

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2nd APRIL 2020

Membership for 2019 finished at a slightly higher figure than 2018, with a figure of 376 of which 285 were Senior/Life members. Membership renewal for 2020 has been positive given the circumstances, with 305 Members at present. I'm sure when events start proceeding again, we will have a higher take-up than the current figure. A successful beginner's group was run again by Dave Sellick, Keith Pritchard and their helpers. A good proportion of the group went on to join the Club on a full-time basis.

The junior section remains as strong as ever with 78 members. This is due largely to the coaches and helpers who run the sessions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank personally Michaela, Richard, Clare, Ryan, Steve, Hayley, Pauline, Sharon, Emma, Lee, Tara, John, Mark, Emma, Natalie, Ian Sells, Rosemary, Ian Peters, Lee, Andy M and Andy N. That's the numbers it takes to run a thriving Junior Session.

A total of £2806 was raised by the 10k and the raffles held during the club social evenings which was shared equally between the 4 club charities for the year – Motor Neurone Disease, St. Neots Foodbank, Bobby Moore Cancer Research Fund and Cancer Research.

The half marathon in conjunction with Nicetri Events was a success yet again and raised a significant amount of money (£4731.30) for the club funds.

The club enjoyed several successes this year. The seniors were Winners of the Frostbite League, with the Juniors placing in second overall. The Club also enjoyed brilliant success at The Round Norfolk Relay. The team were first Overall team and claimed the Visitors Cup in the process. Individual honours went to Caroline Brooks (stage record), Jo O'Regan (stage record), Michael Taylor (Stage Record and Best Senior Male Trophy) and Emma Price (Best Junior Female Trophy Winner)

Individually there were many achievements and PB's throughout the year. The George Callow Award for an outstanding running achievement was won by Michael Taylor. Michael had an incredible year, but a 24th place finish at the London Marathon edged out the others. The award could have been given to several runners last year. Certainly, in my time at the club, this is the most in-depth array of talent amongst both Senior and Junior Sections.

Thanks again to Alan Turnbull and his brother, Ian for running the Tuesday night training sessions and for all the support and advice he has given to the members throughout the year.

A big thank you to Maurice Hemingway and his helpers for continuing to run the ever-popular Handicap competition and to Tony Hainsby for processing the Star awards.

Social events play a major role in the success of the club and I would urge everyone to support the club at these events where possible. Norma and Kenny Leckie for the New Year's Day bacon butty run and everyone who organised the summer social runs. Also, thanks to the club members that gave talks as part of the club social evenings.

I am standing down as Club Secretary but hope to remain on the committee if needed. My sole reason, is to ensure I can continue devoting my time to the Juniors. During my time I have seen the amount of work that goes into running the club and how the Chairman aided by the other

committee members work tirelessly to make the club a success. Please continue to support them as you all have in these coming years.

In closing, it would be wrong not to talk about the challenge we currently face with COVID 19. We are all aware of the measures imposed upon us and the disruption has placed on each and every one of us. Please remember, the disruptions imposed are better than what some people are currently going through or have been through. So, stick to the guidelines, stay safe and share the love at these times. Continue to share the ideas you all have been via social media. We are all here for each other, and we will get through this as a Club, as friends and as Family.

Thankyou,

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