Chairman's speech

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming. We will try to keep this meeting to an hour. I know this isn't the highlight of everyone's week so I do appreciate you sparing the time. Without sufficient numbers to support the AGM we can't pass resolutions, elect new committee members and the club could cease to function.

In order to avoid duplication, I won't cover athlete & team achievements as these will be covered by the endurance, and T&F reports.

However, I will note that it is incredibly pleasing to see how the club has progressed competitively over the past few years. The juniors now regularly reach the EYAL plate final and more comfortably each year, the Masters T&F regularly reach the EMAC final where they are becoming more competitive. The senior endurance teams and athletes regularly medal at competitions, and the ladies have remained at the top for a number of years. This is a reflection of the strategies put in place by both the endurance & T&F committees. My thanks to them for this.

We continue to grow as a club and now have c.500 members, which is c.80 higher than expected. We are now at capacity in the juniors. The side effect of the increased membership is we have made a small surplus for the year, whereas you may recall we were aiming to record a deficit of £5k to return some of the surplus accumulated over the years. We are proposing to reduce membership price to address this.

We have trailed a monthly membership scheme for the past 2 years. Due to system limitations, it is not viable to roll this out to everyone going forward. Another 3 people took place in the trial this year, and we would like to keep the monthly membership option going for at least a further year as it supports those with financial hardship that find it difficult to pay fees in one payment.

The club donated £500 to help start a park run at the University, and Nate has also done an amazing job raising additional funds to help launch this.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow committee members, all the coaches, officials, team managers and all those that have given their time to support the club. A special thanks to Paul Dellar and Paul Mingay who are stepping down from the committee.

The club has a small number of Life members, recognizing the immense contribution they have made to the club over the years. Not often do we add to the ranks of life members; in the past 4 years there has only been one person added to their number. I propose that we add another to their ranks recognizing the many years of competing for the club and their wider service to the club. I'd like that honor to go to Paul Mingay.

Questions?