



Sparkhill Harriers Committee Meeting/AGM 2020

In the current situation it is not possible to hold the Sparkhill Harriers Annual General Meeting in our usual way. Following consultation with the club members, the preferred option for holding this year's AGM was for the committee to hold a "special" meeting to include the items of business that are usually covered at the AGM.

This meeting took place via Zoom on Monday 28 September 2020 and the following members attended: Charles and Ella Fentiman, Stuart Minchin, Jenny Price, Mick Edwards, Pete Reeves, Hilary Mann and Rob Mills. Apologies received from Liz Ratcliffe.

The main updates are as follows:

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Pete stated that he is currently completing the end-of-year accounts. The club has £3,565 in its current account and £6,316 in its deposit account. Owing to the lack of any activity post-March, there hasn't been any significant financial movement, although Peter has applied for and the club received a rates refund of £1,300.

Secretary's Report

Rob stated that following our last committee meeting he had three responses to the committee proposals around AGM and membership fees for 2020/2021: all in agreement. He also spoke to approximately 20 members at training last week and all agreed with proposals.

Membership Secretary's Report

Hilary stated that membership figures throughout the year had been steady although junior member numbers had seen some reduction. The committee agreed that it was difficult to meaningfully assess the situation given that the club (until very recently) had not met since March. It was agreed that retention of all existing members was a priority for the club.

100 Club and Tote

Mick stated that there have been no Club Tote draws since March and the committee recognised that the situation was similar for Gavin and the 100 Club. Mick intends to restart the Tote when club fully resumes training. Pete agreed to make contact with Gavin about the 100 Club.

Annual subscriptions 2020-2021

The committee discussed the level of subscriptions and agreed that the priority was to retain members given the ongoing difficulties with lack of training and lack of competition. It was unanimously agreed that for existing, paid-up senior members membership will be free for 2020/2021, with membership carrying over in line with the previous category (Standard/Gold). For junior members, membership for 2020/2021 will be free, with the £1 track session fee continuing when training resumes. For new senior members the fee for 2020/2021 will be £25 to cover the cost of EA membership and a club vest. Pete confirmed that the current financial position of the club would be able to support this decision.

Election of Officers, Committee Members, Supplementary & Additional Posts

All current committee members and office holders have indicated their willingness to remain in post pending the removal of the current restrictions which are preventing the club holding its AGM.

If there are any questions or comments, or if any member requires further information please contact the Club Secretary (Rob Mills). The committee is next due to meet on Monday 9 November 2020.