



# SUNDERLAND STROLLERS RUNNING CLUB

## OCTOBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8 October 2025 19:30

The Queen Vic Hotel, Harbour View, Sunderland SR6 0PQ

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| 1    | <p><b>Recording of attendance and welcome</b></p> <p>Meeting commenced at 19:45.</p> <p>The Club had 327 Members as at the date of the AGM. 120 Members were present and therefore the AGM was quorate (a minimum of 25% of Members in attendance).</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Members to the AGM and confirmed that normally the Club President, Phil Tweddle would be invited to say a few words of welcome. Unfortunately, Phil continued to struggle with his health and was unable to join the Club for the AGM and the Club expressed its best wishes to him.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that proceedings were being videoed, which were part of the Club's investigations into the feasibility of being able to live-stream future AGMs and facilitate virtual attendance and voting. The camera would only record those speaking at the front of the room, not to show how Members vote during the meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2    | <p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 26 February 2025</b></p> <p>For the benefit of the new Members present, the Chairman explained that the Club were having 2 AGMs this year as a result of changing the Club's year end to the end of September to better represent the Pier to Pier income and expenditure, rather than it being split over two financial years. England Athletics ("EA") required the change to take place in two steps. He confirmed that AGMs in future years will be held every October.</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the AGM held in February 2025.</p> <p>The minutes of that Meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3    | <p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the Captains' Report which had been circulated with the advance AGM papers which summarised the achievements of the Club since the February AGM. He expressed the hope for a less disrupted cross country season particularly following the strong start of the men's team at Thornley.</p> <p>The Pier to Pier in May 2025 was another great success with a new course record and many positive comments received from participants. However, the date for next year's event was currently problematic.</p> <p>The Club continued to grow year or year with new joiners every month. The social runs continued to go from strength to strength with plenty of options available for all abilities. Use of the track on Tuesdays continued to increase and was open to Members of all abilities with multiple session suggestions available.</p> <p>The Club's revised routes from The Beacon continued to adjust and develop; the Club awaited the opening of the new Keel Crossing which would make routes south of the river more accessible along with the re-opening of the riverside footpaths which, when illuminated, should provide great, traffic free training opportunities.</p> <p>The Club continued to enjoy a generous 20% discount in the Pit Pony at Sheepfold Stables. Everyone was welcome along to come and ask questions, engage with fellow Members and relax after a Wednesday night session.</p> |



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| 4 | <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer's written report was circulated to the Members in attendance at the AGM. It highlighted the bank account balances at the end of September 2025 and the account reconciliations for the year to date.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the figures were quite clear and the Club remained in robust financial health.</p> <p>No questions were raised from Members in respect of the report.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5 | <p><b>Committee Positions</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that EA had suggested that club committees should contain around 12 members, however the Club's Committee had ballooned over time to 21.</p> <p>At the latest Committee meeting in September 2025 it had been agreed that a number of Committee positions would be discontinued, reducing the size of the Committee to 16: Beginners Lead, Deputy Chairperson, Deputy Club Secretary, Deputy Race Secretary, Membership Secretary and Publicity Manager.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the existing Committee members had all indicated that they were willing to continue in their current positions. In addition, the Committee had nominated Liz Coley to be Club Secretary (her previous roles of Deputy Club Secretary and Membership Secretary being discontinued).</p> <p>The position of Coaching Co-ordinator would remain vacant following Rachel Dugan's announcement that she would be leaving the Club. It would only be filled in future by a Member who already held at least the Coaching in Running Fitness qualification.</p> <p>In respect of the position of Club Chair, standing for the role were: (1) current Chair Harry Harrison, seeking re-election and (2) Brian Dugan, nominated by Rachel Dugan and seconded by Judith Grassam. Both candidates addressed the Members in the respect of the position.</p> <p>The majority of the Members present voted in favour of Harry Harrison, with Brian Dugan receiving 3 votes and no members abstaining.</p> <p>The Members ratified the re-election of the following Committee members as unopposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross Country Manager – Ken Maynard</li><li>• Kit Manager – Andy Stobbart</li><li>• Ladies Captain – Kayleigh Pickersgill</li><li>• Ladies Manager – Wendy Chapman</li><li>• Men's Captain – Simon Cyhanko</li><li>• Men's Manager – Marc Stubbs</li><li>• Mental Health Ambassador – Andrew Hay</li><li>• Race Secretary – Jim Maynard</li><li>• Social Media Manager – Jenna Maynard</li><li>• Transport Manager – Terry Topping</li><li>• Treasurer – Peter Hewitson</li><li>• Webmaster – Ant Tiernan</li><li>• Welfare Officer – Sarah Lake</li></ul> <p>In addition, Liz Coley was elected unopposed to the vacant role of Club Secretary and Harry Harrison was elected as Chair. The position of Coaching Coordinator remained vacant.</p> |
| 6 | <p><b>Amendment to Constitution</b></p> <p>In February 2025 EA had issued an updated template for club constitutions. While not formally mandated</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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|          | <p>to update our own constitution, the amended template reflected best practice and helped to ensure that the Club could be seen to be acting in accordance with the advice of its governing body.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Committee for ensuring the Club's ongoing compliance with the required EA Club Standards, as clubs who failed to meet these standards risked having their accreditation (and therefore insurance) removed. The Committee would continue to respond to the requirements of EA and attempt to ensure that the Club operates within best practice guidelines.</p> <p>The updated draft Club Constitution had been circulated ahead of the AGM and Members were invited to submit questions and comments in advance. Only one query had been raised, which concerned the voting rights of Committee members when they were the same family or co-habiting. It was confirmed that Committee members retain their individual vote irrespective of whether another family member or cohabitee is also serving on the Committee.</p> <p>The Members unanimously approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution circulated with the advance AGM papers. The Chairman confirmed that the revised Constitution would shortly be uploaded to the Club's website.</p> |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Any Other Business</b><br><br>None raised                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br><br>The Chairman thanked the Committee (past and present) for all of its hard work and commitment to the Club. He wished all Members the very best in their running throughout the coming year and closed the meeting with the presentation of the Winter Handicap trophies.<br><br>The AGM closed at 20:17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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