

Minutes of the 100 Marathon Club Annual General Meeting
3pm Sunday 9 January 2011 at the Norman Park Athletics Track, Bromley,
Kent.

1. 44 members were in attendance. Jack Brooks had received 22 apologies for absence from Andy Wilmot, Bob Parmenter, Peter Dennett, John Dawson, Phillip Howells, Peter Amos, Selina Da Silva, Steve Edwards, Mike Gaunt, Joan Clarke, David Vaughan, Rush Yadave, Paul Adams, Sue Adams, Ted Goodreid, Philip Nutley, Alan Morton, Ernie Barker, Jim Waters, J Scott McIvor, Gary Wade and John Turner. Roger had also received apologies for absence from Merv Nutburn and Liam Fenelon.
2. **Minutes of the 2009 AGM.**
The minutes of the 2009 AGM, proposed by Pam Storey and seconded by Gilbert John were adopted without amendment.
3. **Chairman's Report**
Roger Biggs delivered his Chairman's Report. Member numbers continued to increase and a record number of 19 Associate Members had converted to Full Membership in 2010. (Details of these members are set out at the end of the Minutes.) During the year, 9 people had qualified to receive PINS of various denominations. (Details of these members also are to be found at the end of the Minutes.) Roger explained the rationale for not counting all ten Windermere events or the Connemara and Longford invitational races in the Road Marathon Challenge. The Challenge was intended to encourage members to enter marathons throughout the UK and Ireland. This objective would be undermined if people were able to count all ten Windermere runs as, almost inevitably, someone who had completed the Windermere runs would win the Challenge. Roger reminded people that the onus was on them to declare how many marathons they had run. He could not possibly compile the information from race results. In order to simplify business Roger asked first claim members to pay their England Athletics' affiliation fee with their Club subscription, though the EA fee did not fall due until April/ May time. If the fee increased from its present £5 level a decision would be taken about payment of the difference.
4. **Secretary's Report**
Jack Brooks thanked the Committee and Club members for their cooperation during the three years that he had been Secretary. Although he was resigning from the position of Secretary, Jack confirmed his intention to remain an active Club member.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
Tad Lancucki circulated a copy of the Club Accounts. The Club remained solvent and in a reasonably healthy financial state. Increased membership and profits from Club runs had brought in additional revenue. On the debit side the Club now had to pay for stationery that had previously been kindly supplied by Peter Graham without charge. The stock of kit and PINS counted towards the surplus. PINS are now issued without charge as and when members qualify to receive them. Tad explained that the value of PINS was included in

the Club's credit balance until they were actually awarded - at which point their value was written off. The accounts were accepted as proposed by Jack Brooks and seconded by Colin Poole.

6. **Kit Report**

Colin Poole reported the sale of 230 items in the year and the total value of stock held at year-end amounted to £1747.00. This figure did not take account of any sales that Linda Major might have made during the day. Colin said that sew-on badges had been selling particularly strongly. Medium remained the most popular size among members! Colin explained that incorporation of the Club badge on the front and back of the blue jackets were expensive additions to the jacket's basic cost but he felt sure that most people welcomed the design. Increasingly, requests for kit were being received from abroad, particularly from members in the Netherlands. This was not all good news as would be touched upon later in the meeting.

7. **Amendment to the Constitution**

The following amendment to the Constitution was unanimously accepted by Members. The first line of Paragraph 5 of the Constitution would now read "The Club will be managed by a Committee comprising the offices of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to five other members". This afforded the opportunity to expand the Committee if necessary by co-opting members.

8. **Election of the Committee**

The following Committee (proposed by Dave Major, seconded by Gil John) was elected unanimously. Roger Biggs (Chair), Peter Burns (Secretary), Tad Lancucki (Treasurer), Selina Da Silva (Membership), Colin Poole (Kit), Dave King (Member) and Peter Graham (Member).

9. **Subscriptions**

Members agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £10 and that members aged 70 or over at 31 December should continue to qualify for free membership. A proposal had been put forward that members not resident in either the UK or Ireland should (compulsorily) pay five years' subscriptions with a 20% discount. This was intended to deal with an increasing problem of foreign-based runners, who seemed to pay only a year's subscription for the sole purpose of purchasing a medal and selected kit items. Often, that was the last that was heard of these individuals. This caused the club problems, chasing up subs for later years. A further proposal had been made to extend the five-year payment possibility with 20% discount (optionally) to UK and Ireland resident members who wished to avail of the possibility. There was a protracted discussion on the merits of these particular proposals. The outcome of that debate was as follows.

- (a) All ***existing*** Full Members could pay a year's subscription or, if they preferred, pay five years' subscriptions with a 20% discount.
- (b) All ***new*** Full Members (including those converting from Associate Membership), irrespective of their country of residence, would have to pay five years' subscriptions with a 20% discount.

- (c) All Associate Members could choose to pay either a year's subscription or five years' subscriptions with a 20% discount but would have to pay for the 5 years with discount when they converted to Full Membership.

These revised proposals were put by Dave King and seconded by Dave Major. They were accepted with only 2 people in attendance voting against. There had been limited objection to the original proposals among those who had voted by email or post.

10. AGM Handicap Marathon Results

The results of the AGM Handicap Marathon were declared as follows:-

1. John Wallace (Clark Kent/ Superman) with a running time of 4:41:13.
2. Michael Haydon with a running time of 3:59:06, and
3. Dave Green with a running time of 4:03:25.

11. UK and Ireland Road Marathon Challenge.

The results of the 2010 UK and Ireland Road Marathon Challenge were declared as follows :-

1. Brian Mills (19)
2. Naomi Prasad (18)
3. (Equal) Roger Biggs, Selina Da Silva and Gary Wade (all 17).
6. Ruth Benzimra (15).

12. Affiliation To External Bodies.

It was agreed unanimously that the Club should rejoin England Athletics, the Association of Running Clubs and the ABAC. Tad confirmed the annual subscription for these bodies in the previous year as £50, £200 and nothing respectively.

13. The Cup

The original Cup donated by Brian Doherty was on display. Members who complete their 100th Marathon can have their name and home town/ city/ village engraved on the Cup/its plinth at their own expense.

14. The Malcolm Long Memorial Trophy

Roger explained that Brent Iddles had donated a trophy to the Club in memory of Malcolm Long, who completed 100 marathons many years before the Club had come into existence. Malcolm had tragically died at a relatively young age. The Trophy, last awarded in 1999, had only recently been unearthed and had been restored by Tad. Members would need to consider the criteria to be applied, and on the basis of those, who should be awarded the Trophy in future years but the Committee had decided the initial award should be made to Steve Edwards in recognition of his outstanding contribution to marathon running over a great number of years.

15. Photo of the Year

Roger announced the two winners of the Photo of the Year competition. The first photo celebrated the special relationship that had grown between the Club and Team 21 of the Downs Syndrome Association. This would be presented to Anita Kinle, who organises a number of events in Germany. John Dawson was especially commended for the work he had carried out with the young Downs Syndrome man, whom he had coached to become the first person with this condition to run a marathon. The meeting also wished to extend its good wishes to John in his comeback after his medical problems in recent times.

The second winner was Patsy Baker for the snap that captured the occasion of the year, when Patsy and her retinue completed her 100th Marathon in some style at North Devon.

16. Any Other Business.

Roger reminded people of the Club Challenge for members to run in at least 50 counties of the UK and Ireland. So far, 8 members had been awarded a certificate on completing the challenge. The Club hoped to extend this challenge to perhaps 75 counties.

Pam Storey announced that the Lingfield Ultrafest, planned for next July, had been postponed till 2012. However, Surrey Walking Club/Race Walkers Association were planning a 100-mile walking event on Saturday 2 July. This afforded the opportunity to fit in a marathon round Lingfield's 1.25 mile race circuit. Pam was looking into this possibility, though runners would need to set off very early in the morning, say 7.30am, so as not to interfere with the RWA event. A show of hands indicated that quite a number of members would be interested if the planned marathon went ahead. Pam will keep people posted on progress.

Peter Burns said that the German 100 Marathon Club was still interested in fostering a friendship link with our Club. Although, disappointingly, no member had joined him in taking up the German Club's offer to participate in their Kaltenkirchen run at the beginning of October, Peter was keen to have one more try at organising something. He was able to recommend the run that the Germans had organised in Kaltenkirchen, just North of Hamburg. Pam Storey suggested that people might be interested if the Germans were to come over to the UK. Peter agreed, but stressed that this also needed commitment to meet the foreign visitors and to attend either an eve of run pasta party or a post-run social. Peter would put forward a proposal for inclusion in one of Roger's weekly newsletters but if people showed no interest he would have to conclude that there was no interest and inform the Germans accordingly.

17. Closure of Meeting.

In closing the meeting at 3pm Roger thanked Dave King, Dick Griffin and Colin Poole for all their work in putting on a successful AGM Marathon.

Roger confirmed that Dave King would be collating the results, which would appear shortly in the weekly newsletter.

Peter Burns (100 Marathon Club Secretary)

PINS Awarded during 2010

300 Marathons/Ultras	Allan Green	28Nov10	Benidorm Marathon
200 Marathons/Ultras	Pauline Howes	30Oct10	Snowdonia Marathon
200 Marathons/Ultras	Bill Howes	30Oct10	Snowdonia Marathon
600 Marathons/Ultras	Roger Biggs	05Sep10	Kent Coastal Marathon
500 Marathons/Ultras	Andy Wilmot	30Aug10	Pathfinder ORM
400 Marathons/Ultras	Dave Lewis	30Aug10	Pathfinder ORM
400 Marathons/Ultras	Dave Major	27Jun10	Mont Blanc Marathon
200 Marathons/Ultras	Carol Paul	02May10	Hanover Marathon
400 Marathons/Ultras	Gilbert John	10Apr10	Crawley Track Marathon

In 2010, 19 existing members achieved full membership.

100's in 2010!

Bob Parmenter	10Oct10	Leicester Marathon
Adam Holland	10Oct10	Eden Project Marathon
Hillary Carter	19Sep10	Farnham Pilgrims Marathon
David Lewis	19Sep10	Green Chain 27 miles
David Bayley	12Sep10	Robin Hood Marathon
Les Pullen	05Sep10	Kent Coastal Marathon
Patsy Baker	27Jun10	North Devon Marathon
Peter Amos	18Jun10	Night of Flanders Marathon
Michael Haydon	07Jun10	Cork Marathon
Phillip Howells	30May10	Comrades Marathon
Irene Wilson	23May10	Edinburgh Marathon
Tonia Cook	08May10	Orpington Marafun
Tom Wilkie	18Apr10	Brighton Marathon
Anna Finn	03Apr10	Compton 40 miles
Lisa Barry	21Mar10	Cotswold Marathon
John McCullie	07Mar10	Barcelona Marathon
Steve Cooney	03Jan10	AGM Handicap Marathon
David Thompson	03Jan10	AGM Handicap Marathon
Allan Rumbles	01Jan10	Neujahrs Marathon (Zurich)