



Bumper turnout at the AGM

by Tina Chantrey

There were over 50 SGRAC members at last month's AGM, where all the usual business items were raised, plus some interesting discussions over current issues.

A recent, significant advancement within the club has been the introduction of using PayPal to renew club membership and, as of 2011, to pay for entry to the Stubbington Green 10k.

Also under discussion was our cancelled 10k race, with Race Director, Gary Littlecott, providing a thorough breakdown of what happened and why. Gary confirmed that the entries for next year's 10k will be paid directly to the club using PayPal and not through the Runner's World website. Entries will open on 1st September so that the discounts from this year's race can be monitored effectively.

After all expenses incurred by this year's race, there is a surplus of £16,000 in the race fund; £10,000 will be held over for next year's race, with the remaining £6,000 being distributed to a number of local charities (see page 8 for the full breakdown).

Men's Captaincy

Men's Captain, Mark Le Gassick, gave a brief overview of the current HRRL standings, the club's relay successes, and the overall success of last year's RR10 series. He gave special mentions to Richard Thomas for winning the club Tri Champs



All change please: Mike Harper takes over from Mark Le Gassick as Men's Captain and Graham Bell (inset) becomes the new HRRL secretary

and Mike White for coming second and first V50, Nick Crane for his good performance at last year's West Wight Three Hills race, Keith Whittaker for completing the London to Brighton 56 mile run, and Nick Kimber, the marathon man!

Mark also congratulated the recipients of the 2009 club awards - Lewis Chalk (senior male), Mike Harper (veteran male) and Richard Thomas (triathlon champs).

After two year's as Men's Captain, Mark has decided to stand down from the role, and Mike Harper was proposed as his successor and unanimously voted in. Congratulations to Mike and thanks to Mark for his

contributions to the position.

"I was really pleased and a little surprised to be nominated as Men's Captain," says Mike. "Mark has done an excellent job, particularly in introducing the innovative SGRAC Running Championship points league, where anyone, from the fastest to the slowest runner, can become club champion. It's about getting out and running in the green vest. It's also the only way I can finish ahead of Andy Simpson these days!

"I'm looking forward to the various events coming up and I'm very grateful to Phil May for co-ordinating the cross-country, and Graham Bell for looking after the HRRL as of next season," says Mike. "If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for races, please don't hesitate to contact me" (see page 12 for Mike's contact details).

Graham Bell was proposed and voted into the position of HRRL secretary, and will take over from Mike at the end of the 2009/10 season. Congratulations to Graham and many thanks to Mike for his stewardship of the role.

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