

## **Dagenham 88 AGM minutes 26 April 2022**

Committee Members present: Timi Veerasamy; Lorraine Hilton; David O'Brien; Jane Swanson-Sprent; Joanne Smith; Emma O'Shea; Ronnie Waller; Pascalia Pamba; Kaya Smith.

Approximately 40 Club Members were also present.

Apologies from Committee members: John Hughes

Apologies from Club members: Linda Fordham; Carlos Bastidas; Jenny Akroyd

1. Welcome - Lorraine Hilton
2. Chairman's report - Timi Veerasamy

Thanks to all for attending.

It was explained that the committee is young in terms of running years and experience and doing the best as club volunteers for the club. The 8 voted committee members of 2021 and the 3 who later joined the committee stood down and went forward for re-election with the exception of Jane Swanson-Sprent. Timi thanked Jane on behalf of the club for her input on the committee.

1. Election of committee

The committee was voted in at the AGM on the 26th of April 2022 as follows:

- Timi Veerasamy - Chair
- Lorraine Hilton - Club Secretary & DBS Verifier
- David O'Brien - Membership Secretary, DBS Verifier & Welfare Officer
- Rahana Islam - Treasurer
- John Hughes - Captain & Race organiser
- Kaya Smith - Captain & Social Media Officer
- Pascalia Pamba - Assistant Secretary & Welfare Officer
- Emma O'Shea - Kit Officer
- Press officer - Joanne Smith
- Ronnie Waller - Social Secretary
- Beatrice Oguntayo- Website Manager

Committee Helpers

- Andy Beazeley helps the committee behind the scene with the calendar, races and club championships. Timi thanked Andy for his contribution.
- Andy Wright - manages the Garmin challenge Timi thanked Andy for his contribution.
- Jane Swanson-Sprent - will continue to help manage the club strava, and as run leader have input in the club health and safety and at track.

### **Health & Safety Officers**

David O'Brien, Timi Veerasamy, John Hughes, Kaya Smith, Pascalia Pamba and Jane Swanson- Sprent.

### **The club Elvis Race**

David O'Brien and Timi Veerasamy have led on this from 2019 to 2022 with input from committee and club members. Our thanks goes to Simon Childs whose support as assistant Run Director on race day in 2021 was invaluable and he will be in the forefront again for the club Elvis 2022. Huge thanks to all the other club volunteers.

It's good that members are back at club, races and other events. New members have added a different dimension to the club. Everyone makes the club what it is, regardless of abilities. A few athletes have excelled this year including:

- Peter Salmon
- Rosina Salmon
- Kaya Smith
- Rahana Islam is on great form
- Natalie Traylen
- Daniel Miller, a nice come back
- Manji Gami
- Caroline Tuck continues to perform well, winning trophies
- Goat - Nigel Swinburne is back on form
- Gary Cardnell can still outrun the younger members
- Sam Veerasamy - most volunteering hours at club and events
- David O'Brien - coming back from injury, initiating and leading the post injury group.

### **Members movement**

A few members including Ian Cummin have left the club due to move out of the area and other reasons. Ian moved to Wales, resigned from EA for Welsh Athletics (WA), he remains on club Facebook as a long standing club and committee member who has contributed a lot to the club. Club wishes everyone the very best.

**Club runs** - more volunteers needed to be run leaders for the different pace groups.

**Track** - club heavily subsidised the track up to autumn 2021 when Harold Wood running club started to share the track. This arrangement works well for both running clubs. HWRC pays half the fees and runs their own session. Track cost £54 per session. D88 Members pay £2.50 per session or £10 for 5 sessions.

Seven Club standards have been brought in line with EA regulations as explained in the chairman's report. These are:

- **Standard 1** - A club constitution that is fit for purpose
- **Standard 2** - The club has elected committee members for the key roles that include Club Chair, Club Treasurer, Club Secretary, Club Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer and DBS Verifier.
- **Club Standard 3** - Grievance and Disciplinary policy. This is included in the club constitution
- **Standard 4** - The club has a privacy notice in line with General Data Protection Regulation
- **Standard 5** - The club has an Inclusion policy
- **Club Standard 6:** The club has signed and agreed to implement the club safeguarding code of conduct. All club members have to sign the code of conduct on the renewal of membership - partially met
- **Club Standard 7** - The club has a health and safety policy and associated risk assessments. This was updated by Victoria Rose.

Some work to be done on these. They will be available to members and can be viewed on the EA portal.

1. Accounts - presented by Treasurer Rahana Islam and accepted.

Rahana explained that the accounts are to March 2022 in line with the financial year. Main expenditure is track and kit. Kit money will be recouped as kit is sold. Volunteering income has been down due to covid restrictions on events and shortage of volunteers. Club has turned down volunteering offers for several events this year and will only cover the October TCS London Marathon. Yearly Website costs are for ongoing domain hosting, email addresses and security paid to Square space.

1. Motions from members
  - Equalisation of female age categories with male. Motion passed by club members present.

- Membership fee increase. EA have increased fees by £1. Club is absorbing the cost for this year, and from next year 2023 this year's increase and additional EA increase will be passed onto members. Motion passed by club members present.

#### AOB

- Available kit to be added to the website
- Request for Handicap 5K- to be organised by John and Kaya.
- Dagers Elvis race on 25th May 2022 - members who want to run should do so. Volunteers needed.

Presentation of awards followed AGM.

The next AGM will be held in April 2023, date tbc.

Minutes by Jo Smith