

The last paragraph is identical to one written last year but this time we will try harder!

The financial report was proposed for approval by Assynt Macleod and seconded by Graham Donaldson.

7. Election of Office Bearers

In the great Garioch tradition no nominations or proposals for office bearers were received prior to the AGM, in fact quite the reverse as Pete had previously indicated that he would like to stand down as chairman. His infamous Achilles injury and all together hectic lifestyle prevents him from participating in the weekly activities of the club and he felt that someone who took part in the running sessions rather than just the drinking sessions would better serve the post. Thanks for two years Pete and we will remember you for your brilliant Chairman's reports if not your brilliant race times!

After some debate, and arm twisting, the committee for 2007 – 2008 is as follows.

Chairman	Assynt Macleod
Secretary	Steve Waites
Treasurer	Bruce Taylor
Committee	Brian Ross
	Graham Donaldson
	Ian Cran

Sandra and Jane have also stood down and we welcome Brian and Graham to the committee with Assynt moving up to the Chair. Nicola will continue her honorary role as chief party planner. New faces and new ideas can only be good for the club and hopefully will motivate us all into organising some club and family friendly activities over the coming year.

8. Subscriptions

It was agreed that the current subscription of £12-00 would continue for 2007 / 2008

Fees are due now and can be given to Bruce or posted to: 21 Dunnydeer Park
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9. Bennachie Hill Race

Despite the absolute torrential rain in the morning, the 2006 Bennachie Hill Race was another great success for the club with an entry of 122 in the senior race and 30 teams in the junior relay. The weather was so bad while we were setting up that it seemed no sensible person would possibly want to run in it. There again, who said runners were sensible? They started coming out of the woods checking to make sure the race was still on, in fact almost demanding it! As it turned out the rain did ease and stopped completely during the actual run, though parts of the course were ankle deep in water. As might be expected in such conditions there were a few slips and trips but nothing

more serious that a bit of lost skin and blood which everyone concerned seem to take in their stride and accept as part of the experience!

Thanks to everyone who helped out, either marking the course and / or, on the day, the race couldn't happen without you. A big thank you also to Audrey Leel and the Chapel Cheetas who organised and "ran" the junior relay on the day and hopefully will continue to do so! Finally thanks once again to Run-4-It and Inov-8 for their generous sponsorship.

The marquee which we have borrowed from the guides in recent years is no longer available so the club purchased it's own which again proved very successful. Once we'd figured out how it went together and then forced ourselves out of the van into the rain to erect it that is. Despite being a significant investment for the club funds, in the long term it will more than pay for it's self as we will no longer have to make a donation to the guides camping fund. Thanks to Bruce for storing it, and Bruce's dad for spotting it in Costco!

Again the BHR was the concluding race in the Aberdeenshire tri-hill race series of Morven, Cairn William and Bennachie with James Macgregor representing Garioch in all 3.

BHR 2007

This year's race is on Sunday 7th October.

Jim Murdoch, who has acted as timekeeper for every BHR except one, when his daughter got married, is relocating to the borders and will no longer be available. Audrey has arranged for Alistair Simpson to take over as timekeeper for this years races.

David Armitage, who as well as being the organiser of the Cairn Willian race is also the Convenor of the Hill Running Commission has asked us to consider running a junior hill race as well as the senior race as they do at Morven and Cairn William. This is aimed at the 13 to 18 age group who are to young for the senior race.

Some discussion of this proposal took place and while no one objected in principal, the general feeling was that our resources are pretty much stretched with the existing events. The committee will however investigate what would be required to stage a junior race and the feasibility of adding one to the BHR will be decided in due course.

10. Dunnydeer Hill Race

We have been asked once again to provide some support to the Inch Boxing Club who are to organise the DHR on behalf of Friends of Inch Hospital. The race will be on Sunday 24th June as part of the Strawberry Fair. GRR involvement is basically to organise a race permit and provide some advice, though of course taking part will help to!

11. Change of Club Name

Although unable to attend in person due to working nights, Ian Cran proposed that we change the name of the club from Garioch Road Runners to Garioch Running Club, or something similar, which doesn't identify us as a one dimensional club, and which may

attract new members who maybe don't realise we run off road, trails, hills and everything in between. Ian's proposal was debated and whilst the reason for it was understood, the consensus was that we should retain the club name as is, partly for tradition but also due to the work involved in actually changing, i.e. with Scottish Athletics, the local clubs and our kit etc. We will however make a concerted effort to publicise the club and it's variety of runs and routes.

12. John Sharp Trophy

Only two nominations were received for this year's award, Assynt Macleod for a year of excellent race times, including several PBs, and Graham Donaldson for his equally excellent sub 3 hour marathon at Edinburgh last year.

It was decided that both nominees were deserving of the trophy, and for the first time it will be jointly awarded.

13. A.O.C.B.

Bruce asks for volunteers to help share the workload with updating the club website and production of the weekly(ish) news letter. Anyone interested can contact Bruce at bruce.taylor@ziebel.biz

The meeting was interrupted at this point by Duncan Leel, no doubt in the throes of ecstasy at the Girls Aloud concert in Aberdeen, phoning his mother and allowing us all to share the music!

Two subjects come up each year and this was no exception, promoting the club to the vast amount of runners we all see pounding the streets of Inverurie, and extending the social side of the club. Ideas included:

- A picnic / bbq somewhere scenic with the option for a short off-road run while the beer cools.
- Twin with another club, We go and run their race and they come and run the BHR. Barbados and the wine regions of France were hot favourites!
- A club weekend or night away. A lot of us have entered this years Aviemore half and there is maybe scope to organise the social side of that a bit better than last year.

Any other suggestions will be most welcome.

As there was no further business to discuss, the chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at approximately 2200 hrs.

Steve Waites
Secretary
Garioch Road Runners