

Tuesday 26th February

TROTTERS AGM



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Many thanks to all those who attended our AGM held at the Recreational Trust in Newton Abbot on Tuesday night. For those of you that didn't make it, I hope the following info will be of interest to you.

This year, unlike last year, there were no proposals put forward. We did have quite a few unfilled non-committee positions that we were able to take nominations from the floor, more on that later.

We also had ten members standing for the vacant seven general member positions on the committee. Each member was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and explain why they wanted to be on the committee.

It was great that we had so many members wanting to stand, healthy competition is always a good thing to have. My thanks to everyone that put themselves forward.

There was a total of 32 possible votes, the results of which are on the right hand side.

General Members

Jacki Woon 31
Keith Anderson 30
Ryan Anthony 27
Stuart Moulson 27
Ruth Johnson 26
Suzie Mills 25
Jason Trevenen 25
Sue Tremlett 14
Lucy Evans 12
Alex Lyons 10

Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone and thank you for making the effort to be here tonight.

There are quite a few vacant non-committee posts that have remained unfilled; we will therefore accept nominations from the floor. On a more positive note, there are 10 members standing for the seven vacant positions of general members on the committee. You will get your chance to vote on all such matters shortly.

Our membership reached an all time high of 342 in September of last year. However, rather surprisingly, numbers didn't really increase on our training nights. What was noticeable was the popularity of Monday nights, often outstripping Wednesday's as far as numbers were concerned. At the back end of last year Mark Walker stood down as our coach coordinator and Karen O'Brien took over, doing what I believe to be one of the most important roles within the club. Mark did a fantastic job and was rightly recognised/rewarded at our recent presentation and awards night for his time in the hot seat. Thanks must also go to the wonderful team of coaches and leaders who do a sterling job throughout the year.

2018 was another very successful year for our races. The DD celebrated its 20th year by reverting back to its original distance of 34 miles. The race sold out within a week, such was the appeal to take on those extra couple of miles! The Haytor Heller didn't fair quite so well on the numbers front - it had its lowest entry since 2010. Having said that, it still had a very respectable total of 279 take part - So no need to panic Nige!

The Totnes 10K sold out again, something it's done each year since Roger Easterbrook took over as RD, can he make it a hat trick this year? The Ladies 10K had a new RD in the form of Tracey Jolly, and what a great job she did. The race had its best entry since 2011, with 236 ladies taking part. The Templer Ten also had a new RD in Chris McIntosh. Like Tracey he did a fantastic job in ensuring the race not only sold out by reaching its 300 limit, but was a great success as well.

Sadly both Tracey and Roger are standing down from their roles as RD after this year. We would love to find replacements to shadow them this year with the view to becoming the new RD in 2020. If that is something you might be interested in then please let me know.

My thanks as always to everyone who played a part in helping out at any of our five races last year.

Graydon did a great job ensuring the Club Championship was as smooth as ever. Not an easy task with so many races disappearing from the calendar. Talking of which, we were approached by the Rotary Club, who organised the Dartmoor Vale races, to see if we would be prepared to take over staging them. We did consider it, but decided staging our five races was enough! I do wonder how many actual road races will actually be left in five to ten year's time.

Last year our members had the chance to vote for a new design of club kit. 159 of you took part, with the winning design receiving 62% of the vote. This was the third time in our history that we've had a change of kit, although this time we have kept with the same colours as in our previous design. Jacki Woon has been instrumental in overseeing the change and spent many hours compiling orders, taking payments and then distributing. No easy task - believe me! As a small way of saying thank you, I would like call upon our President, Mark Becker, to present Jack with a very well earned bottle of bubbly.

Some notable achievements in 2018 was the fact we set two new club records for the most finishers in a marathon, with 26 crossing the line at the City2Sea. And 29 Trotters completed the DD making it the most to finish an ultra marathon. Another notable addition to our stats page on our website was Richard Keatley joining the ever growing number of Trotters to complete 100 marathons.

There were also a staggering 17 club records set last year. The majority of which were set by our ladies; Helen Anthony, Mandy Wheeler, Tracy Elphick and Jacki Woon. Many congratulations to all those that set a record.

There is one other person I would like to single out for particular praise and that is Eleanor Taylor. L does an amazing job updating our race diary with links to enter dozens of different races and follows that up with links to their results. As I have access to the analytics I can see how many hits that page gets. I can tell you it's by far the most popular page on our website. Last week alone it received 372 hits. On behalf of the club I would like to again call upon Mark to present L with a bottle of bubbly as a way of a small thank you for doing a big job.

For those of you that don't know, I am a director of the REC Trust. This allows me to attend committee meetings and be involved in various working parties. One of which is the redevelopment of the premises. Plans have been submitted to Teignbridge and we are awaiting their response. The redevelopment will be broken down into four stages, with the first stage being the much-needed construction of new changing rooms and redevelopment of the old ones. This will ensure we will always have access, regardless if there is a football match taking place. I have to say that if permission is granted and funds sought the REC in three to four years time will be one of the best sporting venues in the area.

Our Monday night away runs were a great success last year. They gave many of us the opportunity to run in places we never had before. The same can also be said for some of the pubs we visited afterwards. Thank you to those that organised those nights.

Before I sign off I would like to thank my fellow committee members. It is always a joy to work with you throughout the year. I know Emma is not standing again this year, so particular thanks go to her for her far to brief stint on our committee.

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It's a job very few of us would want - club kit manager! Especially when it comes to overseeing a new design. However, Jacki has taken it all in her stride and done an amazing job sorting everyone out with their new kit.

If you haven't ordered yours yet, my advise would be to do so ASAP as we have a limited amount of stock and once that's gone any future orders will probably be more expensive!

December 31st is the deadline for all members to transfer over to the new kit if they wish to take part in competitive races.

Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone and thanks for attending this year's Annual General Meeting. Over the past year, we have continued to be affiliated as a Club to both England Athletics and the Association of Running Clubs. All our races continue to be ARC permitted.

Committee meetings have had very good attendance, as you will have seen in the attendance record sent out with tonight's Agenda. This year there are ten members nominated for the seven general committee positions and I thank them for putting themselves forward. I can fully recommend a spell on the Committee; you'd be surprised at what gets discussed.

Our races were again successful and profitable throughout the last year with a substantial amount going to various charities.

At the end of last year there was another Race Directors Meeting. This meeting gives all our Race Directors and the Assistant Race Directors the opportunity to discuss any issues that may have arisen during our races and share good practices.

Last year, we were again granted one Club place for this year's London Marathon. The number of places allocated is based on how many registered England Athletics members the Club has, which at present, is about a third of the Club. The successful entrant in the draw for the 2019 place was Peter Blakesley but he has swapped places with Nathan Elphick, who was the lucky recipient of our place for 2020.

At the last Committee meeting we had 299 members. There is no cap on membership although this is sometimes reviewed and would be subject to the coaching team's ability to maintain a safe and workable schedule on training nights.

Kevin Besford organised a great Club Trip in 2018. It was very well attended - the coach was full! He's organising this year's trip to the Clyst Hydon Huff - if you haven't booked onto the trip yet, you can find more details in the latest edition of The Trotter.

Stuart Moulson organised Club Camp again this year. Having done a fantastic job in organising this event for a number of years, Stu has decided to stand down from the role. Thanks go to Stu for all his hard work.

As you know, this year's Club Camp is at Monkey Trees between Newquay and Perranporth and is being organised by Nigel and I. There is still time to book your pitch if you fancy coming along.

The end of year Presentation Evening was well attended and enjoyed by all; this year saw 150 tickets sold - a record number. It was held in January at The Passage House Hotel in Kingsteignton, another new venue for us. It was once again organised by a small team lead by Ryan Anthony; our thanks go to Ryan and his team. Details of 2019 Presentation Evening will follow later in the year.

Finally, I'd just like to say thank you to my fellow Officers and Committee members for their continued support during another year as Club Secretary.



James Saunders remains the club's Press and Publicity Officer. Please send all race reports to James at; j.saunders131@btinternet.com

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It's the envy of most running clubs, it gets more hits than any other page on our website, what is it? Our race diary page!

Eleanor does a fantastic job keeping us supplied with links to enter dozens of races, not only that but she follows it up with the links to the results as well.

More and more RD's are sending her details of their races such is the popularity of the page.

It's a wealth of information as it also stores results from previous years, a very useful tool if you want check out times from yesteryear.

Treasurer's Report

Good evening everyone. This is my 21st Treasurers report, with my first being back in 1999. That report showed a balance of funds at the end of 1998 of £3328. That's an amazing increase of £48308 over those 21 years, an average per year of £2300, with the last 10 years showing an increase of £32972, an average of £3297 per year.

Those of you who attended the last two AGM's will remember that our annual profit/loss has varied greatly due to membership years and race entry fees etc. I am afraid that, as you can see from the balance sheet, we have another similar year with the DD showing a loss for the year 2018 (NOT a race profit loss), and a large increase in Kit expenditure. However, you can see from the balance sheet that last year's profit was very much the same as the average over the last 10 years.

We now have £25600 invested in Premium Bonds, showing an approx profit over the year of 1.3%, compared to an approx profit of 0.1% on our £15000 in savings account. Profits are approx due to the transfer of funds during the year.

As always the accounts are presented to show the performance of our races and our charity donations which last year amounted to £3196 (shown in the expenditure column, but not included in the total as these donations are already included in their relevant race or in miscellaneous).

The balance sheet shows the race profits for the years 2017 and 2018, which could include transactions from the previous or next year, and to the right the actual profit the race made. You can see from these figures that the last two years are very similar, at £15316 and £15629. (2016 was £10995).

Over the last two years our annual presentation evening cost the club £767 for the winter of 2017/18 and £1178 for the winter of 2018/19.

Regarding the finer details of income and expenditure:

1. Kit Expenditure is well up, due to the purchase of new club kit.
2. Social differences are due almost entirely to the personation and awards nights dates.
3. Trotter expenditure is down, due to reduced printing costs and number of editions.

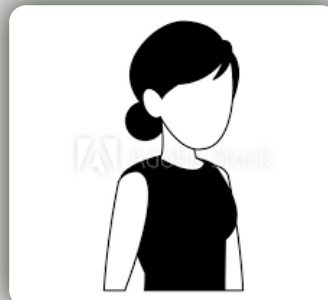
The club kit in stock at the end of 2018 was valued at £6673, this is about £4000 more than the last three years and is due to the new club kit.

My usual thanks to all our Race Directors for their hard work and enthusiasm, and along with this a big thank-you for the willing support of all the Trotters who help. Finally, a thank-you to the officers and committee for their support during the last 12 months, and to wish the club and all its members every success in 2019.

If there are any questions I will be more than happy to answer them, after which I would like to propose that membership to Teignbridge Trotters, from 1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020 remain as for 2018-2019, subject of course, to no change from the Newton Abbot Recreational Trust (NART).



Lance 'Skippy' Mason continues in his role as Men's Captain, a position he's held since 2015.



The position of Ladies Captain remains vacant!
Please speak to me if interested.



Mr President

What a wonderful ambassador Mark has been during his three years as Club President.

He's worn his chain of office with pride at many of the presentations that he's been asked to attend (pictured to the left, is Mark presenting DD legend, Graham Baker with his 1st MV65 trophy).

Mark, for those that don't know, was the Trotters club secretary from 2007 to 2016. I had the pleasure of working alongside Mark during that time and witnessed first hand his dedication to the role.

On behalf of everyone at the club, thank you Mark for your three years as club president.

Non committee posts



Wendy Goldthorp continues in her three roles;

1. Cross Country Captain
2. Welfare Officer
3. Child Protection Officer



Tina Caunter becomes the Trotters ninth Club President.

Dave Rowe 1994 - 1997 ~ John Scott 1997 - 1998
 Maurice Piper 1998 - 2004 ~ Dave Foster 2004 - 2007
 Reg Tole 2007 - 2010 ~ Buzz Terrill 2010 - 2013
 Jose Waller 2013 - 2016 ~ Mark Becker 2016 - 2019
 Tina Caunter 2019 - 2022