

Minutes for Datchet Dashers AGM – Thursday 16th November 2017

19:30 Meeting Started

Attendees: 41

1. Welcome from the Chairman / Chairman's report: Nina Smith – see attached.
2. Apologies: Tom Durance, Elaine Durance, Gillian Richards, Alison Jessop, Chris Bradfield, Helen Bolt, Rob Macmillan, Ronald Davies, Janet Smith, Zena Philips, Yvonne Olney, Barbara Cartwright, Ann Chandler, Alyson and David McShane, Alison Allan, Louise Flisher
3. Matters arising from 2016 Minutes: None
4. Treasurers Report: Carl Dawson
Key points:
Dash in the Dark – made a profit of £1317
Rent – Significant increase in the year following a sustained period of no increases. An annual 2% increase has been agreed with the Cricket Club for the next 5 years.
Sundries – Biggest investment across the year has been on the new shed along with purchasing a Gazebo and Timing Clock.
Website – There will be an ongoing website cost and going forward we'll see an increase in payment processing fees as we use the club website for subscriptions, events and social.
5. Ladies Captain Report: Sarah Hurcomb
6. Mens Captain Report: Rob Foster
7. Election of New Committee:

Chair	Bryony Trafford-Smith
Secretary	Jo Webster
Treasurer	Carl Dawson
Mens Captain	Sean Paynter
Ladies Captain	Sarah Hurcomb/Zen Philips (sharing role)
Membership Sec	Catherine Hutt
Fixtures Sec	Susannah Cleary – Cross Country Claire Boyles – 5k series
Social Sec	Susannah Cleary
Publicity Officer	Stephanie Muzzall
Website Administrator	Emma Tyler

Motion carried by show of hands at AGM

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1. **Entering other XC Leagues:** Stephanie spoke about this and suggested that it is not a good idea. In the Southern League women and men run in different locations and different distances. They are always on Saturdays. This may cause a clash if we have a XC race on the Sunday. It was agreed that individuals can enter but we would not as a club.

2. **Club results to be on the website:** Some people do not want their results to be published on the website, David Priddy was asked if it would be possible to upload the stats but exclude those who opt out. **This to be investigated with new committee with regard to data protection.**
3. **Monday's track sessions:** Was felt that it is not viable to fund these sessions from club funds. Paul Ashby said that he had just paid an annual fee of £137. It was agreed that the Club would fund Paul Ashby's annual fee to thank him for the work he does in putting on the Monday sessions.
4. **Donating Dash profits to Charity:** Carl informed the club that he believed that if the club donated money to charity we would need to look at the structure and tax position of the club. Tony Curtin said that Reading/Burnham do support charities and Datchet should contact those clubs to see how they dealt with the situation. **Bryony will investigate – she will report to the Committee.**
5. **Emailing contents of the pre-run brief on Tuesdays/Thursdays to the Club:** It was felt that this was not necessary and causes work for the committee – there is not always something to report. Committee was concerned that an overload of emails to members may result in emails not being read. Stephanie suggested in her new role that she investigate sending a 'club roundup' email monthly – **to be discussed by the new committee.**
6. **Avoiding school holidays for Club Champs events and/or reducing the number back to 7:** There were 14 club champ races over the year and members only had to enter 8. It is difficult to avoid school holidays as we are tied by the calendar of the races set by other clubs. The next club champ races are Handy Cross, Cliveden and Wokingham. The number of races will not be reduced. There are a few races that can be scheduled in term time and the Committee will bear this in mind when scheduling the club championship races. **The 2017 club championship races will be chosen by the new committee shortly.**
7. **Having a coached session on the Thursday of time trial week:** Jonathan Holland said that he thought the last time trial session with pacers was a great success and suggested that this continue, this would become a 'coached session'. David Ross suggested that a monthly circuits session was included. Discussions were had around moving the time trial to Thursdays but it was agreed to keep it to Tuesdays.
8. **Club PAYG phone for tail runners:** It was voted that this was necessary. Tony Warf said he would source a phone as he works for O2. The phone will have all committee members contact details programmed in.
9. **Defibrillator:** Jez Allsop suggested that the defibrillator is always taken on the Tuesday night training sessions. Nina stressed the value of this equipment and the importance of ensuring that it was kept in a safe place and never out of sight.
10. **Subs for next year:** No increases in membership fees as it was raised by £2 last year. £30 for renewals and £35 for new members. The EA increased their fee but the club is absorbing that increase.

11. **Club Kit:** Ian Spencer asked why the club kit had been changed. Carl explained that it was for uniformity as so many individuals have had their own shirts printed. A new supplier has been chosen for the t-shirts and vests as Blade have been, on occasion, unable to provide the shirts with the red flash at the side and there have been complaints that the shirts (especially the ladies shirts) are too small/short. We felt it was a good time to have a new design. Because of this kit change the committee made the decision to give every existing member a choice of either a t-shirt or vest to ensure that all members are wearing the new shirt at club championships. Members should wear the new kit in any club championship event to score points in the championship. The Club will hold stock of club kit and members will be able to buy from the club, who will reorder as necessary. Two people thanked the committee for the decision to give one free shirt to every member.

12. It was suggested that the outgoing chairman had their membership fees waived. This was agreed by the members.

The club thanked Nina for all her work and dedication as chairman for the past 2 years and her work on the committee for the past 6 years.

Meeting ended 21:10