

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.