

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Derwent AC (Cockermouth) - 8/12/10

Present

Tony Davis(Secretary), John Barker(Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Philip Cueto (Social Secretary), Andy Adams(Coach), Kirsty Murdoch (Club Team Captain), Howard Seal, Anna Blackburn.

1. Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

2. Race Report

It was reported that the Club held four road races in 2010. The Isel Cross (37 runners), the Lambfoot Loop (72 Runners), Hay-O trail (62 runners) and the Cumberland Ale 10 (79 runners). Total of 250 runners compared to 174 in 2009 186 in 2008 and 146 in 2007)

The Isel Cross was five entries up (37/32). Was sponsored by Up & Running who provided prizes and gels plus money off promotion vouchers for all finishers. These were in addition to the Easter Eggs that the club provided.

The Lambfoot loop 10k, this is the first time we have ran this race as at 10k although it follows the route of the old Hilly 10K. It was re-measured as the certificate was out of date and we moved the start and finish lines to avoid crossing the coach bay entrance. We had 72 competitors, 28 entries more than last years 44. Lambfoot Loop pens were given out along with Blood Donor car sticker (as requested by the Blood Donor service). Once again Up and Running provided lots of prizes.

The Hay-O trail was also up in numbers from 37 to 62
Once again this was sponsored by Goodfellows who donated all the Prizes and goody bags.

The Cumberland Ale Ten was up from 61 to 79.

It was sponsored by Jennings who donated some Cumberland Ale and provided the rest at a reduced price. Up & Running provided prizes for the race.

We did not have a tail car this year, instead our first aiders followed on push bikes. A lead car lead the race to and from Isel Bridge, a lead cyclist lead around the loop.

Broughton Scouts manned the water station and marshalled the far end of the course. They have received a cheque for £100 pounds plus a crate of beer for the adults/parents who helped them. We have discuss giving them an extra Donation as they were already book to help with something else but agreed to help us as well.

The Club Grand Prix entries were slightly up again this year, competitors who completed the required races to finish the Grand Prix were up from 10 to 11 men and from 3 to 4 women (6 and 2 in 2008). Five people entered the full Grand Prix at the reduced price (2 in 2009). It was pointed out that the Grand Prix is quite expensive to run as we spend a lot on the prizes and as the intention is to encourage people to enter more of our races we should think about whether it is worth continuing with because of the low numbers. It was decided that the situation should be monitored but as the club is not loosing money we should continue with the Grand Prix for another year.

Derwent AC also hosted a Cumbrian Cross country series race. We ran an anticlockwise circuit this year with an amended route. Additional markers were purchased some a different coloured to mark right-hand turns. We probably need to provide a map of the course.

3. 2011 Club Races and Dates

Using the usual formula the 2011 race dates will be

Isel Cross	Sat 23 rd April (Easter Saturday)
Lambfoot Loop	Tue 24 th May (4 th Tuesday in May)
Hay-O Trail	Tue 5 th July (1 st Tuesday in July)
The Cumberland Ale 10	Sun 11 th Sept (2 nd Sunday in September)

It was agreed that the club should try to get sponsors onboard for the 2011 races and that we would advertise our races by leaflet cars at other races. Howard seal agreed to produce a leaflet will all the race dates on plus an entry form on the back.

The issue of marshals and helpers was raised and it was decided that a list of what/who is required will be put up in the club house and every one be asked to sign up for something if they can. Tony will provide an initial list.

4. Treasurers Report

Available on request from Tony Davis at enquires@derwentac.com

5. Membership Fees

UKA fees are not expected to increase this year so Membership fees will remain unchanged as detailed at the last AGM. To help with admin we will start collecting fees in January with the aim of having all fees collected in time to register all current members on the 1st of April. Any one who has not paid by that time will not be registered until just before the UKA cut off date which is believed to be the end of June. This means that those members will not receive their membership cards until after June. While fees are being collected we will also collect up to date contact details.

6. London Marathon Place

As a UKA affiliated club Derwent AC receives one entry for the Virgin London Marathon. Two members, Andrew Baron and Andrew Nelson, who had applied and been rejected had requested the place. A coin was tossed and Andrew Nelson was awarded the place.

Because of the change in the registration process it was decided to change the way the club awards its place. In future anyone who wants the club place will have to register their interest around the time that the ballot entries close.

7. Club Championship

The 2011 championship will be based on selected races. An email will be sent out asking club members to nominate races.

8. Hairy Haggis Relay Team

An email will be sent to gauge interest. The club will enter more than one team if enough members are interested.

9. Election / Re-election of Club Officials

No nominations or resignations were received.
All club officials were re-elected.

10. Club House - Volunteers

It has been decided to have a club maintenance day/weekend. Members will be asked to help cleaning, decorating, repair work.

11. Any Other Business

Thank you Christmas cards are to be sent to race sponsor, Jennings, Up & Running and Goodfellow & sons, asking them to sponsor races again in 2011.

The club would also give a bottle to the farmer as a thank you for allowing the use of his fields for the Hay-O trail and the Cross Country.

An additional donation of £25 would be made to the 1st Great Broughton Scouts as they had agreed to marshal the Cumberland Ale even though they were committed to another event.

It was suggested that the Club contacts Liz Hunter with regard to obtaining a reduced rate for Club members.

It was also suggested shields or the like should be awarded to the winners of the club championships with space for a few years names to be engraved, this would give the winners something to show for their achievements and create a bit of history for the club.

Andy Adams was thanked for providing our Tuesday night coaching session.

Anna Blackburn thanked club members for making her welcome.