

**AGM of Bracknell Forest Runners, 2020/2021**  
**20th April 2022**  
**In-Person at South Hill Park and Online via Zoom**

1. The Club Secretary confirmed that we had exceeded the number required for quorum (101), made up of 54 people in the room at South Hill Park and 49 members logged in online on the Zoom
2. Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Griffiths, Paul Herbert, Phil Rayner and Chris Vaal
3. No comments were received from the minutes of the previous AGM. These were adopted and are available on the club website for reference
4. Alex Perrior gave the report from the Chair. Alex reflected on:
  - a. How the previous year has been much better with more activity returning to normal
  - b. That we have had 90 new members over the last year
  - c. How many of our favourite races have taken place, sometimes twice in the year as we make up for missed races due to covid
  - d. TVXC returned
  - e. 10 new club records were set across multiple distances
  - f. Thanks to the committee members who would be stepping down

The full report given is available on the [club website](#).

5. James Gladwell shared the report from the Treasurer where he covered:
  - a. Membership remains high, with many new members joining and subscriptions still forming the largest portion of club income
  - b. Our Christmas party yielded an income for the first time
  - c. The BFR TVXC was also very successful and covid did not impact it going ahead
  - d. The club secured a grant from Sport England alongside donations from Bracknell Half Marathon which have proved valuable
  - e. The club has finished with a surplus of £3,828 and is holding total assets of £16,390

The [summarised accounts](#) are available on the club website alongside a [written copy of the report](#) shared

James also talked us through some research he had been doing into other clubs in the TVXC league, looking at their subs and what they offer back to their members. It showed that BFR's looks to be very good value for money and has helped inform the proposal around subscriptions for the upcoming year.

6. Membership Subscriptions for the upcoming year
  - a. England Athletics has put its fee up by £1

- b. As the club accounts remain healthy, BFR will absorb this increase for 2022/23 and keep subscriptions flat
  - c. Gary Wells raised a question around Life Members, who only pay for the EA affiliation, it was decided that this will remain flat also for this year
  - d. Subs for all membership types will be re-assessed again next year
7. Matters for discussion:
- a. No matters were brought for the meeting before the advertised cut off
  - b. It was reiterated that the committee is available all year round to listen to members thoughts and concerns
  - c. In addition to the committee, everyone was reminded that we also have:
    - i. Two welfare officers
    - ii. Mental health champions
    - iii. The coaching team
 All of whom are there to assist members!
8. Voting in the committee for the upcoming year

**Core Committee**

- a. Chairman – Alex Perrior was elected unopposed
- b. Club Secretary – Karen Spick was elected unopposed
- c. Vice Chair – Angela Thorpe was elected unopposed
- d. Treasurer – Fin O’Kane was elected unopposed
- e. Membership Secretary – Anna Tait was elected unopposed

**Ex-Officio Officers**

- f. Kit Coordinator – Mike Sankey was elected unopposed
- g. Website & Results Coordinator – Ian Perkins was elected unopposed
- h. Social Events Coordinator – Andy Pitts was elected unopposed
- i. Social Media Coordinator – Nicola Kelly was elected unopposed
- j. Volunteer Coordinator – Martine Thompson was elected unopposed

9. Voting in the Welfare Officers
- a. Lisa Kilby was elected unopposed
  - b. Sean Jones was elected unopposed

10. London Marathon Ballot

- a. The London Marathon is taking place in the Autumn again this year
- b. The committee were recently informed that as we have runners on club places who have deferred to the 2022 we are not being given new places for this next race
- c. London Marathon Events also informed us that they have decided to restructure how they offer volunteer places and for this upcoming race they will only be gifting us one place
- d. By comparison, for the 2020 race we had nine places total to ballot, for this year we only have one
- e. The committee has been considering changes to our ballot entry criteria for some time now, these have been implemented for this ballot. We have

always asked for all entrants to have undertaken some volunteering for the club, we are now asking entrants to be able to demonstrate four separate instances of volunteering

- f. As the club continues to struggle for run-leaders, race marshals, committee candidates and general helpers it is hoped that this change might encourage more people to step forward day-to-day
- g. Helen Manchester volunteered to cut up entrant names and place them into the hat for the ballot to be drawn
- h. Pat Comper volunteered to draw the winner from the hat
- i. James Gladwell was the lucky winner of the place

11. The meeting was closed at approximately 7:45pm