

COSMIC HILLBASHERS 23rd AGM
Brig O' Don, Ellon Rd, Aberdeen, 24th November 2015

22 members attended the AGM, apologies were received from Sean & Sarah O'Sullivan, Kev Harper and Mike Stone.

MINUTES

1. Ewen Rennie presented the prizes for the Cosmic Championship.

2. Election of Club Captains for 2016 Chris Tomlin was re-elected as Men's captain, proposed by Gary Gutteridge, seconded by Mike Raffan. Elaine Stewart was elected as Ladies Captain, proposed by Pauline Larmour, seconded by Veronique Oldham.

3. Approval of minutes of last AGM (9th December 2014): the minutes were read and approved, proposed by Gary Gutteridge, seconded by Ewen Rennie.

4. Secretary's report:

Cosmics Champs

65 runners ran one or more race, winners were as follows:

Cosmic Races

El-Brimick - 78 runners in total (record is 80)

Clachnaben - 86 runners

Cairn William - 47 runners - Presentation of picture to Dave after 25 years of continuous race organisation - now organised by Matt Brettle and Chris Hill

Summer Series

Total unique participants - 151, total number over 4 races - 227

Pressendye - 48

Hill of Fare - 60

Mither Tap - 60

Cheyne Hill - 59

Krunce

Series winner - Steven Tuckwell

209 individual runners, 312 total

SHR Results

Overall - 7 women, 20 men ran in at least one race.

4 people completed the series, collecting a mug:

Men: Chris Tomlin, 24th overall, 10th Vet

Rod Campbell, 13th M60

Woman: Veronique - 6th overall, 2nd F40

Sue Taylor - 2nd F60

Rob Coles gets a notable mention - 3 races, 1st 2nd and 3rd in M60

O/40 Team - 6th

Team - 7th, O/40 - 5th (from two races)

Winners in SHR races

Sarah Hodgkinson - Lairig Ghru

Veronique - Bennachie,

The club was represented at the Devil's Burden with two teams.

Other races

Dragon's Back

56th Caroline Watt Total time 70:00:08, an amazing effort!

Elaine Stewart didn't quite get an official finish but put in a great effort in completing the vast majority of the course.

Alan Cormack did a huge number of races this year, including a lot of tough ones.

It started with The Spine Race - 268mile non-stop race along the Pennine Way in January. Alan finished 34th in 134 hours!! He ran 9 races in the SUMS, only two men ran more, including the 110mile Double Cateran. He also ran the Sandstone Way 200km and got 3rd in the T184, which is 184 miles along the Thames. If that isn't enough he did a few multi-race weekends, including Jedburgh 38 miles followed by a half marathon, and then on Edinburgh Marathon weekend he did the full, a half, a 10k and the 5km races. Since the AGM Alan completed the Hill Ultra, 55 laps of Shining Tor, totalling 160 miles, in some terrible conditions.

Mike Raffan won the 140mile Coast to Coast race in 31 hours, both winning and breaking the course record. He also won the Great Glen Ultra and the Sandstone Way 200km race. Impressive!

Jonathan Bellarby did the D33, the 72 mile Great Glen Ultra and the Autumn 100 (and is now in a boot to protect a broken foot).

Mountain Marathons

Highlander

Elaine and Linda - 1st FV in C

Rod Campbell & Gillian Clunas - 1st V in D

Ian Hamilton & Colin Larmour - 2nd V in B

Colin & Ben - 5th A Class

Rab MM - 1st FV Long Score - Caroline Watt & Elaine Stewart

OMM - 3rd Female Long Score - Caroline Watt & Linda Smith

5. Treasurer's report: Bob Sheridan distributed copies of the accounts for the year. Income was up this year due to the increase in membership fees and there is a healthy balance at the bank. A £300 donation to SHR was gratefully received, with donations to the two local mountain rescue teams for next year to be made. Note: in the accounts the membership income and kit income has been inadvertently combined. Key expenditure included use of Kings and SAL affiliation.

6. Social Secretary's Report: Elaine Stewart reported highlights of the social year – the Mince Pie competition (which is to be held on December the 15th this year) and the Morven Solstice Run. There was also a good gathering of Cosmics at the Jura race.

7. Membership report: Matt Brettle reported that membership is currently 74 - 22 female and 52 male, which is 2 more than last year. Electronic payment via BACS is working well and is much easier to keep track of.

8. Election of officers:

The secretary Anita Hamilton is retiring. The other Club Officers indicated that they would be prepared to serve for another year.

Secretary:	Colin Russell	proposed by Gary Gutteridge and seconded by Elaine Stewart
Treasurer:	Bob Sheridan	proposed by Colin Russell and seconded by Mike Raffan
Membership:	Gary Gutteridge	proposed by Colin Russell and seconded by Matt Brettle
Social:	Elaine Stewart	proposed by Gary Gutteridge and seconded by Pauline Larmour

9. Election of Committee members:

Sue Taylor (Web site)

Chris Tomlin and Rod Campbell (Blog czars)

Alan Cormack (Club Kit and Facebook)

Jonathan Bellarby (Run programme)

10. Membership fees for 2016: Standard membership is £20, students and unwaged is £5.

11. Cosmic Hillbasher races for 2016:

5th December - Glen Tanar Relay with Deeside
El Brimick - 9th January
Clachnaben - part of SHR Champs - 9th April
Terspersie – June (date TBC).
Cairn William - 17th September

Krunce - 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September.

Summer Series

Pressendye - Thursday 19th May
Hill of Fare - Thursday 16th June
Mither Tap - Thursday 14th July
Cheyne Hill - Thursday 18th August

12. Cosmic Club Championship: There was a debate about the championship and it was finally agreed that in order to increase participation the number of races counting should be increased from 9 to 11. The maximum number of races to count is still 5, which means it is possible that two people could run 5 different races and get maximum points in both, thus rendering the championship a tie. This was acknowledged but it was felt the benefit of having more races was worth it. To ensure there is no tie it is proposed that in the case there is a tie then the differentiator would first be the head-to-head record (i.e. who beat who more times in champs races) and then the performance compared to the winner (percentage). Nominated races are as follows, with the notable exception that Clachnaben has been removed to ensure it is supported by the club in terms of marshalls etc.:

- El-Brim-ick, Scolty, Lairig Ghru, Ben Rinnes, Tap O'Noth, Cairn William, Bennachie, Morven, Terspersie, Mither Tap and the Monymusk Hilly Half Marathon.

13. AOB

- Bob proposed to buy a Gazebo for use by the club at races, this was agreed.
- London Marathon: There is only one club space available due to restrictions by the organisers.
- It was proposed that club funds should be used to help with group transport to events where multiple Cosmics are going, e.g. hiring a mini-bus.
- Rod proposed to organise a team of Cosmics to attend the FRA relays in 2016.

CLUB CHAMPIONS 2015

Women: Veronique Oldham
F40: Veronique Oldham
F50: Sue Taylor
F60: Sue Taylor

Open: Chris Tomlin
M40: Chris Tomlin
M50: Dennis McDonald
M60: Gary Gutteridge
Rod Campell gets an honourable mention for
completing one race as a M70.

SUMMER SERIES 2015

Woman
1st Stephanie Provan,
2nd and 1st F40 - Veronique Oldham
3rd - Marie Entwistle
1st F50 - Elaine Stewart

Men
1st Peter Henry
2nd and 1st M40 - William Nicolson
3rd - Jason Williamson
1st M50 - Dave Hirst
1st M60 - Davie Duncan

Juniors - Molly Williams