

MINUTES OF AGM HELD BY ZOOM 16TH JULY 2020

Present : Louise Aspinall, Nigel Beeson, Carol Bennett, Conor Bennett, Catie Giles, Angus Murray, Chris Perry, Steve Perry, Charlie Satterley, Kay Schiller, Liz Smith, David Walker, Linda Walker, Russell Wareing

- 1) **Apologies:** Peter Bennett, Colin Gemson, Dave Voyle

- 2) **Minutes of the 2019 AGM** were accepted by the meeting and no matters arising.

3) **Chairman's Report**

We remember our oldest member Arnold Bibby who died in December – lovely man and he was a founding member of our club. The committee will be deciding shortly on how we can commemorate Arnold for everything he did for our club.

Firstly, athletics, - that is what we are here for. Because of Coronavirus, all competition has largely been wiped out since the cross country season: road running, track and field and fell running hit particularly hard. But we are starting to be active again, with sessions being organised on the track and road. I'll say a bit more about Coronavirus later on. However, there were some outstanding performances over the last year before the lockdown.

- Matthew Knowles represented Great Britain in the World Mountain running championships and came 5th.
- In road running, David Walker: selected to represent England in the V60 category.
- Raymond Edgar got an England vest in the British and Irish Masters Cross Country International in November 2019.
- Mark Gardner won a 1500m silver medal in the indoor British Masters T&F
- In cross country, Anna Nicholson, Phoebe Hayashi and Matthew Knowles won gold medals in the Lancashire Championships. And Anna and Phoebe also won gold in the Mid Lancs.
- Also in cross country, Senior mens teams won Div 3 and 4, and vets won Div 2. Mark Holgate managed these teams We also hosted Mid Lancs back in Feb and many thanks to Victoria and Kevin for all their hard work in organising a really successful event.

- In track and field, Road relays - U15 boys Gold, U17 men silver, U11 girls - bronze. T& F (from 2019)
- Rhys Ashton won inter-counties 3k. Women's team won Div 2 in the Mid Lancs league. And we maintained our positions in in the YDL leagues. Thanks to Ola for organising both teams.

- And Catie has been getting pbs from her fell running group.

I want to thank all coaches and run leaders who voluntarily give up their time for the club, and all club members should never forget this.

When I became chair of the club – 3 aims – improve the finances, improve communications and try to have more integration of the various groups within the club. The club finances are in a fairly healthy state as Liz will confirm, and the committee is considering how we invest that money for the benefit of all club members. Earlier this year, we bought a new high jump and landing bed. On communications, I think we have improved and Charlie is managing the website and Facebook pages really effectively and he's also organised the booking system for road running sessions.- but we have some way to go on integration.

Overall, I think we had a successful year but of course, but coronavirus looms large and I'll end with that. We're operating as a club again but not at full throttle. I'd ask everyone to be patient – we must follow EA guidance. At this point, I want to say that Salt Ayre have been especially generous allowing track use, and so I think we should remember that – and that includes remembering to be friendly and respectful as individuals to Salt Ayre staff.

I'm not sure when we will have normal Tuesday/Thursday evenings again – our club house is small and social distancing difficult if not impossible. BUT, we are mainly an outdoor sport, so I hope we can get back to near normal soon and mix again with all of our club friends and members.

4) **Treasurer's Report**

Liz reported there was approximately £18,000 in the bank at the end of the financial year (2018/19) giving the club a surplus of £4000. Membership fees were down slightly. Angus negotiated a reduction in the clubhouse insurance.

5) **Election of President** - no nominations or resignation so Steve Perry remains in post.

Proposed Russell Wareing Seconded Conor Bennett Agreed by meeting

6) **Election of officers** - no nominations or resignations so the current committee was re-elected en bloc.

Proposed Russell Wareing Seconded Conor Bennett Agreed by meeting.

7) **Motions for discussion** -

a) Change in the constitution of Section 7e – original as follows: *“Considering any amendments to the Constitutional Rules of which due notice has been given to all members. Any proposed change to a Constitutional Rule by a member must be received by the Chairman or Honorary Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting”*

The proposal is to change this to read *“Any proposed change to a Constitutional Rule by a member must be received by the Chairman or Honorary Secretary at least **14 days** prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting”*

Proposed by Charlie Satterley and agreed by the meeting.

- b) Change in the constitution of Section 11 – original as follows:
“Nominations for the positions of Officers and representatives plus any motions for discussion must be given to the Secretary in writing listing a proposer and seconder 10 days prior to the Annual General Meeting – the Secretary will then publish details on the Noticeboard of all nominations received. No nominations may be made at the Annual General Meeting.”

The proposal is to change this to read: *“Nominations for the positions of Officers and representatives plus any motions for discussion must be given to the Secretary in writing listing a proposer and seconder **14 days** prior to the Annual General Meeting – the Secretary will then publish details on the Noticeboard of all nominations received. No nominations may be made at the Annual General Meeting.”*

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- c) Fees - Table of proposed annual fees as a result of missing the first quarter of the membership year (April – June) due to the COVID-19 national pandemic.

	Start of activity in Jul, Aug, Sep	Start of activity in Oct, Nov, Dec.
Senior	53	41
Junior	56	43
U11	52	35
Uni Student	20	20
2nd claim student	5	4
2nd claim senior	38	25
2nd claim junior	41	27
Family senior	24	22
Family junior	27	24
Family U11	23	16
Benefit Claimants	Membership Fee waived.	

Proposed by Steve Perry Seconded by Liz Smith Agreed by meeting

8. **Close of meeting** the meeting closed at 7.55pm