

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 26th November 2019 at Cambridge University Sports Ground, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge

Present 33 members

1. Apologies for Absence

Kathryn Williams, Duncan Heal, Caroline Lee, Pamela Abbott, Duncan Forsyth, Helen Grant

2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2018 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:

- 748 registered athletes
- 8 League competitions with 40 separate events
- 649 male and 461 female performances on Power of 10
- 20 qualified coaches (CiRFs)
- 26 coaching assistants (LiRFs)
- 20 active Officials
- 14 Committee members (inc. 3 co-opted)

Website:

The new website was launched in March 2019 and is proving to be a successful update; thanks to Stu Dunlop for overseeing the project and Wendy Fox for the news updates. Thanks also to anyone involved in the testing of the site and submission of news.

Junior Academy

The Junior Academy was launched in February, taking place on Monday evenings; thanks to Ric Park.

It has been hugely successful with the increased competition participation seeing The Club reach the EYAL and EAL finals for the first time in a number of years. The waiting list is currently between 50-100 individuals although many of those seem to be parents who are hedging their bets as to which club will have availability first. An induction fee has therefore been introduced to ensure the waiting list compiles individuals who are committed to athletics and The Club.

Regular coaches are required in order to ensure coach/young athlete relationships can be built, resulting in continued participation within athletics. Volunteers welcomed!

The Supporters Club / Volunteering

Thanks given to all volunteers who stepped forward after the recent plea for help! Vashti Macdonald-Clink is now the Volunteer Co-ordinator, ensuring all ad-hoc volunteering is managed in a more effective manner. A technology solution is also being sought, again, to assist in the management of volunteers.

Para-Athletics

Thanks to Neil Costello and a small number of coaches, a wheelchair training group now takes place on Monday evenings although is likely to move to Wednesday evenings as of Feb 2020.

An application was made to, and accepted by, the A14 Community Fund to fund 4 Race-Runners (enabling individuals who can use their legs for propulsion but need upper body support).

More coaches and helpers are required; email neilzcostello@gmail.com

Donations

2 generous donations have now been received from Orbis Investments (one in the previous financial year). Funding has already been committed to purchasing a new storage unit for the Race-Runners and racing wheelchairs but suggestions would be welcomed on how to spend the remaining funds on legacy items. Email investideas@cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk

Treasurer's Report (Ed Hall)

The Treasurer presented the accounts as reported to the Charity Commission for the period up to 31st March 2019 and were noted by the attendees. For this period there was a surplus of £2,494 due to lower coaching costs than budgeted as well as a number of expenditure invoices being received in the following financial year.

Subscription income and expenses were broadly in line with the previous year with a small increase in subscriptions due to the Junior Academy induction fees. Expenses included the final payment for the new website and two Trust Fund payments, one which will be reimbursed in the current year (Cambourne 10k).

A question was raised regarding any ongoing website costs for support and maintenance. It was confirmed that the costs were minimal; c£100pm.

A second donation from Orbis investments was received.

It is proposed to increase subscriptions by 4% to cover planned increases in track hire, English Athletics subscriptions, an additional track session (planned for Wednesday evenings), and price inflation for general expenses. The total amounts will be £75 for waged and £65 for unwaged athletes.

5. Any other motions tabled

No motions were tabled

7. Election of officers and committee 2018-19

a/ President Mary Holmes

Proposed by the committee; Seconded by: Stu Dunlop; Motion passed to elect Mary.

b/ Chair Keith Clarke

Proposed by the committee; Seconded by: Neil Costello; Motion passed to elect Keith.

c/ Treasurer Ed Hall

Proposed by the committee; Seconded by: Vashti Macdonald-Clink; Motion passed to elect Ed.

d/ Remaining committee:

Membership Secretary - Marie Whittle

Portfolios: Track & Field – Steve Green, Endurance – Chris Hurcomb, Coaching – Stu Dunlop, Young Athletes – Ric Park, Welfare Officer – Gill Bridger, Volunteer Co-ordinator – Vashti Macdonald-Clink

Member without Portfolio – Mo Park

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

9. AOB

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