



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Swindon Harriers – 21st November 2018

Held at The Clubhouse, County Ground Track at 8.15pm

Present:

Committee: Bryan Clinton (Chairman), Ray Bell (Treasurer), Steve Connolly (Secretary), Sarah Bellamy, John Dill, Val Gibbons, Phil Smith, Steve Sparkes and Sara White

Other Members: Nigel Belgrave, Lily Bennett, Alan Brown, Geoff Danswan, Debbie Gunning, Tony Jackson, Darren Large, Spencer Leak, Zoe Large, Pauline Morgan, Shelly O'Callaghan, Matt Ryder and Martin Smith

A total of 22 members were present.

Bryan Clinton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Kim Chapman and Kieran Golding

2. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

Bryan signed the Minutes of the original meeting (22.11.17 -no quorum) and the reconvened meeting of 29.11.17

3. Matters Arising

No matters were raised

4. Reports

The reports of the relevant officers were circulated (please see attached) and the views of the meeting were sought

There were no questions or comments.

5. Presentation of Accounts and Balance Sheet by the Treasurer (RAY BELL)

Accounts have not been audited but were circulated (please see attached). RB explained that the major items of equipment purchased were the clubhouse (£55,384), paving around the cabins (£12,600) and the purchase of a new high jump bed and cover (£12,090). We have also purchased a second EDM but this was covered by sponsorship. RB explained that the biggest source of income was membership fees although the figures are not comparable with the previous year as we have now introduced an all inclusive monthly payment. At the end of the year expenditure exceeded income by £34.5K, although this figure would have been greater were it not for donations of just over £20K. Cash reserves at year end stand at just over £48K. An auditor is needed for the accounts.

There were no questions/queries raised.

Acceptance of all reports, including accounts, proposed by Darren Large seconded by Nigel Belgrave and carried unanimously.

6. To set subscriptions for 2019/2020 due on 1st April 2019

It is proposed that the monthly charge for track users will be as follows: FUNdamentals (7 – 10 years) will be £12 a month (£132 per annum). For all other groups the fee will be £15 a month (£165 per annum). The annual fee for non track users will stay at £27.50 per annum. It is also proposed that the track fees rise to £4 Members and £6 Non-Members. The increase in fees will allow the club to invest extra funds into on-going maintenance and improvements at the track.

Proposed: General Committee seconded by Alan Brown carried unanimously.

7. Consideration of new Constitution

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

8. Election of Life Members

No nominations

9. Election of Officers

The following are proposals but couldn't be voted on

9.1 President

Lesley-Ann Varley

9.2 Chairman

Bryan Clinton

9.3 General Secretary

Steve Connolly

9.4 Treasurer

Ray Bell

9.5 Membership Secretary

Kim Chapman

9.6 Officials Secretary

Kim Chapman

9.7 Co-ordination of the Permanent Working Groups

i) Planning and Administration

Vacancy covered by Principal Officers

ii) Track and Field

Vacant

iii) Endurance

Vacant

9.8 Welfare Officer

Sarah Bellamy

9.9 Coaching Co-ordinator

Bryan Clinton

9.10 Representative of junior athletes

Stephen Sparkes

9.11 PR Officer

Sara White

9.11 General Committee Members (at least 5)

Mike Affleck

John Dill

Val Gibbons

Phil Smith

No further nominations.

10. Election of Auditor

Vacant

11. Election of Team Managers

These are proposals only as can't be voted on

11.1 Senior Men Track and Field

Neil Cox

11.2 Senior Women Track and Field
11.3 Young Athletes' Track and Field

Zoe Large
John Dill (U13/U15)
Debbie Gunning (U17/U20)

11.4 Mens Cross Country
11.5 Veterans Track and Field
11.6 Womens Cross Country and Road Running
11.7 Young Athletes Cross Country and Road Running

Bryan Clinton
Derek Gardner
Val Gibbons/Pauline Morgan
Bryan Clinton/John Dill

Proposer – Tony Jackson, Seconder – Alan Brown. Carried unanimously.

12. Updates on Club Policies and Practices

Club policies have been updated in the past 12 months and all policies are on the club website

13. Update on Track management

We continue with the task of track management. We have had to consider safety of long throws (UKA regulations) particularly cage improvements. Our cage, unlike some others, is in the correct position.

We are having to consider TrackMark, the new UKA quality assurance scheme. We have to be compliant by 1.4.2020, although higher level meetings at other tracks have to be compliant a year earlier. The potential cost could be £10K

13. Virgin London marathon – club place draw

The winner of the ballot place was Crispian Garth (Darren Davidse was the reserve).

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

Nothing received

15. Open Forum

General feeling that we should encourage U17/U20s to compete for the club. This is an area where we are currently weak.

Another idea put forward was to put on open meetings at the club thus providing another opportunity to compete on our own track. We obviously have the Mark Cawte Memorial Meeting – 30th March 2019

We need to encourage more people to get involved in coaching particularly from U13s upwards.

By the next track season we will have our own electronic timing system in operation. With this in mind we will be holding a Photo Finish Course here in the New Year. We will need a set up team for the equipment at home fixtures. These individuals could also help to set up EDM. Nigel Belgrave volunteered. We will need others to do likewise.

Meeting closed at 9.33pm