**Minutes of The Eton Manor AC Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 10th November 2022 - 7:00 The Pavilion Jubilee Park

Attendees: Catherine Scrivens, Christina Long, Claude Gierl, Dave Daugirda, David Cato, Dylan Williams, Eleanor George, Gail Hennessey, Geoff Nicholls, George Fernandez, Jane Rukin-White, Janine Durrant, Jenny Heymann, John Black, John Few, Jonathan Leith, Kathy Webb, Keving Whitlock, Lance Tabraham, Lee Milne, Louise Vacher, Mala Singh, Mariann Dosa, Mary Magee, Maud Hodson, Paul Boddey, Paul Manson, Pippa Dowswell, Quentin Grieu, Rachel Brittle, Ray Hampford, Richard Parr, Richard Seddon, Rob Sommerville, Russ Jones, Sarah Carey, Simon Cottle, Sue Unsworth Tom Ward, Tom Everitt, Joan Everitt

Apologies: Stephanie Rashbrook, Graham Rukin-White Louise Taylor. Joanne Joseph

1. **Chair’s Introduction to the Meeting [Chair]**

The chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. **Ratification of Previous Minutes [Nov 2021] [Chair]**

Minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated was agreed upon.

1. **Secretary’s Message [Secretary]**

The departing Club Secretary – Richard Parr addressed the gathering in a speech broken into areas:

**Digitising** the club had been transformative. SPOND, Online banking, new website & Instagram. *‘We are modern and I am happy about it’*. The Secretary went on to thank individual members for their work on setting up and maintaining the various technical updates; Paul Boddey, Janine Durrant, Dylan Williams, Jane Rukin-White, Stephainie Rashbrook & Hayley Dalton.

**Leadership of Sessions** The secretary paid tribute to the work done by Steve Dunn in the past. He talked of the hard work to rewrite the training programme. Thanks [and applause] were given to those who had stepped up to take the responsibility as run leaders.

**New Members** People have joined and stayed. This is down to everyone at the club. *‘We just seem to attract the right people’*. There is decency, empathy and kindness. This is engrained in Eton Manor. We are more diverse in age and gender. We embrace racial and cultural diversity, though there could be more done still. ‘*We are gayer than ever!’* We don’t see disability as a barrier. This of this just happens because of the values of the club. We have 150 members. Thanks given to Mala Singh [applause]

**Racing** Eton Manor is *‘Winning Shit’* in the ELVIS and MET League. Tribute paid to the Race Captains for being inspirational and incredible. Tribute was paid to Paul Boddey for his vision and leadership in getting us to join the Met League and then having such a successful first year. We will need to step up at some point to support many of the races as those organising many of them are quite elderly. We don’t see ambition as a dirty word. Richard thanked Hayley Dalton for her faultless administration of race entries [applause] and everyone who had trained and participated over the past year [applause]

**What will happen next?** Encourage yourself to step up and be part of the management of the club. How do you want the club to look in the future? The club will be shaped by those who step up. Hosting more races, Club Trips, New Leagues, Charitable Status, New leaders and Coaches, Active promotion of the club…a new club house? None of these are beyond the ambition of the club. The Club is invigorated with a full Trophy Cabinet in its 110th Year. *‘I will be watching from afar’.*

The departing club secretary’s message was greeting by applause and a gift from members presented by Mala Singh.

1. **Members Reports:**

**Welfare [Club Welfare Officers]**

Christina Long explained the role of the Welfare Officers, how members could reach out to them in person or via the specific email. She explained that they are there for running or non-running matters. Both Welfare Officers had attended ‘time to listen’ training. Christina stressed that if there is a concern over a child to let her or Richard know immediately. Richard Seddon explained the role of the newly introduced ‘Run Buddies’ and thanked Christina *‘you’ve been amazing’*.

**Youth Team [Youth Section Coach]**

George Fernendez read out the report from Trevor East highlighting many of the Youth Team successes.

**Membership [Membership Secretary]**

Mala Singh reported that membership was good and the club just missed the second marathon place.

**Finance – Confirmation of Accounts [Treasurer]**

Paul Manson referred to the reports already handed out to members. The club has about £20,000 in the bank and made a loss last mostly due to the financing of the post-covid Christmas Party. The club had been gifted £2000 from The Eton Manor Association.

**Captains’ Reports**

**Jane Rukin-White** The club has come far with both training and racing. Jane showed the members the array of trophies on display. Marathon times have been good, a testament to how hard everyone has been working. A really proud moment. Jane went on to list the significant wins this past year:

* Women win @ Met league & Women Met league vets win
* Men promotion @ Met league
* ELVIS women win
* Elvis men win
* Jenny 1st female, Lee v40 win Elvis
* Simon’s second male Elvis
* Chingford league men and women teams 3rd overall; vets men and women teams 1st & 2nd
* Jenny 1st v40, Gaz and James 1 & 2nd v40,
* National xc, southern xc, Essex xc
* Culmination of summer GP table
* Women: Lee - same points as Jenny but won on races run
* Men: Paul B

**Paul Boddey** Anniversaries are funny. Have been in the club for 10 years and 7 years as Captain. We have had great runners in the past; Tomas, Alex and Flanners. This year has been so rewarding. **Tom [Club President] I hope you are proud!** Paul Boddey went on to present the Captains’ award to Richard Seddon to great applause. New special T-shirts to be available subsidised by money given by the EM Association.

1. Nomination and Confirmation of Club Committee & Management Team:

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| Non-Voting Positions |
| Position | Nominee | Proposed | Seconded |
| Chair | Rob Sommerville | John Black | Dylan Williams |
| Secretary | Position not filled |  |  |

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| The Committee - Voting Positions |
| Position | Nominee | Proposed | Seconded |
| Treasurer | Paul Manson | Maud Hodson | Geoff Nicholls |
| Membership | Mala Singh | Kathy Webb | Jane RW |
| Race Secretary | Hayley Dalton | Christina Long | Mala Singh |
| Youth Section Coach | Trevor East | Paul Manson | George Fernandez |
| Welfare Office Female | Christina Long | Gail Hennessey | Richard Seddon |
| Welfare Officer Male | Richard Seddon | Maud Hodson | Gail Hennessey |
| Race Team Captain  | Jane Rukin White | Pippa Dowswell | Rachel Brittle |
| Race Team Captain | Paul Boddey | John Black | Paul Manson |
| Correspondence Secretary | Stephanie Rashbrook | Paul Manson | Rachel Brittle |
| Social Secretary | Maud Hodson | Pippa Dowswell | Janine Durrant |
| Clubhouse Manager | Janine Durrant | Paul Boddey | Kevin Whitlock |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Dylan Williams | Richard Seddon | Mala Singh |
| Kit Manager | Jenny Heymann | Gail Hennessey | Kevin Whitlock |
| Club Historian | Louise Vacher | Tom Everitt | Jane RW |

1. **AOB** Tom passed onto Louise V a treasured folder containing many artefacts and memories of Eton Manor AC and The Eton Manor Club
2. Closing Address – Christmas Party - Remembrance Sunday

The Club Song: Down on The Wilderness

*Down on The Wilderness*

*No place for worry or stylish dress*

*Any old clothes your form may grace*

*As long as you come with a smiling face*

*Green grass and glorious air*

*Blimey it’s fit for a millionaire*

*There is every delight that one can possess*

*Down on The Wilderness*

UP THE MANOR!