

Winchester Running Club

Annual General Meeting

17 April 2026 @ 7PM

The South Downs Social, Winchester.

Attendance

A total of 35 members attended the meeting 7 of whom held 21 proxy votes giving 56 votes in total. The meeting was quorate.

A list of attendees is attached.

Introduction

Apologies were received from Tamsin who was suffering with a cold and felt sensitive to it being marathon season. Apologies were also received from Sam who had to travel to attend to a personal matter.

Presentation from our Outgoing Chair

Nick read a speech prepared by Tamsin. A copy will be posted online.

Presentation from our Incoming Chair

Ellie gave her inaugural speech as Chair.

Presentation from our Treasurer

Bruce presented the Club's financials for the year ended 17 March 2026. A copy will be posted online.

Martin Blackburn queried why there had been a disproportionate increase in membership fee income compared to costs. Bruce explained that most of the Club's costs are fixed and therefore all additional income goes straight to the bottom line. Bruce added that the Club is non-profit making and he is mindful that our reserves reflect only what the Club considers necessary to ensure it can meet unforeseen expenditure.

Lorraine Hedworth asked what the increase in membership was. Matt disclosed that at the end of March 2026 the Club had 289 members and at the same time last year it had 180 members.

Bruce added that the Club had recently purchased a defibrillator. He explained that because this was a post year end purchase it did not appear in the financials for the y/e March 2026 but would feature in the current year's accounts.

Questions submitted in advance of the meeting:

- 1 A question was received in advance from a member who wished to remain anonymous. The question asked whether the new role of Event Coordinator has to be a Committee role – could it not to be similar to a Team Captain role?

The question was answered by saying that the role was a large role and one which required regular Committee liaison. It was stressed that if any member in the future felt they would like to take on the role and did not want to be on the Committee then please do come and talk to us.

- 2 A second question had been submitted in advance by Adrian Fautly asking whether there was any intention to increase XC specific training for seniors, would there be a specific senior session and could LiRF's help support an increase in training?

Nick and Andy answered the question by saying that there are a few issues involved here:-

- Training schedules are currently under review and what we can achieve will become clearer when we have resolved the issue of track access.
- If the XC training session was extended to include the senior session we would need to purchase more portable lighting and we would need a volunteer to take these lights home and charge them because they only have battery power for 1 hr.
- Currently the plan is to only hold a XC session for juniors with an invitation to seniors wishing to compete in the XC season.

The meeting proceeded to the Resolutions:-

Resolution 1	Votes In Favour	Votes Against
To receive and approve the unaudited accounts for the year ended 17 March 2026	56	0
Resolution 2		
To elect the named officers to hold office until the expiry of the next Annual General Meeting		
Head Coach – Nick Anderson	56	0
Events Coordinator – Tamsin Anderson	55	1
Treasurer – Bruce Ayling	56	0
Social Media Officer – Caroline Carr	56	0
Secretary – Cathy Kinnear	56	0
Ordinary Representative – Colin McManus	56	0
Head Coach – Andy Parkinson	56	0
Lead Welfare Officer – Sam Parkinson	56	0
Junior Representative – Lara Silvester-Noott	56	0
Membership Secretary – Matt Smallman	56	0
Chair – Ellie Swire	56	0

All Resolutions were passed and that ended the formal business of the meeting.

New membership system

Matt, our membership secretary gave a demonstration of our new membership system RunClubHQ.

Matt received the following questions from members:-

- On the subject of self check-in to training sessions, Si Gillett queried whether if someone had forgotten to check in before training would it be beneficial to check in retrospectively after the session? Matt clarified that the Club did have contractual obligations on some of its venues to keep a record of attendees so ideally, yes, for safety reasons and contractual reasons it would be a good idea to check-in retrospectively if it's been forgotten. Matt added that a member needs to be in the training location in order to check-in.
- Nick asked whether in his case he needs to be registered with EA as a member. Matt confirmed that Nick was registered with EA as a coach and as he was currently a non-competing member, additional EA registration was unnecessary.
- Magnus Gregory queried whether Matt self funded the hosting of the Club's website. Matt responded that the website was held on his server

and he did not received payment from the Club for hosting it. Matt added that he did receive 10% of the fee charged by GoCardless which, for the last financial year, amounted to £3.

- Cathy asked whether the plan was for RunClubHQ to replace WhatsApp for messaging in the future. Matt said it was possible but needed further consideration.

An update on securing track access for the Club

Colin gave a presentation on the work done to date to acquire access to the athletics track at Bar End for training sessions.

To summarise he said that the Club had initially enquired about the possibility of sharing track access with other users on Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Feedback confirmed that the other track user would be unwilling to share with us.

We then enquired about the Club having exclusive track access from 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday evenings. This was further to a FOI request made to the University which confirmed that the track was not booked during these times. The University replied that the track was used by the University Elite Sports Team and an athletics club during the 7pm-8pm slot and was unavailable to us although the 8pm – 9pm slot would be available for us to book until August 2026. It was felt, for welfare reasons, that 8pm was too late for juniors to train. We then enquired about the possibility of sharing the 7pm-8pm slot with the other users and the University replied that because of the number of users, track sharing during this time was not an option.

Colin invited members to express views on whether any seniors might be interested in an 8pm training slot on Wednesday evenings and whether there would be any LiRF's available to lead such a session because, as we are currently unable to move the junior session to Wednesday, our coaches would remain committed to coaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays and would find coaching 3 nights per week plus additional Saturdays too much.

There was muted support for the 8pm training session. There was much discussion about how members could support the Club's efforts to gain track access to prime time slots. It was generally felt that as a Club of approx. 300 members we should have some access to prime time slots at what is a publicly funded venue.

It was agreed that we would consider reaching out to the wider membership to establish views on 8pm Wednesday training and whether in general the membership supports the Club in continuing to pursue access to prime time slots.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

List of attendees and proxies

1. Adrian Fautly
2. Alex Lane + 1 proxy
3. Andy Parkinson + 1 proxy
4. Bruce Ayling
5. Caroline Carr
6. Cathy Kinnear + 7 proxies
7. Celia Belk
8. Chris Yoxon
9. Colin Armstrong
10. Colin McManus
11. Dave Gaskell
12. Ellie Swire + 1 proxy
13. Gill Goodwin
14. Glenn Churchill
15. John Mills
16. Joy Radford
17. Karen Hazlitt + 8 proxies
18. Kevin Frisby
19. Lara Silvester-Noott
20. Liz Marshall + 1 proxy
21. Lorraine Hedworth
22. Magnus Gregory
23. Martin Blackburn
24. Matt Grote
25. Matt Smallman
26. Mike Goulding
27. Nick Anderson + 2 proxies
28. Paul Horler
29. Pete Curtis
30. Peter Savill
31. Ric Pike
32. Ruth Churchill
33. Simon Gillett
34. Steve Goodwin
35. Tim Anderson