

Saints and Sinners Running Club AGM

Minutes from meeting on 12th December 2024 at Three Bridges Community Centre.

Apologies by Club Committee Members:

Dan Smiles

Luke Taylor

A number of other apologies from club members were also received

Review and approval of 2023 AGM minutes

These were approved by the AGM

Chairman's Report

James thanked:

- The Club Committee and Run Leaders for all their work and support during 2024.
- Jess Melville for auditing our Club Accounts
- Sky Taylor-O'Neill for providing Core Fitness sessions for the club

James noted 2024 has been another successful year for club:

- Successfully participating in the WSFRL, SGP, Cross Country and South Downs Relay
- Noting as a club we are provisionally placed 2nd in the SGP and just awaiting confirmation of this achievement. Jim Scott added that as a club we have some tremendous achievements to celebrate this year with three members placed in the overall Top 20 (Michele Nixon, Dan Smiles and Sky Taylor O'Neill) and Mary Freestone finishing first in her age category.
- Hosting a successful Club Awards in March

Secretary's Report

Richard noted:

- Successfully adopting Spond and moving our training days to Tuesday and Thursday

- Congratulated Paul on successfully completing his Coaching Course. Paul is now offering bespoke training plans to Club Members. Please contact Paul if you would like to discuss a personalised training plan.
- The club will, following our successful 2024 Tilgate 5 WSFRL event, make a donation of the race surplus to St Catherine's Hospice £200 and Sussex, Surrey and Kent Air Ambulance £100
- The club must adhere to UKA Club Standards from 1st April 2025. The club is working to ensure we comply with these standards
- The club UKA Affiliated Fee will increase to £205 and members fees increasing by £1 to £20 for 2025/2026
- On parkrun the club has:
 - Five members who have reached the 500 milestone. Congratulations to them all
 - Four further members will reach the 500 milestone before the end of 2025.
 - Richard thanked Janet Doyle for all her work compiling and submitting our members weekly parkrun roundups. These are great updates and fun to see where members are running.

Treasurer's Report

Roy Swetman presented the Club Accounts and thanked Jess Melville for auditing them. The Club spent £1800 more than it collected in fee income in the year ending 30th September 2024.

Roy commented on the expenditure, including fees paid to Spond for processing club member payments, donations were made for the years 2022 and 2023 and a three year web hosting subscription fee (2024-2026) for our Club website. Further information is available in the Club Accounts.

Roy confirmed the club bank account remains healthy with a balance of around £6000. The club donation following our successful 2024 Tilgate 5 race will be made in the 2024/2025 accounts.

Setting of Subscriptions for 2025

Lesley Bryant proposed the Club Membership fee remains unchanged at £12 for 2025 (2024: £12). This was seconded and approved.

TCS London Marathon place for 2025

Richard advised the club have received confirmation we have been awarded one place. The club draw took place with Sean Heard being successful. Congratulations to Sean Heard.

Amendments to the Club Constitution

There were two changes to the Club Constitution proposed and approved.

1. To allow the AGM to take place in December or January as opposed to only December. Stella Daff proposed and Roy Swetman seconded.
2. To add to the conditions of entry to the club London Marathon draw that the runner has not been awarded a club place via the club draw in the previous three years. Clare Hall proposed and Dave Penfold seconded. The constitution will be worded such that should there be no valid runners put themselves forward for the London Marathon draw, the committee shall at their discretion relax the rules of entering the draw.

Election of Committee / Officers

The following Club Members put themselves forward to continue in their roles during 2025. These were proposed by Cathy Holroyd, seconded by Mark Lavender and approved en mass.

Chairman: James Mason

Secretary: Richard Daniells

Treasurer: Roy Swetman

Membership Secretary & UKA Representative: Lesley Bryant

WSFRL Representative: Luke Taylor

Sussex Grand Prix Representative: Jim Scott

SCAA Representative: Paul Luttmann

Kit Officer: Martyn Flint

Press & Media Secretary: Nicky Wilson

Ordinary member / Social Secretary: Stella Daff

Welfare Officer (Female): Nina Ware

Welfare Officer (Male): Dan Smiles

Additional Members: Clare Hall, Dave Penfold and Debby Scott

AOB

Mark Lavender asked whether there was an update on WSFRL rules on race scoring. Richard advised there were no plans to change WSFRL scoring for 2025.

No further business and the meeting closed.

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