



## **Minutes of the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Riverside Runners**

The 39th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St Neots Riverside Runners was held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at the St Neots Rowing Club.

The previous club Chairman, Ann Ellmers, welcomed the members and started the meeting.

### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Keith Pritchard, Karen Shurlock, Clare Jenkins and Jessica London.

### Approval of last year's Minutes

Ann Ellmers proposed that the minutes of the 2025 AGM be approved. This was seconded by Sam Windebank and passed by the meeting.

### Chairman's Report

Ann Ellmers read out the Chairman's report.

### Secretary's Report

Lee Radley read the Secretary's report on behalf of Emma Evans.

### Treasurer's Report

Jemma Hicks read out the Treasurer's report on behalf of Malcolm Pritchard. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Ann Ellmers and seconded by Norma Leckie – passed by the meeting.

### Election of Officers

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

Chairman – Lee Radley

Vice Chairman – Gary Barnes

Secretary – Jemma Hicks

Treasurer – Malcolm Pritchard

Club Captain (Non-executive) – Jessica Heaford

### Election of Committee

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

Membership Secretary –

Katherine Hesketh

Welfare –

Emma Evans and Ann Ellmers

Committee member –

Gary Reader

### Level of Subscriptions

The annual membership fee for next year, 2026, as agreed at the December EGM remain £30 for new members with a £5 discount for renewals plus the England Athletics affiliation fee which has increased to £23.



### Election of Auditor

Ann Ellmers thanked Noelia Noguero for auditing the accounts. Noelia has agreed to act as auditor next year – passed by meeting.

Ann Ellmers stepping down as Chairman handed over to Lee Radley the new Chairman.

### Any Other Business

Jo O' Regan (submitted in advance) and Michael Taylor (raised at the meeting) have asked for items to be mentioned in any AOB.

1. Club Championship – Jo suggested a possible reduction of races to enable more participation, with the inclusion of more local races. It was noted that we did ask members for input via a Facebook poll. The 2026 list does already include a lot of local races, but we will review how we gather feedback for future championships. The Juniors championship will be decided by the Junior Coaches who are meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to discuss.

2. Membership fee increase – Following discussion at the EGM (18<sup>th</sup> Dec) regarding the club's overall financial position, including increases in England Athletics affiliation fees, it was agreed that membership fees would be increased to support the ongoing running and sustainability of the club. The discussion also noted that club subscription rates had not been reviewed for over 10 years.

3. Charity donations – Michael Taylor queried whether membership fees are used to supplement charity donations. Greater financial transparency was requested.

4. Grants – Michael Taylor expressed an interest in applying for grants, to further support the club. He requested that if funds were secured, the money must be ring-fenced.

5. Juniors attendance at Frostbite – Liz Chamberlain felt frostbites are not communicated at training. Kenny Leckie asked how Junior progress is measured if the junior members are not encouraged to race. Michaela Ridley raised that attendance at Frostbite should not be presented as mandatory as some juniors do not enjoy racing and should not be put under pressure to attend.

6. Thanks to Junior Coaches – It was mentioned there is recognition for the great work they do.

### Vote on the 2025 club charity

The following nominations were put forward:

Nominations so were:

- The Upside Down Sports Club
- The Blue Smile Project
- Cambridge Acorn Project
- Little Miracles

A vote was held by attendees and the Upside Club Sports Club was elected.

The AGM was closed at 20.15 hours

Lee Radley  
Chairman