

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2020

TROTTERS AGM

Your 2020/21 Committee Officers



General Committee Members:

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, we hope the special AGM edition of The Trotter will be of interest to you.

This year there were two proposals put forward and just one unfilled, non-Committee post: more on that later.

Keith Anderson

Ruth Johnson

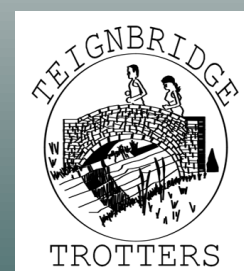
Jacki Woon

Suzie Mills

Ryan Anthony

Stuart Moulson

Gary Brooking



Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Trotters 2020 AGM.

As you can see from the agenda there are two proposals put forward and a vacant men's captain position. There were nine members standing for the seven vacant general member positions on the committee, but sadly both Laura and Jason have withdrawn. To have so few wishing to stand is a big disappointment when you consider we have over 300 members! You'll be able to vote on the proposals later and hopefully elect a men's captain from the floor.

We managed to beat our previous club record of 342 members, but only just, increasing it to 344 back in September of last year.

Kevin Besford does a great job throughout the year as our Membership Secretary. I'm sure it won't have escaped your notice that Kev hasn't been running for sometime now and yet he still turns up on a Monday and Wednesday night to greet new members or welcome runners turning up for the first time.

That sort of dedication is very much appreciated by myself and I would like to ask Tina, our Club President to present Kevin with a gift as a small way of saying a big thank you.



2019 saw the DD, Totnes 10K and the Sibelco Templer Ten all sell out before race day. The Ladies 10K had its highest number of entrants since 2009. The only slight disappointment was the Haytor Heller, which was slightly down on entries compared with the previous year.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at any or in some cases, all of our races. Without your support the club would not function as it does. Particular thanks to my fellow RD's and their race teams. The revenue created from our races enables us to keep our subs as low as they are. If you consider the Rec charge each member of our club £32, then there are our affiliation fees, coaching courses and the many other overheads that we have, you can see the importance of our race income.

Last year I was successful in securing a sponsorship deal with Sibelco. The Trotters benefited to the tune of £2,500. Plus £500 to a charity of Sibelco's choice. This enabled us to print 2000 flyers and to purchase a large banner, all for the good of promoting our races. I'm delighted to confirm that Sibelco have agreed to the same sponsorship deal for this year.

I sit on the board of directors for the Newton Abbot Recreational Trust. We have been working on Project Big Build - a four stage development of the Rec. The first stage being the new changing rooms. This has taken longer than I had hoped, however, it seems that we are finally ready to submit our planning application to Teignbridge District Council. Due to my new formed connections with Newton Abbot Spurs, we have been able to use the changing rooms considerably more than in the past, which when you consider the weather we've been having recently is quite a blessing!

2019 saw the introduction of our new club kit. It was the clear winner when members voted on a choice of designs. Although we experienced teething problems with our first couple of orders, I'm happy to report that all is now well. A huge thank you to Jacki Woon for all her time and effort as our club kit coordinator.



Talking of coordinators; Karen O'Brien deserves a special mention for her time as our coach coordinator.

No easy task sorting out availability of coaches/leaders and then organising the many different sessions we have on offer. Being able to offer something for everyone is something as a club we should be very proud of, thanks in large to Karen and her wonderful team.

Many congratulations to those that set the eleven new club records last year. Also to Garry Smart and Jacki Woon for defending their titles as club champions. Eleanor Taylor was the worthy winner of the Committee Cup and Nathan 'Lovely' Elphick scooped Dennis's Cup as our coach/leader of the year.

The presentation and awards night was held at Teignmouth Golf Club. Keith Anderson was the compare, as he has been the previous two years. Sadly, Keith has decided to stand down from the role. On behalf of the club I would like to say a big thank you to him for his fine efforts during those three years.

It was sadly all a bit quiet on the social front. If you have an idea for this year, run it by Ruth, our social secretary, as it would be great to get a big Trotter gathering. That said, the away trip to Valencia was a great success. If only the Horses's Arse award was still going strong - hey Tweeds! Talking of socialising, if you didn't stay for food after training on a Wednesday night last year then why not give it a go this year. There is always a choice of six or so meals to choose from and at £6 a head it really is excellent value.

Well that's me done for another year. I shall now hand you over to our Secretary.

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 good attendance, as you will have seen in the attendance record sent out with tonight's Agenda.

Our races were again successful and profitable last year with a substantial amount going to various charities, including CLIC, the charity chosen by our main race sponsor, Sibelco.

In November we held 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. This was the first year for Bob Small who has taken on the role for the Totnes 10K.

As in previous year's, we were granted one Club place for this year's London Marathon. As always, the number of places allocated is based on how many registered England Athletics members the Club has, which at present, is about a quarter of the Club. Peter Blakesley is the lucky recipient of our place for 2020 as he swapped places with Nathan, who took the place in 2019.

As Roger mentioned, if the Club continues to receive a place for London, those members who have 6 marshal points in the year will be eligible to be entered into a draw to win the place; this draw will take place at December's Committee meeting.

At the last Committee meeting we had 296 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 2019. It was very well attended - the coach was full! He's organising this year's trip to the Stockland Scamper in September - if you haven't booked onto the trip yet, you can find more details on the event set up on Facebook or from Kevin.

Club Camp 2019 was at Monkey Trees between Newquay and Perranporth in Cornwall. Although the weather was a little hit and miss, all those that camped seemed to enjoy themselves. This year's Club Camp will be on 12th/13th June at Watermouth Cove Holiday Park near Ifracombe. So far, we have 20 pitches booked in; there's still time to book your pitch if you want to come along, just speak to Nigel or myself.

The end of year Presentation Evening was held at Teignmouth Golf Club; thanks to all those who attended and congratulations to all those who took home a trophy. The Presentation Evening for 2020 will be held at Newton Abbot Racecourse on Saturday 16th January 2021; more details will follow later in the year.

As always, I'd like to thank my fellow Officers and Committee members for their continued support during my fourth year as Club Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Good evening everyone. This year I am not going to spend a lot of time filling your heads with figures. As you can all see from the statement of accounts the club continues to grow and at the end of 2019 we had almost £65k in our three accounts.

As always the accounts are presented to show the performance of our races and our charity donations which last year amounted to £3784 (shown in the expenditure column, but not included in the total as these donations are already included elsewhere).

The balance sheet shows the race profits for the years 2018 and 2019, which could include transactions from the previous or next year, and on the 2nd page the actual profit the race made.

The only thing I want to mention with income and expenditure, is that I have broken down our subscriptions to show Club subs, Subs to EA and the NADRT subs, this then affects the expenditure figures from 2018 (which included Subs to EA).

The club kit in stock at the end of 2019 was valued at £3,380.

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 2020.

Having kept my report shorter than usual, and you have had a chance to look at the figures, I will now answer any questions you may have, after which I would like to propose that membership to Teignbridge Trotters, from 1 Oct 2020 to 30 Sep 2021 remain as for 2019-2020, subject of course, to no change from the Newton Abbot Recreational Trust (NADRT).

John Caunter

Non Committee posts



Ruth Johnson continues in her role as Social Secretary.

Contact Ruth if you have any ideas for a social event;

radnorterrace1@hotmail.com

....and **Wendy Goldthorp** continues in her three roles:

1. Cross Country Captain

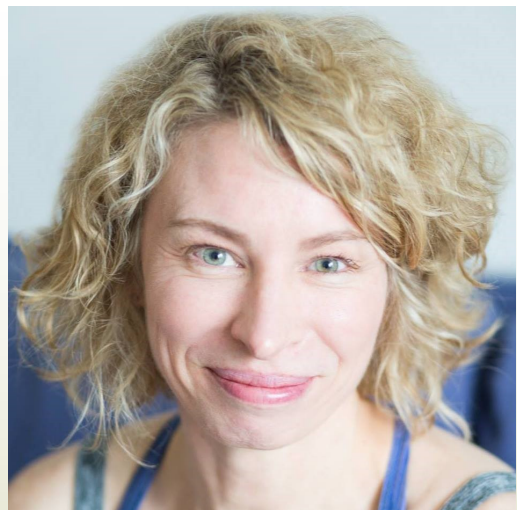
crosscountrycaptain@teignbridgetrotters.co.uk

2. Welfare Officer

welfare@teignbridgetrotters.co.uk

3. Child Protection Officer

childprotection@teignbridgetrotters.co.uk



We have a new Men's Captain...

...it's Andrew 'Foxy' Fox. Here he tells us a little bit about himself and why he's looking forward to his new role.

Happy, thoughtful, trier, mad and passionate would be the five words that best describe me!

I'm 46 years old and married to Diane (25 years this year!!). We have three children: Cameron, Cobi and Myla. During the day I'm a Golf Professional at Bovey Tracey Golf Centre; I've been a professional since the age of 16.

Athletics has always been my first love and always will be. I was a sprinter and triple jumper at school. My claim to fame; I was never beaten in the 100 metres at school. My best time was 11.22 seconds. So, running has always been in my blood, albeit short distance. Shin splints in my early running days meant that I could no longer run at the level I wanted to and so I took up golf! Not being able to run hurt me mentally; the only time I get emotional is when I see a runner win an Olympic Gold Medal! I wanted one!

Golf was a hobby at first, and then a career. I'm very passionate about teaching golf. I believe in people and love the challenge of making a positive change to a golfer's game.

In November 2011, with the big '40' fast approaching, and the wonderful surprise that our third child was on the way, I started running again and was hooked. The endorphins kicked in and it wasn't long before I saw my 38-inch waist reducing! I felt great.



Foxy after at the Haytor Heller

As I improved as a runner, I knew I needed to get involved with a running club but never really knew how to go about it, or which one to choose. I stepped Gary 'Watsa' Watson! When I moved to Bovey Golf Centre four years ago, I met several, very friendly, people who were runners and talked about the Teignbridge Trotters. It was around that time that Gary approached me in between golf lessons and asked if I was the Golf Professional. He said 'Please can you help me. I'm going on a stag do and we'll be playing golf; I can't hit a golf ball!'

Luckily, my lesson was running 10 minutes late and so in that time I helped him to hit the ball properly (almost!). Conversation started and I ended up exchanging golf lessons for running lessons with Gary. He suggested I come along to the trotters on a Wednesday night. I did and haven't looked back since! Choosing to be a member of the Trotters was a no brainer! One massive running family; no egos, just fun and encouragement to help you get to the level you want to be.

It came as a total shock when it was suggested that I put my name forward for the position of Men's Captain. It's not something I'd thought about before as I've only been a Trotter for a few years.

I thought about it and decided it was something that I'd love to do. Being the Men's Captain of such a supportive running club, with such wonderful people, would be an honour, I can tell you! I put my name forward to Roger and awaited the result of the AGM vote. The following morning, I woke up to 'Hello Mr Captain' from our Chairman! I felt very, very proud and now the journey begins!

Our out-going Captain, Lance, has done a fantastic job and I would like to thank him personally for what he has done for the club in the past few years. I hope I can follow in his foot-steps. Lance has always been great at encouraging and pushing me to improve my running. I'd also like to thank Gary Watson for giving me the time and encouragement and for introducing me to the Trotters!

I will bring my enthusiasm and positive attitude to the role of Men's Captain. I'm here to listen, help and encourage, to race, to have fun (and maybe a drink or two!)
I hope to make you all smile and cry – with laughter that is!

Together with our Ladies Captain, Lucy Evans, I think we'll make a right old pair!

Here's to 2020. Come you Trotters, ON ON!



Lucy Evans was voted in for her second year as our Ladies Captain.

James Saunders was voted in as our Press & Publicity Officer once again; this will be James' third year in the role and what a fantastic job he does too!

Remember to send your race reports to James at j.saunders131@btinternet.com



Have you got a story you want to share for the next edition of The Trotter?

Email: mag@teignbridgetrotters.co.uk