

# **MINUTES OF NSRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023**

Held at Florence Sports and Social Club Longton on Wednesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>2023

## **1 Chairman's Welcome.**

KR welcomed attendees thanking everyone on committee and elsewhere throughout the organization for their input in helping NSRRA through another successful year.

## **2. Attendance and apologies for absence**

A list of attendees and apologies for absence is placed within the Minutes book. There were seven attendees and six apologies for absence

## **3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.**

The minutes were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

## **4. Officers' reports as necessary**

### **a. Chairman**

KR spoke though his prepared report thanking all for their input. Online banking has now been acquired facilitating the smooth running of affairs in future but the original account will be retained so that all money is not in a single account.

He stressed the importance of members partaking in local races in order to sustain them. To this end ambassadors from local clubs had been appointed to promote NSRRA. This had been very successful and had so far meant an increase of some 86 new members with potential to increase local event entries in the coming year.

The Knighton 20 was now lost due to facility closure but it was hoped a replacement would be found in future. A copy of the report is held in the minute book.

### **b. Secretary**

Secretarial matters had run smoothly throughout the year and as usual matters requiring referral to other committee members were dealt with efficiently. The NSRRA subscription to Staffs AAA has now been cancelled since there is no benefit to the Association in paying this annual fee.

### **c. Treasurer**

In the absence of AG the chairman informed the meeting that NSRRA continued to be in a healthy position with £2441-08 in the online account and £12771 in the building society account. There would be no need for any increase in subscriptions during the coming year.

#### **d. Membership Secretary**

In her absence SR submitted an updated report based on her September one. Little changes in terms of membership during the last couple of months of the year but nevertheless so keen were runners to be part of the Association that applications were still being received up to October. She reiterated the point that members had been good in contacting her re changes in personal circumstance and again stressed its importance in maintaining up to date info. She again thanked statistician PC for his continuing efficiency in maintaining good liaison. A copy of her report is in the Minutes book.

#### **e. Fixture secretary**

Despite the problems due to lack of liaison from other bodies leading to changes in fixture dates which have hopefully been resolved for the future all fixtures were completed. Hopefully the coming year will see a return to normal smooth running.

#### **f. Statistician**

In the absence of PC the chairman expressed the gratitude of NSRRA for the efficiency with which he carried out this vital function together with the excellent liaison existing between PC and others, especially the membership secretary, in maintaining our unique system.

#### **g. Newsletter Editor**

In the absence of GF the chairman thanked him for the great job he continued to carry out for the Association and that our editor was quite happy to continue.

#### **h. Newsletter Distribution**

JC has decided to step down from his post after many years of sterling service and will pass on his help and experience to his successor early next year. KR thanked him on behalf of the committee for his long and excellent contribution.

#### **i Ladies representative.**

In her absence due to other commitments CB submitted a comprehensive report. It's main themes being the continuing and rapid increase in female membership within NSRRA and the recent controversy in the classification of female athletes in maintaining fairness in competition. In her job she has found that women often lack confidence in joining a competitive organization such as NSRRA. She has been able to reassure them that we cater for all no matter what their age, ability etc.

A copy of this excellent report is held in the Minutes book for perusal.

#### **j Website manager**

All well, CC continuing to provide an excellent and interesting website. The system has been built by FR systems and they are quite happy to look after it for us.

## **5. Subscriptions and membership renewals**

Financial situation healthy, no reason to increase subscriptions

## **6. Election of officers, Committee and Auditor for 2024**

Newsletter Distributor John Clemens has decided to stand down from committee. Kerry Widdowson has agreed to replace him on the committee for which she was duly thanked and welcomed. All others were happy to continue and were accepted, there being no other candidates.

## **7. Presentation of Race Programme**

The program of races for 2024 including the destination of the annual memorial awards was presented following discussion at the September planning meeting and was approved.

## **8. Any other Business**

The matter of female entries was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the criteria for females to be included in the NSRRA results and tables etc should be that they were classified as female at birth.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:40pm

**Alan Lewis (Secretary)**