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Minutes of 2026 Annual General Meeting

John Colet School, Wyatt Avenue, Belrose,
9.00am Sunday 22nd February 2026

1. *Acknowledgement of Country.*

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

2. *Opening:*

Meeting opened at 9.03 am chaired by Lynn Herisson (President), who welcomed members to the AGM and stepped through the agenda.

Thankyou to Peter Woods our Internal Race Director and supported by all the volunteers.
The Equaliser place getters:

Place	Male	Time	Female	Time
1	Darren Benson	57:17	Akiko Akashi	1:17
2	Tony Fattorini	1:01	Tracey Abdipranoto	1:29
3	Ran Liu	1:02	Leigh MacRitchie	1:30

3. *Apologies:* Amy Cheung, Tony Wong, Caroline Yarnell, Heidi Griffiths, Cam Arnold, Lola Arnold, Darren Benson, Dave McEwan, Peter Hubbard, Ran Liu

4. *Quorum:* 62 members attended (quorum as of February 17th, (5%x 690) = 35
Membership# 712- 22 members under 18 (incl family membership)

5. *President's Report for 2025*

It is with great pleasure that I present the President's report for 2025. It has been a busy year in my 4th year as president. It was a year to be proud of as we celebrated 45 years young. While things may have changed, we are a strong affiliated club with a recognisable presence in Sydney.

I would like to thank all the Committee and Non-Committee positions for their support and continued hard work throughout the year. The club does not exist without the support of many hard-working volunteers week in week out.

The club has so many activities from our 10k Series, Sunday STaR's, training sessions, race support and community. I will highlight some of the areas in detail below.

Membership - We are up at our highest level of adult members with **930** members at the end of December 2025 (906-Dec 24). The renewal rate and new members are at unprecedented levels coming into this year and we look forward to an amazing year. We continued our affiliation with ANSW and positioning of our club with an increased sense of community.

Fundraising and Support - We continued our support of our major charity The Run Beyond Program both financially and as volunteers. Our additional charities this year were the Mother Day Classic where we sent a team to the run at the city location.

Financial position - The club continues to be in a good financial position. Sunny Guo stepped into the treasurer's role and payment timing was greatly improved. We implemented Zero as our new accounting software tool. The Treasurer's report is tabled at this meeting and the points of interest.

TCS Sydney Marathon Collaboration - We hosted 4 run clubs that saw over 800 runners across the collaboration. TCS awarded a large number of entries based on all the hard work. What a day it was with 300 plus runners participating - the largest of all Sydney run clubs.

Governance - Kerry Tozer is our club Secretary and runs our committee meetings ten (more) times a year - keeping us all on track. Kerry has been working hard on transitioning to a new website that is scheduled to go live soon. The rewrite of historical content is challenging and we look forward to the transition later this year. Kerry was instrumental in rewriting the Code of Conduct in early 2025.

Training - We continue to grow this area with groups now most days. I would like to thank all our regular coaches and all the support crew that we have put through the coaching courses this year. The Bay Group, Tough Thursdays, Centennial Park and Dales Demons. The training sessions are increasing in popularity and a great intro to what the club has to offer. We put our coaches through a first aid training course in November to ensure they are all equipped with the required skills.

Marathon Training Group – our focus in 2025 was the TCS Sydney Marathon in September. We had a more integrated approach. We look to continue and build on this foundation this year.

Six Foot Track - The Six Foot Track committee did an amazing job to pivot to a successful run in September post the March cancellation due to bad weather. I wish them all the success with this year's run.

STaRS – The STaRS are the backbone of our long runs. This year we had 44 hosted runs (90%). A big thanks to Amy Cheung for continuing to organise hosts and thank you to everyone who volunteered. It is a great way to meet new people so please put up your hand and assist. We have continued with our revitalisation of our maps with special thanks to Carolyn Pope for her support.

Clothing – We continued to support clothing throughout the year with Glenn Lockwood having done a great job keeping us all in uniforms. I would like to thank Glenn as he steps down to pursue other areas.

Social Events Manager – Our social events manager Monica Kiraly introduced a few social afternoons that were enjoyable and the Christmas awards night that was new format was a success. All events were fully supported financially by the club. We look forward to new events this year, the first one scheduled early April. We also introduced consistency in Parkrun takeovers that we will continue in 2026.

New Members – Our new members manager Gill Cavenagh has done a great job in 2025 assisting our newest members to feel welcome into the club. Gill co-ordinates people joining the club by assisting members integrate into club activities and at our runs each Sunday. We had approximately 220 new members throughout the year. Our stats show that most new members are through word of mouth with

the Bay and Thursday night training groups being a visible entrance point. The most popular joining periods are the beginning of the year and leading up to the Sydney Marathon.

10k Series – Bruce Inglis coordinates the 10k series with the 2025 10K Series successful following a number of changes adopted. We saw a new course introduced “The Armory” which was a credit to Bruce. The 10k support crew is so important with many jobs being distributed this year. I would like to thank Paul Hannel for results, Luke Walker and family for race day timing Terry Mciver, Dave McEwan and Peter Woods and all others that assisted at the 10k. Pace Athletic continued as our race sponsor, providing prizes for each 10K race and 10K annual awards. They continue the sponsorship for 2026. We will look to introduce more shoe trials through the year. We introduced Natalie Wong as our formal photographer and the quality was amazing.

Super Series and Internal events – Sameer Parker has done a great job streamlining the process over the last few years with results out in record time. We were able to give awards to all successful participants at the end of year awards.

The Internal Super Series Races had two events and with Peter Woods leading the organisation, these were extremely popular the 10k handicap and the Equaliser.

Communications and Social Media - Jessica Luquin stepped into our formal communications role and changed the look and feel of communications. Chelsea Cogle assisted Jess with Social Media. Our presence in social media has increased with six thousand on the Facebook page and seven thousand Instagram followers. We are streamlining this position this year into communications and marketing and looking for a team to assist in social media as we need more people on the ground. We are also adding a partnership position to grow our brand.

Pacing Events and volunteer coordinator - We worked hard last year to be able to provide pacers for the SunRun, Canberra half and marathon events, Hoka Half and 10k, Sydney Harbour 10, NSW Half, the Sydney Marathon 10k and the BBB event. We provided post-race facilities Hoka, Canberra Gold Coast and City to Surf. We revitalised the look and feel of our kits which is much appreciated. Thanks to Stuart Donaldson, Chris Jackson, Nick Marlow and Heidi Griffiths organising pacers and coordinating events.

Juniors and NSW - Tony Wong and Caroline Yarnell continue to work with our Junior members and coordinate the NSW events.

Database Katherine Rothwell took over the database duties from Sameer and worked hard on streamlining the reporting and renewals.

Legal: I would like to thank John Wood for his legal assistance throughout the year. John assisted in the review of the Code of Conduct and contract reviews and advice.

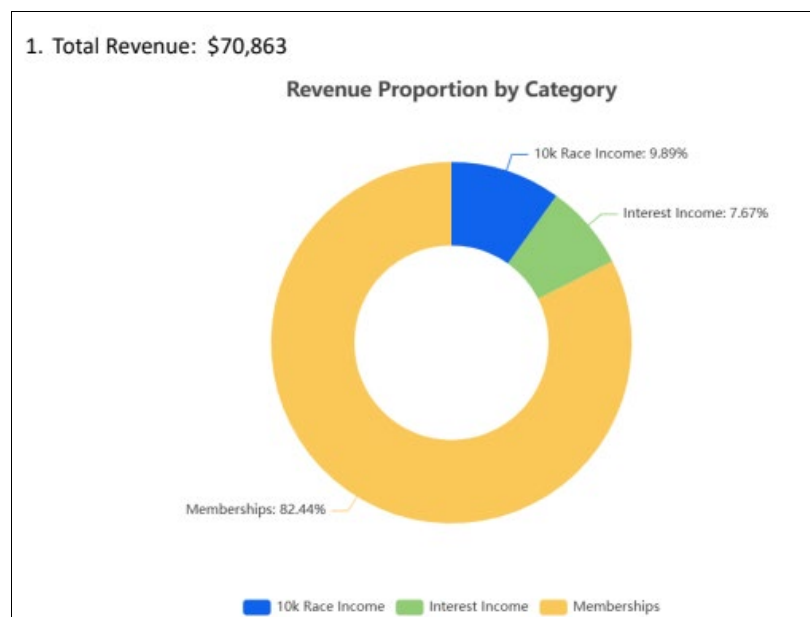
I would also like to thank David Bray for his continued support in the background.

What does the next 12 months look like? Continue our growth of the 10k series, new website go live, increased social media presence and support for our members through training, STaRs, more opportunities in pacing, race discounts and community support and great Vibes. I am very excited to continue working with the Sydney Marathon and look forward to sharing the schedule soon. As I draw this report to close on behalf of myself and the committee, I would like to thank you all for rejoining and contributing to the growth of the club. We look forward to your continued support and positive club spirits - “Go Striders”.

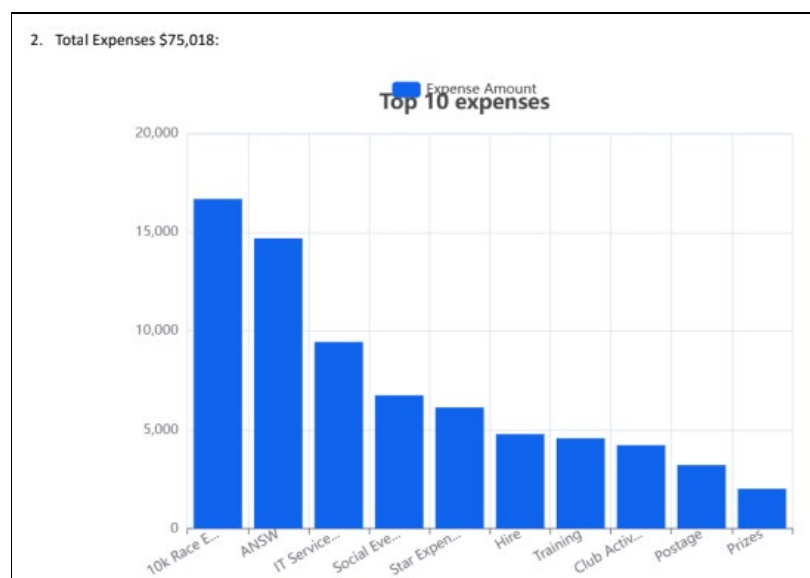
Yours in Running Lynn Herisson

6. *Treasurer's Report - Year Ended 31/12/2025*

1.Revenues: Where did the money come from?



2. Expenses: Where did the money go?



3.How is the financial wellbeing of the club?

3. A deficit (Loss) of **\$4154**.

With solid cash reserve on 31 Dec 2025, the Club is very healthy financially

Cash at the bank :

Cash at the bank	Less membership fee received in Dec	Year end Cash in bank acct	Term Deposit	Total cash Available
\$43,127	- \$34,562	\$8565	\$133,260	\$141,825

4.P&L, Balance Sheet below.

SYDNEY STRIDERS RUNNING CLUB - 5 Year FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
Income Statement (\$)					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Income					
Memberships	37,053	25,687	39,128	52,929	58,419
Interest	56	1,633	4,204	5,183	5,433
10 K series	7,662	9,693	13,583	8,022	7,012
Club Functions/other		1,965		2,312	
Total Income	44,771	38,978	56,915	68,446	70,863
Expenses					
10Kkm	7,681	9,788	14,512	14,373	16,693
Club Activities	1,418	12,306	5,543	5,329	4,223
Star costs	723	3,370	5,727	7,232	6,135
Trophies	909	2,289	5,077	3,873	2,015
Bank charges	1,333	1,267	1,527	1,650	1,662
ANSW	13,385	14,044	12,267	15,594	14,703
Other Expenses	7,865	9,086	10,502	11,931	10,856
Printing	1,135	1,939	1,663	973	84
Donations	2,539	1,607	1,700	2,146	1,200
Computer	6,795	3,988	5,040	7,348	9,454
depreciation/Amortisation	-	-		8,063	1,241
Legal				2,279	
Socials					6,751
Expenses	43,783	59,684	63,558	80,791	75,017
Surplus/deficit for the year	988	(20,706)	(6,643)	(12,345)	(4,154)
Balance sheet	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assets					
Cash at Bank	61,557	41,275	26,296	31,442	43,127
Investments	127,716	129,350	130,357	127,827	133,260
Stock (clothing)	25,525	22,635	16,876	18,814	13,088
Prepaid expenses	2,868	340	7,012	5,300	4,121
Trade Marks			7,755	6,204	4,963
website build			6,512		
Total	217,666	193,600	194,808	189,587	198,559
Liabilities					
creditors	1,400	721	400	4,299	43
prepaid memberships	8,464	5,783	6,200	17,180	34,562
Total	9,864	6,504	6,600	21,479	34,605
	207,802	187,096	188,208	168,108	163,954
Equity					
Opening	206,814	207,802	187,096	180,453	168,108
Surplus/Deficit	988	(20,706)	(6,643)	(12,345)	(4,154)
Total equity	207,802	187,096	180,453	168,108	163,954

Profit and Loss

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For the year ended 31 December
2025

Account	2025
Trading Income	
10k Race Income	7,012
Interest Income	5,433
Memberships	58,419
Total Trading Income	70,863
Gross Profit	70,863
Operating Expenses	
10k Race Expenses	16,693
ANSW	14,703
Bank Fees	1,662
Clothing write off etc	(1,845)
Club Activities	4,223
Donations	1,200
Hire	4,783
IT Services	9,454
Marketing	71
Other expenses	57
Postage	3,217
Printing & Stationery	84
Prizes	2,015
Social Events	6,751
Star Expenses	6,135
Trade Mark Amortization	1,241
Training	4,576
Total Operating Expenses	75,018
Net Profit	(4,154)

Balance Sheet

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As at 31 December 2025

	Account	31 Dec 2025
Assets		
	Bank	
	Sydney striders road running club incorporated	43,127
	Total Bank	43,127
	Current Assets	
	Clothing Inventory	13,088
	Prepayments	4,121
	Term Deposit	133,260
	Total Current Assets	150,468
	Fixed Assets	
	Trade Marks	4,963
	Total Fixed Assets	4,963
Total Assets		198,559
Liabilities		
	Current Liabilities	
	Donations owed	1,192
	Historical Adjustment	(1,149)
	Prepaid Revenue	34,562
	Total Current Liabilities	34,605
Total Liabilities		34,605
	Net Assets	163,954
Equity		
	Current Year Earnings	(4,154)
	Retained Earnings	168,108
Total Equity		163,954

7. **Minutes:** From 2025 AGM were accepted. **Moved:** Gill Cavenagh, **Seconded:** Jessica Luquin
8. **Election of Committee for 2026:** All positions were declared vacant. The following members were elected unopposed for the following positions:

Position	Nominee
President	Lynn Herisson
Vice President	Gill Cavenagh (new)
Treasurer	Sunny Guo
Secretary	Kerry Tozer
Membership Coordinator	Gill Cavenagh
Communications & Marketing	Jessica Luquin
10k Race Director	Bruce Inglis
STaR/Calendar Coordinator	Amy Cheung
Clothing	Angela Ellison (new)
Athletics NSW Coordinator	Tony Wong
Social Events	Monica Kiraly
Relationship Manager	Evniike Yardley (new)

Non-committee positions

- Sergeant At Arms – David Bray
- Super Series Coordinator – Sameer Parker
- Social Media Team - **vacant**
- Blister Editor(s) – **vacant**
- Database – Katherine Rothwell
- Web IT (old) – Bruce Graham, Web IT (new) – Christoper Foo (new)
- Internal Super Series Race Director – Peter Woods
- Juniors – Caroline Yarnell and Tony Wong
- Volunteers Coordinator – Heidi Griffiths
- Pacing – Chris Jackson, Stuart Donaldson and Nick Marlow (new)
- 10k Team – Peter Woods, Terry McIver, Paul Hannell, Dave McEwan
- STaR Maps – Carolyn Pope
- Legal Counsel pro bono – John Wood

9. **Other Business:**

Life Member

Jessica Luquin (club Communications and Marketing) outlined the contributions made to the club by Gilbert Gaddi who has been nominated and endorsed by the committee for Life Membership in accordance with clause 13(3) of the Constitution. Life membership for Gill was ratified by members (38/61 = 62%) in attendance via a secret ballot.

Gilbert thanked fellow striders for the nomination and being voted. Joined the club with the introduction by Pauline Evans, after sustaining a climbing injury. Have paced many races “once last hill” was his mantra – although it wasn’t! I have worn several hats over the years, Socials,

pacing, younger members are calling me “Father Gilbert”. It’s a racing community; no-one gets left behind unless you are in the toilet.

The meeting closed at 9.41 am.

Appendix I

Gilbert Gaddi

Gilbert has been an integral part of the Sydney Striders community since joining in 2012. He was instrumental in bringing the club into the social media age and made significant contributions to shaping it into the vibrant organisation it is today.

In 2015, Gilbert took on the newly created non-committee role of Social Media, working alongside Enrique Suana. His dedication and innovative approach set a new benchmark for communication within the club. Two years later, in 2017, he joined the committee until the end of 2024, covering the roles

- 2017 – 2019 Communications
- 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023 Communications/Social media
- 2024 – Social media.

During his tenure, the club's online presence flourished — the Striders' Instagram following grew to 4,289 with 1,865 posts, marking a new era of digital engagement.

Gilbert also played a pivotal role in establishing *The Stitch*, the club's newsletter, ensuring members remained connected.

Contributions are on-going in encouraging new members to join.

Gilbert served as **Vice President in** 2021 (joint) to 2023, continuing his passionate advocacy for the club and its community.

Through his enthusiasm, he:

- Founded the *Tough Thursday Training Group*, fostering camaraderie and performance among members, as well as developing a team of coaches to help share the load of coaching (he himself is a level 4 coach).
- Strengthened partnerships with race directors, sponsors, and local communities — enhancing the club's visibility and diversity within Sydney's running scene.
- Played a key role in organising the **Movember Charity Run (2022–2024)**.
- Supported fundraising efforts for *The Run Beyond Project* through the **Under Armour Charity Run** initiative.
- Maintained strong relationships with race organisers, assisting in securing discounts and pacing opportunities for events such as the **Sun Run** and **Sydney Marathon**.

Through his commitment, energy, and community spirit, Gilbert has left an enduring legacy on the Sydney Striders - ensuring the club remains vibrant, connected, and forward-looking.

The Committee has approved Gill's nomination and recommends Gill for Life Membership of the club by special resolution in accordance with clause 13(3) of the Constitution.