

ALTON RUNNERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at
ALTON SPORTS CENTRE
on
TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2007

		ACTION
1.	Apologies: Jackie Scarfe, Keith Parrish	
2.	Minutes of last meeting: Unfortunately these were not available	
3.	<p>Chairman's report (Hugh Bethell): Another successful year for the Club whose membership is increasing slowly. We were well represented in several leagues and continue to punch above our numerical weight. <i>The Alton Ten:</i> We have lost our place as one of the Hampshire Road Race League races this year – mainly due to an absurd selection system which has resulted in both geographical and temporal bunching of races. However we are the venue for the County Ten Mile Championship. Members were asked to vote for their favourite token – water bottles were first, mugs second with various other suggestions such as glasses. Medals received no votes. <i>The Downland Challenge:</i> A good local event. Both the races are organised by a committee of Alton Runners and Alton Lions – but the Runners are poorly represented and we do need volunteers to help with this. Changing clubs became an issue this year but the position has been clarified and guidance is included on our website.</p>	HB
4.	<p>Men's Captain/Coach report (Roger Sayer): Sadly Chris Lambert, father of Toby and proprietor of Alton Sports, died last Friday. The funeral is next Tuesday at Chawton. It was resolved that the Club would send a wreath. <i>HRRL:</i> The men won Division II last year and have been promoted back into Division I. A failure to turn out full teams early in the season means that we now lie 7th out of 10. Mad March 20 is closed now but we should have a team. It will be important to get teams out for Totton and Eastleigh. In the individual championship, Richard Gowen is in the lead. <i>Cross country:</i> Last year we were relegated to Division II. After a bad start we now lie in the middle of the division and should be safe. We have not attended any of the national championships this year. <i>Training:</i> Tuesdays are well attended – Thursdays not so well. It was requested from the floor that these sessions should start on time – ie 7pm. It was agreed to do so in future with a message being left at the Sports Centre desk for the latecomers. <i>London marathon:</i> All the literature still goes to John Harvey</p>	RS, PN

	though Doug M does all the work. Doug will contact John and try to get it sent direct to himself.	DM
5.	Ladies' Captain report (Di Byrne): The current team is a really excellent cohesive team. Di expressed her gratitude for their support during her illness last year. She also expressed her pleasure that the team is so high in Division (5 th) – excellent for a small club.	
6.	Today's Runner report (Doug McLean): After a slow start we are doing quite in the TR League (helped by the aged cyclists) and now about in the middle.	
7.	Treasurer's report (Pat Newman): See the attached accounts. The Race account stands at just under £4,000 from which will come the £2,000 donation to Alton Lions, leaving a reasonable float. The Club account grew by >£200 last year leaving a very healthy balance. The possibility of reducing the Club subs was discussed but it was decided to explore other uses for the surplus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Club strip – probably in the form of a Club tracksuit – Debbie Rhodes, Michelle Thrower and Cathy Stewart agreed to look into this. • Holding workshops – training, nutrition, injury prevention. Debbie knows a possible workshop leader. • Coaching course if anyone is interested – please contact Roger if you are. Our accounts currently attract no interest. Pat will look into transferring the money into interest bearing accounts.	DR, MT, CS DR PN
8.	Social Secretary report (Paul Barney, Cathy Stewart): The two train trips on the Watercress line had been much enjoyed by those who could go. The Christmas dinner/dance had been a great success, even though the Grange had fouled up the finances and brought grey hairs to the organisers. Proposed new events include a ten-pin bowling evening to which all would be encouraged to bring families – and a run/barbecue, possibly finishing in QE Park.	
9.	Subscriptions: These will stay unchanged at £10/head	
10.	Newsletter report (Michelle Thrower): We have had two excellent Newsletters from Michelle who is now working on a third, probably for around the end of February.	
11.	Election of officers: Jackie Scarfe has volunteered to fill the vacant position of Secretary – and in her absence, was unanimously elected.	

<p>12.</p>	<p>There were no volunteers for any of the other posts so all the current holders will continue till they are fed up with it. It was suggested that Roger's combined roles of Captain and Coach was too onerous. He was encouraged to take on a deputy captain to help him.</p> <p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Munt is looking for a local charity for which to run the London Marathon. REHAB was suggested – Hugh will get information to him. • The coach for the London Marathon is not full – names to Roger please. 	<p>RS</p> <p>HB</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>DONM: The last Tuesday in January 2008 – 29th Jan.</p>	