

Holme Pierrepont Running Club AGM – Chair's Report 2017-18

It has been another great year for HP as we celebrate the growth of the club to 369 members. A warm welcome to those who have recently joined and I hope both existing and new members have had a successful year of running.

A recent survey was undertaken with the club members and we have received lots of responses. As the club grows it is difficult to ensure members are benefitting from the many things we do. The survey has ensured we can make the most of what we have so the club can act on any suggestions for the future. Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete it.

From the survey, a few areas have been identified for improvement. The committee are working hard to make information more accessible to club members but it is sometimes difficult with a small number of committee members. The committee members are all very dedicated to ensuring the club is running well and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the hard work and dedication. We always welcome others to help with the club so if you would like to be more involved, please get in touch.

This year has certainly been packed full of events (as usual) and I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and effort to help with club activities. The contributions from club members is what makes HPRC great and I feel it is important to recognise the significance of this.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to join in as many of the club activities as possible. I hope those new this year have already recognised that we celebrate achievements at all levels and everyone is welcome to join in the club activities so please continue to get involved (all details are published in Running Free).

This year also brought the most successful Grand Prix ever with entries exceeding all expectations allowing the club to raise £4,000 for Motor neuron disease Nottingham. The success of this is due to a small dedicated team of race organisers along with a huge number of club members volunteering to marshal the races. The club has been commended by many of the participants for the support to all runners and the survey has shown it's a very popular fixture on the HP calendar.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped the club run successfully this year, it's great to see HPRC going from strength to strength. I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Debbie Smith
HPRC Chair