

**BLACKHILL BOUNDERS**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

Apologies : F Carvell, M Powell, L Young, B Richardson, A Hodges, Mrs Priestley

Present : 40 members

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and confirmed.

### **Chairman's Update**

The year started off very well, with the successful organisation of Thornley XC, thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time.

We have a good turn out for the Anniversary Run, where both the adults and juniors participated in the run around the reservoir.

Our Steelworks Invitational Relays were once again very successful with over 50 teams participating.

The cycle event came to Consett, which was a great day. Our Juniors participated in a run around Consett which we are hopeful will turn into a race for this year's event.

Congratulations to the huge amount of personal bests, new distances etc achieved during 2019.

Thank you to George McKay and Stuart Smith who have led several Couch to 5k groups, some of whom have went on to join the Bounders.

Thank you also to John Hopps who has worked tirelessly on the GP event.

Thoughts need to be expressed with regard to future Christmas Club party and also what awards people would like to see awarded.

With regard to Thornley XC we could still do with a few more volunteers, a free bus has been provided by the Club to get you there and back. Please contact David Anderson if you wish to marshal.

And finally, thank you to all members that have attended this eventing.

### **Juniors**

The Junior section is still growing with anything from 20 to 50+ juniors turning up every Monday to train. Some of the juniors have competed some huge events including the National XC, Northern Relays, British Cross Challenge. Some of whom have qualified.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We are still one of the cheapest Clubs in the North East with regard to subs, of the £25 £16 goes to England Athletics and £1 / £1.50 to Northern Athletics, with only £8 going back into the Club.

After the initial worry of losing Gibside, which was beyond our control, we have still made some money following kit sales and social events.

This helped subsidise buses.

With that in mind it was agreed that club membership would remain at £25 for another year.

### **Election of Officers /Management Committee**

The following Committee members have indicated their willingness to stand again:

Joy Bell (Chair), Stewy Bell (Secretary), Nigel Cook (Treasurer), Ian Young, Dave Anderson, John Hopps, Aidan Hughes, Dani Jackson, Amanda Phillips

The following members have put themselves forward for the Committee:

- James Newton
- Jordan Bell
- Lauren Young

The Committee was agreed.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Concern was expressed over the lack of communication, it was agreed that we must get the minutes onto the website in a timely manner and make sure all minutes, communications are distributed regularly to members via email.

### **GP Events**

These are now all available on the website for everyone to view, please also read the rules around playing your wild card, letting John know about pb's etc.

Finally, trophies were awarded to our male and female GP winners, Trevor Jones and Carol Morrison respectively. Well done to everyone who participated.

### **Buses**

The issue of subsidising buses was raised. After much discussion it was agreed that the following races would definitely have buses on this year and depending upon uptake would be looked at again next year:-

Pier to Pier  
Blaydon  
Great North Run  
Loftus

XC Buses will also be available for Thornley (free bus), Alnwick and Druridge Bay.

It was also agreed that buses will be subsidised but they must be two thirds full to warrant this.

### **Club Team Events**

A suggestion was put forward from James Newton, and seconded by Jon Dodds that future relay events including the Nationals, Northern and championship races entries would be paid for by the

Club. This was agreed.

**Social Media** -Members were asked to be mindful of what they post on the members page and that anything deemed not appropriate will be removed by the Admin of the page.

**Social Membership**

Following discussions it was agreed that the membership form would be updated to include a tick box for those not wishing to race and therefore not be affiliated to England Athletics. Members of the Club should also note that if they are not registered with England Athletics then they will not be able to compete in a Club vest.

Second Claim memberships will also be raised at the next Committee meeting.

Thank you to all that attended and here's to another successful year of running!

Stewy Bell  
Secretary  
2 Feb 2020