

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has given up their time to attend this evenings meeting and also to the Executive Committee for organising.

Looking back at 2022 it was with great sadness that we lost a few of our respected friends and members.

Firstly, Dursley Stott who was our President for over 32 years which was a momentous tenure and probably won't be surpassed in our lifetime

Secondly, Tadhg O'Mahony who significantly supported and organised the Isle of Man Marathon / Half Marathon every year

They will all be greatly missed.

Here is a review of our 2022 events which provided a mixed bag of success:

- **Acclaim 20 Mile & Marathon Event** – 28 entrants down by 4
- **Micro Gaming IOM Marathon / Half Marathon** had 422 entrants down by 9
- **Ramsey Bakery End to End Walk** had 160 entrants down by 118
- **The Syd Quirk Half Marathon** – Full House at 400 but the reserve list went down well after feedback last from last year
- **Both Handicaps** had record entries – 136 entrants up by 31

Big changes for 2023:

- Manx Timing Solutions have stepped away from organising smaller events but have offered to support us with the timing ourselves i.e. training Clive
- Altenar are the new sponsors for 2023 IOM Marathon/Half Marathon
- In a significant turnaround we have new sponsors for 2023 E2E Walk, a new committee and race date. The sponsors are preparing a Press Release announcing their sponsorship.
- Hansard Global our sponsors for the Spring and Autumn Handicaps
- I would like to extend my thanks to Helen Simpson and Enid Watson for all of their support over the years. They have both stepped away from the committee which means we need more members to help support with the events we put on

With the above in mind, I would like to recognise the outstanding work that is undertaken by my exceptional Executive Committee, Sub-committees, marshals, timekeepers, first aiders, sweepers and anyone else who is involved in the organisation of such great events. Without all of your support and hard work (in your own time), there would be no club or successful events that we organise throughout the year.

On the subject of social media, our Facebook page went from 522 members to 621 members.

We continue our social media presence to advertise upcoming events and these also go across multiple club groups to so nobody misses out.

I would like to conclude by wishing all of our members every success in all of their respective events in 2023.

Thank you

Lee Johnson,  
Chairman IOMVAC

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