

South Molton Strugglers AGM 18th November 2020

Apologies: Julie Colman, Karen Bowden and Abi Hanafin

Present via Zoom: Tony Collyer, Samantha Parkhouse, Richard Connett, Sarah Smith, Jo Bradley, Lisa Adamson, Andrew Jones, James Henderson, Chris Simpson, Amanda Adams, Caroline Shapland, Paul Cooke, Dan Bashford, Catherine Whitehill, Mike Clark, Jon Hibberd, Phil Rycroft, Sue Carter, Scott Howes and Ted Townsend.

Approval of last years minutes.

Chairmans report:

Maybe it would be better to look forward to 2021 than back, but I think the events of this last year showed what we can achieve when the unexpected happens; we pick ourselves up and keep running. Thanks go to all those who kept the show on the road through bakeoffs and saladoffs, virtual relays and when we could, some great running groups. Well done to the organisers, coaches and run leaders and to all of you who participated.

It may seem a long time ago but don't forget that over the last year we also enjoyed our Christmas social events, a successful Corker and ran a very well received couch to 5k programme.

As you may have seen, Andrew Jones, Richard Connett and Sue Carter are stepping down from the Committee. All have given their expertise and support for a considerable time and we will miss them enormously. I am pleased that Ted Townsend has offered to take over Andrew's role as Treasurer and Membership Secretary and James Henderson and Phil Rycroft have also offered to join the Committee. We will deal with the formal election of officers later in the meeting.

Finances

The accounts are available on the website. We currently have 109 paid up members and I am delighted that we have had 12 new members since August. Our regular income from subscriptions just covered our expenses and we made a surplus of £1,700 from the Corker. We donated £2,000 to the North Devon Hospice during the year and that leaves reserves of just of £10,000.

I now pass over to Horse and Lisa, the men's and women's captains to say a little more on the various running achievements during the year.

Lisa Adamson: Recognising some great achievements, lots of trail events, Jo Sleep for the Exmoor Coast 50, Jo Bradley for her Ultra, Catherine Whitehill and Nelson for their Cani-cross events, Bridget Smith, Jillian Widlake, Shelley Handford and Lindsay Pearce for the Virtual London Marathon.

Great to see the beginners still running and so many runners in general.

Paul Cooke: Great Achievements by Paul Morgan in the Braunton 10k, Matt Tapp in the Arlington Court Canter, Neil Brown took part in the London Vitality Half Marathon and Steve Abel came 2nd in the Langdale Marathon.

We had both men's and ladies teams in the Westward league for Cross Country which we did well in and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Approval of Accounts: Proposed by Richard Connett and seconded by Ted Townsend. Approved

Membership to stay at £12 for the coming year: Proposed by Tony Collyer, seconded by Paul Cooke. Approved

Election of Committee:

Chairman – Tony Collyer

Secretary – Samantha Parkhouse

Treasurer and Membership – Ted Townsend

Social and Covid-19 – James Henderson

Events and Races – Phil Rycroft

Ladies Captain – Lisa Adamson

Mens Captain – Paul Cooke

Coaching- Chris Simpson

Committee proposed by Andrew Jones and seconded by Sarah Smith. Approved

Non-committee election:

Ladies Vice Captain – Jo Bradley

Men's Vice Captain - TBC

A.O.B

James Henderson – first announcement since taking on the role of director of the Castle Hill Corker is to cancel the event due to Covid-19. Castle Hill will speak to the owners of the estate to find out the possibility of being able to hold the event later in the year.

Paul Cooke- No Grand Prix awards this year, we will roll over to 2021.

Close of meeting at 8:25pm.