



Minutes of AGM held in the Clubhouse, County Ground – 30th November 2022

Present:

Committee: Bryan Clinton (Chairman), Ray Bell (Treasurer), Steve Connolly (Secretary), John Dill, Kieran Golding, Howard Moscrop, Gemma Scott, Phil Smith, Steve Sparkes and Emily Swaine.

Others Present: Michael Affleck, Nigel Belgrave, Shenade Belgrave, Jade Bennett, Alan Brown, David Bull, Kevin Buttle, Luke Byrne, Lisa Carpenter, Keeleigh Chapman, Courtenay Chessell, Ben Cole, Neil Cox, Anna Curtis, Simon Dill, Stuart Foster, Howie Gooderham, Debbie Gunning, Jon Hughes, Bernard Merron, Helen Merron, Pauline Morgan, Rachel Moscrop, Hannah New, Matt Nicholls, Rachel Oram, Matthew Prosser, Chris Reade, Flinn Roberts, Michael Sas, Craig Scott, Martin Smith, Chris Varley, Felicity Webb, Rachael Wells, Harry Woods and Matt Woodward.

A total of 46 members were present.

Bryan welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence: Sarah Bellamy, Neil England, Val Gibbons, Zoe Paines, Lesley-Ann Varley and Geoff Wickens

2. Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by Bryan. Proposer – Martin Smith
Seconder – Howard Moscrop.

Carried unanimously

3. Matters arising

- Most issues that were carried forward were to be dealt with under the main agenda. The problem raised concerning membership figures last year were caused by the introduction of the new online membership system with Love Admin. Hopefully any discrepancy in figures will have been ironed out with more experience of using the system and extracting information for reports.

4. Receive and Approve reports of Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Team Managers

- All the above reports, except for the Veterans Track and Field Team report which was read out at the meeting, were circulated via Love Admin prior to the meeting.
- The only issue raised related to the problems the SAL team has had in fulfilling team needs. This was raised by Howard Moscrop and echoed the point made by Rich Newman in his Team Manager's report.

Acceptance of reports – proposed by Mike Affleck, seconded by Emily Swaine and carried unanimously.

5. Presentation of Accounts and Balance Sheet by Treasurer

- Ray had circulated his report to all members in advance of the meeting via Love Admin. He highlighted a few items to the meeting.
- These included the purchase of a new toilet block (helped by a £10K donation from the Swindon Town Football Trust), the delaying of the repairs / clean of the track. This will hopefully take place in Spring 2023. An independent contractor has now inspected the track. We also have to replace our competition shed and move it inside the perimeter fence of the track. Planning permission has been sought and if funds are available we hope to put the new building in place next year. We are using the services of a paid Press Officer to raise the profile of the club.
- A query was raised concerning the sources of funding. It was pointed out that the main source remains membership fees although things like fees from open meetings obviously help. Going forward we hope to raise more funds from selling refreshments and also trackside advertising, which is currently being worked on. A fundraising working group will consider other ideas.

6. Update on Track Management

- Ray pointed out that bookings from schools have still not returned to their pre-Covid levels.
- We are proposing to employ external toilet cleaning contractors.
- Ray explained that there has been a substantial increase in our energy costs. We are still waiting for our floodlights to be replaced. This would involve the replacement of the columns, the lights and perhaps the cabling. The matter is now in the hands of Swindon Borough Council.

The passing of the reports was proposed by Steve Sparkes, seconded by John Dill and was carried unanimously.

7. To set subscriptions for 2022 / 2023 due on 1st April 2023

- It is proposed that the monthly charge for track users will be as follows:
FUNdamentals (7 – 10 years) will be £18 a month (£216 per annum). For all other groups the fee will be £20 a month (£240 per annum). The annual fee for off track users will rise to £33 per annum. The increase in fees will allow the club to invest extra funds into on-going maintenance and improvements at the track.

Actions - In the discussion on this issue a couple of points were raised which will be discussed at the next committee meeting. These related to family discounts and rates for university students.

**Proposed by General Committee, seconded by Kieran Golding
Carried unanimously.**

The sessional track fee will be considered by the General Committee. This does not have to be passed at the AGM

8. Election of new Life Members

There were no nominations.

9. Election of Officers

Following the introduction of the new constitution the structure of the committee has changed. An executive committee and a number of new positions have been established.

Executive Committee Positions

The following were duly elected:

- 9.1. President:** Lesley Ann Varley
- 9.2. Chairperson:** Geoff Wickens (after a secret ballot)

As Geoff Wickens had sent his apologies Howard Moscrop, as Vice Chair, took over as Chair. He thanked the outgoing Chair, Bryan Clinton, for his work on behalf of the club, during his time as Chair.

- 9.3. Vice Chair:** Howard Moscrop
- 9.4. General Secretary:** Steve Connolly
- 9.5. Assistant Secretary:** Emily Swaine
- 9.6. Treasurer:** Ray Bell
- 9.7. Assistant Treasurer:** Matt Woodward

Other Committee Positions

- 9.8. Membership Secretary:** Gemma Scott
- 9.9. Officials Secretary:** Kieran Golding
- 9.10. Coaching Co-ordinator:** Bryan Clinton
- 9.11. Welfare Officers:** Sarah Bellamy. One post remains vacant
- 9.12. Health and Safety Officer:** Vacant
- 9.13. Social Media Officer:** Vacant
- 9.14. Two representatives of athletes aged 8 to 19 years of age:** Steve Sparkes plus one other
- 9.15. Schools Liaison Officer:** Phil Smith
- 9.16. Community / Business Liaison Officer:** Vacant
- 9.17. Six ordinary members:** Neil Cox, John Dill, Val Gibbons, Matt Prosser, Rachael Wells plus one vacant position

10. Nomination of person to review accounts

Matt Woodward has agreed to do this.

11. Election of Team Managers

The following people were duly elected:

- SAL (Men)** – Luke Byrne
- SAL (Women)** – Keeleigh Chapman and Rachel Moscrop
- Under 13 / 15 / 17** – Martin Smith and Craig Scott
- Quadkids** – Steve Sparkes
- Cross Country (Men)** – Bryan Clinton and Courtenay Chessell
- Cross Country (Women)** – Kiera Clinton
- Road Running (Men)** – Simon Dill
- Road Running (Women)** – Debbie Gunning
- Veterans Track and Field** – Derek Gardner

12. Updates on Club Policies and Practices

Steve C explained where the club is in respect of England Athletics' 7 Standards. Steve explained that we hope to have completed the process during the next year. We have completed two of the standards and are part way through some of the others. The new committee will prioritise the outstanding issues when they meet in the New Year.

13. London Marathon Club Place

A draw was held for our one London Marathon place. The winner was Michael Passmore.

14. Any other business of which proper notification has been received.

- A query was made about whether we could introduce proxy voting for the AGM. It was agreed that committee would consider this at their next meeting.

15. Open Forum

- Concern expressed about good quality athletes moving to other clubs – what can we do about this?
- YDL structural changes may offer opportunities but still some discussion needed here. Suggestion of a composite team – Swindon + Newbury?
- Problem still exists with the number of available officials.
- All above issues will be discussed in committee.

Howard thanked everyone for their attendance.