

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Scottish Hill Runners
Symington Sports Centre, Symington
Saturday 12 November 2011**

Members present:

Keith Burns, David Duncan, Martin Hulme, Ken MacDougall, Hugh McPherson, Michael Nowicki, Malcolm Patterson, Cameron Scott, David Scott, Bruce Smith, Hilary Spenceley, Andy Spenceley, Tony Stapley, John Blair Fish, Brian Brennan, Trevor Shaw, Dan Watson.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence

Dave Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Shane Bouchier, Ronnie Gallagher, Richard Horsfield, Louise Burt, Gordon Pryde, Bill Fairmaner, Ian Nimmo, Anne Nimmo, Camus Nimmo, Eilish Nimmo, Chris Upson, Angela Mudge, Gordon Morrison, Graham Arthur, Max McFarlane, Fiona McDonald, Ian McManus, Mark Johnston, Peter Duggan

2. Adoption of Minutes of 2010 AGM

The minutes were accepted as published. Proposer: Ken MacDougall; seconder: Malcolm Patterson.

3. Convenor's Report

Dave Scott presented his report (see Appendix 1).

4. Secretary's Report

Bruce Smith presented his report (see Appendix 2).

5. Treasurer's Report, Adoption of Accounts and Appointment of Auditor

Martin Hulme presented his report (see Appendix 3).

The accounts for 2010 were adopted as published. Proposer: Brian Brennan; seconder: Ken MacDougall.

The meeting endorsed the appointment of Tony Stapley as auditor. Whilst Tony will be joining the committee for the coming year it was seen there will be no conflict of interest in auditing the accounts for 2011. However a new auditor will need to be appointed to review the 2012 accounts.

6. Subscriptions for 2012

The meeting endorsed the Committee's proposal that the subscription for 2012 remain at £8 (£2 junior / student / unwaged, £4 for additional members sharing the same address as a full member).

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The meeting endorsed the nominations for the elected positions on the Committee, as follows:

Post	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Convenor	Dave Scott (Ochil)	Malcolm Patterson	Martin Hulme
Secretary	Bruce Smith (Carnethy)	Dave Scott	Louise Burt
Treasurer	Martin Hulme (Corstorphine)	Bruce Smith	Chris Upson
Committee	Cameron Scott (Carnethy)	Ronnie Gallagher	Malcolm Patterson
	Ronnie Gallagher (Carnethy)	Andy Spenceley	Dave Scott
	Ken MacDougall (Tinto)	Dave Scott	Ian Nimmo
	Chris Upson (Westerlands)	Andy Spenceley	Cameron Scott

The meeting endorsed the co-option to the committee of the following: Tony Stapley (Portobello), Andy Spenceley (Carnethy), Angela Mudge (Carnethy)

This leaves a vacancy for a further member to be co-opted during the oncoming year should the need arise.

8. Motions

A:

“Detailed calendar information on races in the forthcoming year should be put on the SHR website as soon as verified.”

Proposed: D Scott, Seconded: C Upson. (and endorsed by the SHR Committee).

Explanatory Note: At the 2009 AGM, it was agreed that summary details of the Race Calendar be published on the SHR website in advance of the publication of the printed Race Calendar. For the past 2 years, publication of detailed calendar information has been withheld until after the issue of the Race Calendar at the Carnethy hill race.

Keith Burns opposed the notion arguing that the content ownership should remain as Scottish Hill Runners and the data should remain protected as access to this information should be seen to be a benefit of membership of SHR. By publishing the details on the web prior to the printed calendar then the value of the printed calendar is lessened as is the requirement to join SHR.

On a show of hands there were 8 members opposed to the motion and 7 in favour.

3 members present (Malcolm Patterson, David Scott, Bruce Smith) then proposed that proxy votes be counted. There were 8 proxy votes which were all in favour of the motion.

Motion carried 15 votes to 8.

B:

“For races run under SHR insurance, age 18 shall be defined as age on the day of the race” and

“For SHR U23 championships, age 23 shall be defined as age on the day of the race”

Proposed: R Gallagher, Seconded: C Scott. (and endorsed by the SHR Committee).

(Explanatory note: Under current UK Athletics rules which Scottish Hill Runners (SHR) and Scottish Athletics (SAL) have to date abided by, age 18 is defined as age on the 1st of January of the year in which the race takes place.)

Motion carried 13 votes to 1.

9. Any Other Business

SHR Insurance: It was questioned whether there was still support for the SHR insurance and it was confirmed that the number of races using the facility was slightly higher than last year.

Documentation: A request was made for SHR to use either PDF or .doc (old versions of word) to send or store documentation.

Metrication: SHR are planning to follow the FRA example by expressing race categories in metric terms only.

Long Classics Mementoes: The committee will look for an appropriate memento for completion of the long classics series.

New Members 'Free' period: Presently new joining members who join after 1st June get free membership for the following year. The consensus amongst members is that this is too generous. As this is considered a constitutional matter, a proposal will be put forward at next year's AGM to move the date back to later in the year (date to be confirmed).