

Edinburgh Frontrunners

Annual General Meeting: Minutes

Date: 06 November 2015

Location: The Regent Bar (2 Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5DL)

Start: 19:30

Attending Members:

Debbie Aitken	Jamie Kelly	Gaelle Dumas-Galien
Lorraine Close	Ali King	David van den Berg
Trevor Fenton	Lucas Nightingale	John Ziltener
Al Hopkins	Polly Arnold	Siobhan Hill
Lorna Bowry	Adam Powell	Paul Barton
Ian Williamson	Kevin Lowrie	Julien Peukert
Josh Correia	Liam Warren	Simon Barrett
Kirsty Craig-Summers	Natalie Craig-Summers	Graham Rule

note: the 2015 AGM quorum = 10 members

Agenda Discussion:

1. Preamble:

- a. Trevor Fenton called the meeting to order at 19:30, and introduced the 2015 AGM *Draft Agenda* and the 2014 AGM *Minutes*.

Motion: Approve and adopt the 2015 AGM *Draft Agenda* and the 2014 AGM *Minutes*.

Moved by: Al Hopkins

Vote: motion carried

2. Reports:

- a. Debbie Aitken delivered the *President's Report* and Trevor Fenton delivered the *Statement of Accounts and Balances*.

Motion: Adopt the *President's Report* and *Statement of Accounts and Balances*.

Moved by: Ali King

Vote: motion carried

Discussion: EFR received Big Lottery funds in 2015 and were used to finance start-up costs. EFR's finances are healthy and the clubs is not currently planning to apply for additional Lottery funds in the future, but will not exclude the possibility of doing so if future need arises (i.e.: to fund a specific club project, to buy a large item for the club, etc.).

3. Old business/follow-up:

- a. Effect of the 2015 change of EFR's national affiliate from Scottish Athletics to Jog Scotland.

Discussion: With the exception of junk mail (note: members can request to be removed from Jog Scotland's promotional mailing list if deemed a nuisance), this change in affiliation has not affected EFR members adversely and no problems have been experienced while registering for races on-line. While EFR will not pursue dual-affiliation for its members (costs vs. benefits) any member can register for Scottish Athletics on their own.

- b. Safety and liability: non-members who run with EFR.

Discussion: The membership has concerns about how to deal with the potential of liability to visitors/non-members who run with EFR but are not covered by Jog Scotland insurance because they are not members. While the onus is on the individual runner to decide whether it is safe for them to run, be it resolved that all EFR members should do their best to set an example of safe-running and be vigilant about safety especially when running with first-timers. Safe-running strategies include: risk-assessing routes and practicing safe running behaviour while on a run, wearing lights and reflective/high-vis garments, ensuring no one is left behind, etc.

Committee will discuss the potential for applying for Lottery funds to purchase a club stock of safety gear in 2016.

Debbie Aitken noted that people who participate on EFR's Learn To Run programmes are required to become members as they are deemed higher risk.

Lucas Nightingale to update EFR Membership Form to include health disclaimer, and will be vigilant about following up with new members to join after three runs.

4. New business:

- a. **Motion 1:** To create a new EFR committee position: *Vice President*

Moved by: Lorraine Close

Vote: motion carried

- b. **Motion 2:** To create a new EFR committee position: *Events Officer*

Moved by: Siobhan Hill

Vote: motion carried

c. Motion 3: Set EFR membership fees for 2016

Motion: EFR fees for 2016 to stay the same as 2015: £15 full, £5 concession, with Committee discretion to allow free membership due to hardship.

Moved by: Graham Rule

Vote: motion carried

d. Election of EFR Committee

Motion: Members to accept the declaration of Committee candidates and elect the EFR Committee.

Moved by: Graham Rule

Vote: motion carried

Resolved: The EFR Committee from 06 November 2015 until 2016 AGM shall be:

President: Debbie Aitken

Vice President: Al Hopkins

Treasurer: Trevor Fenton

Club Secretary: Lucas Nightingale

Social Secretary: Siobhan Hill

Communications Officer: Jamie Kelly

Events Officer: Lorraine Close

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Graham Rule

Vote: motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 20:08