of experience and knowledge over the years. Our current Ladies captain Cathy is stepping down to give someone else a go, thanks to Cathy for all her support over the last 3 years and wishing the new Ladies captain all the best

Ripley 10k in 2017 was successful, with approx. 280 entrants, with entries coming in for this year.

Ashover fell race, a social run organised by Luke took place for the first time last year and is set to run again this July with the full support of RRC.

In the XC County Champs in Jan, both men's and ladies vet teams got bronze medals. Tim Clayton won first v55, Eleanor Robinson was 2nd in the v65 category and Jo Howett 3rd v45.

Congratulations to Jo and Luke on getting County Cross County selections, with Esther selected as a reserve.

We had members complete in Ben Nevis, Snowden Mountain races, and the Kinder Beer Barrel race.

There has been a decline in numbers at our Alfreton Community Park 5k. The event permit runs out in December and a decision needs to be made as to whether we will continue. The start of Shipley has affected numbers and the hilly course with road section puts off runners. We will consider options when we have more info on the Greenwich Park development.

The first summer away run is the Masson Hill route, on 24 April, with drinks in the Boat afterwards.

10 members went to Cyprus to complete in the half marathon – Ali was 2<sup>nd</sup> V45 and Ryan got a PB.

To celebrate Eleanor's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, we had a track run, where we ran 107 miles in an hour, and then went to Group Fitness for cake afterwards.

This year will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year of 'Bunda's bus trip', this year to Mablethorpe 10k on 9 Sept. It's an ideal family day out, and costs £10 per adult.

We need all members to complete a new membership form this year, in line with GDPR requirements.

#### *Presentation to Eleanor*

In appreciation of Eleanor's contribution to the club, Wayne Yearwood presented Eleanor with a painting and said a few words.

Eleanor was also presented with a trophy, to be referred to as the Eleanor Robinson Award. Eleanor was the first to receive the trophy this year in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the club.

#### 5. Secretary's report

Last year had a strong team focus with an abundance of relays, team and social events, as well as some outstanding individual performances.

The National Cross Country Relays were once again a popular team event with 3 men's and 2 ladies teams. The National Fell Relays were equally popular with 2 men's teams and also a ladies team, entered for the first time this year. Other relay events included the Hairy Helmets, Malt Shovel, and Midlands Masters, amongst others.

The midlands cross country, had one men's and one ladies team entered. There was a strong team performance in the Derbyshire Cross Country, with the mens and ladies teams both taking bronze medals, and Luke Beresford and Jo Howett being selected to run for Derbyshire.

In the Clowne Half Marathon Derbyshire Champs, the mens team, consisting of Luke, Tim Clayton and Richard Kimber, were 1<sup>st</sup> place taking a gold medal. Luke was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> senior male.

Another notable team event included the Kinder Beer Barrel Challenge, where a team of 8 carried a 72 pint beer barrel from the Snake Pass, up across Kinder Scout and down to Edale.

The Harrogate 10k team prize trip to Ethiopia, was rescheduled as a trip to the Hague in March this year. The team prize winners included Matt Jones, Martin Penny Rob Coates and Luke Beresford (who gifted his

place to next in line, Matt Baker), and for the ladies Angela Marie Forte, Jo Howett, Esther Broughton and Lisa Watson. With a flat course, there were a number of impressive PB's from Matt Jones, Matt Baker, Esther Broughton and Martin Penny (age category) in the half marathon and from Jo Howett in the 10k, making it a tempting option for a future club trip abroad.

It was also a successful year for individual performances in the BDL road and cross country leagues last year, with plenty of age category trophies.

Throughout the previous year we had numerous away runs, a social walking trip and a trip abroad to Cyprus, all organised by Luke.

The club away trip, organised by Bunda, was to Burnsall in Yorkshire, with the option of a 10m road race, a 2m fell race or both for some. In the road race, Luke came 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Lucy was 4<sup>th</sup> lady. In the Fell race, Paul Sorrell was first back for Ripley in 16<sup>th</sup> place, and Lucy Taylor was again 4<sup>th</sup> lady.

Development wise, the club has put on a few Pilates sessions to help with core strength and flexibility, and it is intended to continue these if they continue to be well supported.

The club has also just been successful in its application for a Club Run initiative, provided through England athletics. This entitles us to 3 coached sessions to help support and develop club performance. Further details about these sessions will be provided in the coming weeks.

All in all we have had a really good year and I hope the same social and team ethic and strong individual performances continue next year.

#### 6. Treasurer's report

Refer to the attached page.

#### 7. Election of Officers

Cathy Cresswell stood down as Ladies Captain, and Amy Bradley was voted in. All other committee members offered to stand. With no other nominations received, all positions were confirmed for a further year, namely

#### 8. Presentation of trophies

Richard Kimber, Championship Secretary, presented trophies to winners as follows:

##### *Championship*

	Ladies	Mens
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eleanor Robinson	Richard West
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alison Butlin	Richard Kimber
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jo Howett	Luke Beresford
1 <sup>st</sup> V40	Esther Broughton	Carl Hopkinson
2 <sup>nd</sup> V40	Cathy Cresswell	Neil Worthy
1 <sup>st</sup> V50	Sandra Lineker	Tim Clayton
1 <sup>st</sup> V60	n/a	Pete Collinge

*Most improved:* Neil Worthy

Richard also distributed a list of races for members to select their preferences for next year's championships. The championship race list will be confirmed after the AGM.

#### 9. Greenwich Partnership

Ian Warton-Woods provided some background details about the Greenwich Partnership and sought members views on the running club's involvement with the scheme, and level of commitment.

There are currently plans to build a new pavilion with a bar, changing facilities, and a 700m gravel track. Responsibilities could include running of the bar, opening/closing up, together with a contribution to cleaning/maintenance costs, although at present the potential costs are unknown.

Eleanor explained that membership fees for RRC have always been minimal, as we have few overheads. Eleanor suggested an arrangement similar to the Cricket Club in Alfreton Park would be ideal, where our involvement supports the cricket club, and we benefit from occasional use of the facilities for free.

Members were generally supportive towards the new facility as another option for the club, however, there were concerns about any costs which might be incurred.

The project is due to be completed before winter 2018. The committee will be meeting with a representative of the partnership to discuss options for our involvement.

#### 10. Membership lapse date

Alison Butlin proposed that the club membership renewal deadline be brought forward from 31 July to 30 June, in line with the England Athletics renewal deadline, to safeguard against any unexpected lapses in England Athletics membership. The revision of the club constitution to reflect this change was agreed.

#### 11. Members items

Fell race series – Wayne Smithurst and Luke Beresford suggested an informal fell race series, separate to the club championship. This was agreed and Luke and Wayne offered to organise the series events and results this year. It was suggested that three of the races would be the same as the championship fell races.

#### 12. AOB

*Christmas social* – Ian offered to organise the Christmas social again this year. It was suggested that this be held at the Hollybush.

*Relays* – Eleanor was pleased that there was a V55 ladies team entered for the first time in the Masters Relays this year. With the clubs profile of fast vet runners, Eleanor would like to see more age category relays this year, and as many teams as we can, especially championship events, eg Midland Counties and 12 stage relays. More forward planning and ambition for this was sought and it was suggested that we get these events on the club calendar and plan ahead.

*Eleanor's retirement as Secretary to the Club* - Jerry Bateman thanked Eleanor on behalf of the club for the contribution that she had made to the club over the past 14 or so years. Eleanor was also conferred life membership to the club.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm