

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HA&CC ATHLETIC SECTION

13TH NOVEMBER 2019

30 members present, plus Steve Millington in the chair

The meeting opened at 8.45. Members present are invited to sign in, agendas are available, and minutes of last meeting are available for people here.

Proposer and seconder for minutes from 2018 are Mark Higgins, and Chris Pearce.

Matters arising – none

Team reports

None available for Sportshall, but it is an important event, and the Chair offered thanks to Sian Brook, Chris Brook, Matt Allen, and Phil Scarr for their hard work at Sportshall events

Team report for junior athletes was presented from Mick Milczarek for the young athletes.

Ollie Dodd presented a report for the upper age juniors. He is retiring from this team manager position, and Tim Allen will be the manager for the upper age groups, both male and female.

Peter Dear presented a report for the senior men's team.

Dave Turvey was not present this evening, but through Peter Dear passed on thanks to the athletes and helpers for the track and field events. The team struggled for numbers. Those that turned out performed well. Ollie Dodd will take over this senior track and field team

Anna Cosimetti, women's team captain thanked ladies for their continued support. Last season was plagued by ill-health and injury. There were some excellent individual performances.

Thanks were offered to Mark Hadley for giving his time to train some of the ladies who run competitively.

Alan Smallwood reported for the veterans track and field league

Helena Bustin presented the annual accounts. There is a surplus of £7961, and income and expenditure were comparable to last year. Section income fell slightly, as membership has fallen slightly.

We are renting the track to Halesowen Tri, creating an income stream for the section.

There is some planned expenditure, for 2020, including Smithy flooring. We have paid £10,000 to the track fund, with a further £7,000 by the end 2019. There is an increase in reserves, and the memorial fund has increased.

Regarding membership, it was noted that we are at capacity for juniors but have capacity for more adult members.

A question was raised about whether the falling subscriptions are due to the aging population, as pensioners are not required to pay subscriptions. Alex Morgan said that there are some still unconfirmed members, who leave but don't say so. In his view a reduced income relates to a fall in membership numbers

Re-election of committee and officers

Steve Millington re-elected as chair, unopposed, with no other nominations

No vice-chair candidates

Helena Bustin will continue as treasurer

Kathryn Williets as secretary

Alex Morgan will continue as membership secretary

Peter Dear to continue as men's captain

Anna Cosimetti to continue as women's captain.

Other committee members are all content to continue

There are 2 vacancies

We need management committee representatives

Rob Weaver and Phil Scarr proposed and seconded all the above appointments, and these were made unopposed.

Mick Deakin offered to prepare membership cards for 2020

Ollie Dodd mentioned the two senior coaches, Ollie Wright and Richard Cernik who are now coaching seniors

Any other business:

3 additional issues were raised:

1. The Virgin London marathon 2020 has allocated 1 place to our section, although so far there are no nominations, this will be raised again at the December team meeting
2. Fees and membership. We have had a request for additional fee categories to be included, and these are to be considered. In particular, whether single parent families are disadvantaged. This is a committee decision, so the subscription categories will be reconsidered
3. WMYACCL next event is at Warley Woods on Sunday 17th November, we need to supply marshals for this event, (male and female)

Meeting closed 9.40pm