**Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Riverside Runners**

The 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Riverside Runners was held at 19:45 on Thursday 6th April 2017 at the St Neots Rowing Club.

The club Chairman, Sam Windebank, welcomed the members and explained that the meeting would begin with the AGM and then usual social evening would follow.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Andy Shiner, Mike Kendal, Helen Munday, Tina Codling, Sharon Evans, Emma Evans, Gary Evans, Paul Ridley, Michaela Ridley, Mark Forster, Matt Wright, Selcan Rowles, Amie Gough, Simon Boothby, Lucy Boothby, Phil Redden, Vince Hainsby and Kevin Hewitt.

Approval of last year's Minutes

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved by Sam Windebank and seconded by John Willcock.

Matters Arising

None.

Secretary's Report

Clare Jenkins read her Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report

Sam Windebank read out the Treasurer's report on behalf of Malcolm Pritchard. Printed copies of the accounts were available for members to view.

Malcolm proposed that the accounts be approved. This was seconded by Dave Sellick.

Chairman’s Report

Sam Windebank read out her Chairman's report.

Election of Officers

The nominations for Officers and their positions were read out and were duly elected:

Chairman – Sam Windebank

Vice Chairman – Clare Jenkins

Secretary – Dave Sellick

Treasurer – Malcolm Pritchard

Club Captain (Non-executive) – Gary Barnes

Election of Committee

The nominations for the remaining places on the committee were read out and were duly elected:

Karen Roper

Andy Shiner

Dawn Parr

Lee Radley

Level of Subscriptions

The annual membership fee for 2018 will be £11 plus the England Athletics affiliation fee.

Election of Auditor

Sam Windebank thanked Natalie Fairbairn for auditing the accounts. Natalie agreed to audit them again next year.

Any Other Business

None

Vote on the 2017 club charity

The following nominations were put forward:

***MIND****– Michaela Ridley: Could I nominate MIND in Cambridgeshire to be considered as the clubs charity for 2017. Mental Health issues affect more people than we all think - both young and old. Indeed many people use running as a way of coping with stress / anxiety and mental health issues. Although a nationwide organisation they have offices in Cambridge and one locally in St Neots and am sure they would welcome our support should we choose them to be our club's charity.*

***Lewin Stroke & Rehabilitation Unit at Addenbrookes*** *– John Willcock: It seems that doing down the NHS has become a national pastime but I know from personal experience that when a real emergency occurs the whole process from dialling 999 through to being discharged really works. Without the skill and care of a whole army of professionals I doubt that I would now even be able to eat or drink normally never mind run.*

***Neurofoundation*** *– Catherine Wenban: It's a little known charity but one that provides huge support to a local family affected by Neurofibromatosis (NF1). We've called ourselves Team Emilio, we have had a little bit of local press coverage so you may have heard about us. Neurofibromatosis is a neuro-genetic condition affecting the nerve tissue, it’s more common than Cystic Fibrosis but still there is little known about it.*

***Eddies*** *(used to be MenCap) – External request: Eddie’s is a Cambridgeshire based charity that supports many local people with learning disabilities. We provide a wide range of services that enable people to do the things they enjoy most, make new friends and become more independent, in a way that meets their personal needs. We also support parents and carers.*

All agreed to select two charities.

MIND and Lewin Stroke & Rehabilitation Unit won the members vote.

All charity monies raised throughout 2017 will be split equally between them.

The AGM was closed about 8.15pm.

Sam Windebank – Chairman