

## Tron Tortoises Athletics Club

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Tron Tortoises Athletic Club held via Zoom Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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The President opened the meeting at 1900hrs and welcomed all in attendance for our first AGM via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions

**Apologies:** Marion Sloan, Hazel McFarlane

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were shared via presentation and approved:

PROPOSED           GEORGE MCGREGOR  
SECONDED          RICKY SHERIFF-SHORT

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Darrell started report by marking the loss of 2 stalwart members during 2020. John Melvin passed in June 2020 and served club for many years both as committee member, club president and advocate of getting youngsters into sport. John McKinlay passed late in 2020, a founding organiser of the 10K since 1985. We will look to mark John's passing with a more lasting tribute once some sort of normality has resumed.

2020 – where to start! At the end of 2019 we had planned the 2020 Tron 10K, coaches and flights and hotels booked for various club trips, however all came to a halt in March and since then the running calendar has changed with very few events taking place. Thankfully committee took very difficult decision to cancel the Tron 10K and issue refunds mid-March which proved correct decision. Darrell thanked committee who all played a part. The new committee will discuss what a 2021 Tron 10K will look like in the coming weeks.

During lockdown the club engaged with SA to be ready to return to club training in safe manner which involved producing risk assessments, club guidance, track and trace and appointment of COVID officers, with this in place we returned in early September and continue to meet when level 4 restrictions are lifted, however don't expect to be back in gym hall until at least Autumn.

Despite lockdowns and missing events this did not stop Tortoises racking up the miles and club members have participated in virtual events during 2020 with events ranging from Edinburgh to Egypt and all of these have included parts of our 10K route. Club members have also taken part in various charity challenges including a hardy group running a 10k a day for ten days raising money for the 10 in 10 trust meals for vulnerable families, Colin Dobbie running 10 miles a day for 10 days plus from Edinburgh to Glasgow in aid of 100k for Poverty, John McCabe running from Glasgow to Irvine and our own Vice President Matt Pearce running 20 marathons in 2020 for the charity Alzheimer's Scotland – well done all plus everyone else who has either raised money or helped with supporting other runners within the club.

Darrell remarked that club was in good place financially but more importantly in current situation a source of friendship, camaraderie and support for each other.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Audited accounts for 2019/2020 were presented and detailed by Ian.

Ian advised that we now have internet banking up and running and membership also processed via Pay Pal simplifies the treasurer's role.

Finally it was agreed that current membership lowered to £10 for remainder of season and new membership set at £20 will remain in place until reviewed at AGM at end of August 2021 bringing the club back in line with constitution.

Lets cost has falled due to reduction in hourly rate along with cancelled lets during 2019/2020 season. Some outlay for 2020 10K event, t-shirts for example with no revenue, however can be used for 2021 event.

#### OFFICE BEARERS

Darrell thanked committee for support over the past year and Hazel for her commitment to the club and committee over the years.

There followed the election of office bearers. The following were elected to hold office until end of August 2021 bringing the club back in line with club constitution.

PRESIDENT	Darrell Dunscombe	Proposed:	Matt Pearce
		Seconded:	George McGregor
VICE-PRESIDENT	Matt Pearce	Proposed:	Murray Sheriff-Short
		Seconded:	Ricky Sheriff-Short
SECRETARY	Mags Barbour	Proposed:	Ricky Sheriff-Short
		Seconded:	Murray Sheriff-Short
TREASURER	Ian McNee	Proposed:	Matt Pearce
		Seconded:	George McGregor
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Ricky/Murray Sheriff-Short	Proposed:	Anne Noble
		Seconded:	Caroline Millar
MENS CAPTAIN	Rob Carroll	Proposed:	George McGregor
		Seconded:	Matt Pearce
LADIES CAPTAIN	Caroline Millar	Proposed:	Katrine Kelly
		Seconded:	Anne Noble
GENERAL COMMITTEE	George McGregor Liam Convery Marion Sloan Joan McIntosh Katrine Kelly	Matt Pearce/Ian McNee Matt Pearce/Rob Carroll Ricky Sheriff-Short/Ian McNee Ricky Sheriff-Short/Judith Godden Steve Burnside/Rob Carroll	

#### AOCB

George thanked committee for hard work undertaken to get club back up and running during difficult circumstances and credited club members with good turn out at club sessions of approx. 25 per night.

There being no other competent business the President closed the meeting at 19:32hrs and advised that committee meeting will be held at beginning of February.