Fairlands Valley Spartans - Chairman’s Report - AGM - November

A great Olympic year for Team GB and another good year for Fairlands Valley Spartans.

Looking back over the year it might surprise you to know how much extra we do as a club on top of our normal weekly activities:

Christmas party

Presentation evening

Sport Relief mile

Midweek league

EVAC

Off-road challenge

3k relays

Olympic fun day

5 k

Paul Maguire 5 mile

Half marathon

Cross Country

Not to mention support at the Race for Life and the Rota run.

None of this would be possible without the many months of planning and organisation that goes into putting on these events. I would like to give huge thanks to everyone who has helped organise and support these events, without your support these events would not be possible. Unfortunately we have found it difficult at times to get the required help, this has put unneeded stress on those people involved. Next year we need to focus on our key events to ensure they are successful and we all need to encourage more people to help, we have to remember that making our events a success keeps our membership fee as low as possible.

With all this going on we still manage to do a lot of running as well. The excellent training schedule keeps us all on our toes and it is a huge credit to Chris Leigh and the coaching team that so many of us show up week in and week out. Well done!

As a result of the excellent training schedule performances continue to improve, you see this every week with the lists of PBs achieved. But there are too many highlights to mention here in this report. Everyone should be congratulated on their achievements over the year, the club is very proud of you.

Unfortunately we were relegated from division 1 of the midweek League. I see this as an opportunity next year to focus on enjoyment and participation and I fully expect us to gain promotion next year.

I am sure you cannot have failed to notice that the club vest was updated to a more modern design, thanks to Andy Neatham for doing this and for introducing the optional stripy shorts.

This year also saw a new club website. This has been a mammoth job and has evolved throughout the year, and continues to do so. I would like to thank everyone who has worked behind the scenes to get this up and working and to those who maintain it on an ongoing basis.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone on the committee who have I have worked with over the year. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

Graham Blackburn

Chairman

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