

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2018 at Cambridge University Sports Ground, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge

Present 50 members

1. Apologies for Absence:

Louis Rawlings, Mary Holmes, Mo Park, Steph Murphy, Joan Lasenby, John Jenkins

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2017 were approved

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

4. Reports from the Chair and Treasurer

Chair's Report (Keith Clarke)

Statistics:

- 795 Registered Athletes
- 8 League competitions with 40 separate events
- Plus many regional competitions
- 638 Male and 511 Female performances on Power of 10
- 32 active Coaches
- 20 active Officials
- 12 Committee members

Athletic Highlights for last 12 months:

- Great (Inter-)national level results:
 - U17M team Gold and SenW team Silver at National cross-country
 - Silver for the womens team in the ERRA 6 stage National road relays
 - Thomas Keen is the 2018 European under 18's 3000m champion
 - English schools golds for Thomas Keen and Julia Paternain and silver for Maisie Snaith and Adelaide Omitowoju
 - National Road Relays: U13B Gold, U17M Silver and U15B Bronze
 - Jack Gray won Bronze at the England 10k championships at Manchester
 - Sarah McGrath and Anthea Bramford won British Masters Shot and Hammer Gold in their age categories
 - Mike Hausler Silver in the British Masters M55 shot
- Plus many, many regional and local event wins by too many members to mention

Running the Club:

- Running the club takes a lot of work
- If the goal is to ensure our athletes can train and perform and our coaches can focus on coaching, what can be done to ensure a smooth operation?

- The long term plan must be to make the running the club more sustainable, and my thinking so far:
 - We partition the roles into smaller chunks wherever possible and enlist a greater number of parents/carers to spread the load
 - We set expectations among new young athlete parents that we're expecting some volunteering
 - We need to look at what can be automated – new website will help a little
- As part of the above we have initiated changes to Monday evenings starting in February...

Monday evening Young Athletes:

- Ric Park has kindly agreed to oversee our new look Monday evenings (starting when we move outside in late February)
- The purpose is to:
 - Improve progression of athletes while still U15 and when they move to U17 and beyond
 - Achieve a greater sense of belonging for athletes and their families with 3 pathways to follow at least one (ideally more):
 - Competing
 - Coaching
 - Volunteering

Finally – We've received a donation...

- An employee requested donation resulted in a grant of £15,540 from Orbis Investments in August
 - Thank you
- We would like to use this to do something that will last for the club. The committee discussed and drew up a long list.
- The one which is being progressed to feasibility is to build a core area at the track that can be used by all. It would have to be built and maintained by the university so they will have the final say.
- We have already asked for some shelters to be installed using a small amount of the money
- Help requested: to help us close in on a scheme and see it through

Treasurer's Report (Deborah Williams)

The Treasurer presented the accounts as reported to the Charity Commission for period up to 31st March 2018 and were noted by the attendees. For this period there was a deficit of £689 versus a planned surplus of £1,643 – this is due to a slight reduction in overall number of members.

The year end March 2019 was planned to have a deficit of £8,576 allowing for the website development – this is still on-target as we intend to pay for the website over the next 3-5 years using subs. The £15,540 donation we received from Orbis Investments will be used for a separate special purpose although we have put the donation in our unrestricted fund.

It is proposed to keep the subscription the same for 2019

5. Any other motions tabled

No motions were tabled

6. Thank you's

The Chair thanked the outgoing committee members: Julie Wych, Mark Vile; and change of role for Mo Park

7. Election of officers and committee 2018-19

a/ President Mary Holmes

Proposed by the committee; Seconded by: Noel Moss; Motion passed to elect Mary.

b/ Chair Keith Clarke

Proposed by the committee; Seconded by: Stuart Dunlop; Motion passed to elect Keith.

c/ Treasurer Deborah Williams

Proposed by the committee; Seconded by: Ric Park; Motion passed to elect Deborah.

d/ Remaining committee:

Membership Secretary - Marie Whittle

Portfolios: Track & Field – Noel Moss, Endurance – Chris Hurcomb, Coaching – vacant, Young Athletes – Ric Park

Member without Portfolio – Mo Park

Proposed by: Keith Clarke; Seconded by: Richard Lyle; Motion passed to elect as above.

8. Website update

An update on the progress of the website was given and an alpha version was demonstrated eliciting some good feedback to help us complete the project satisfactorily

9. Q&A

The meeting finished with an informal chat among many of the attendees.