

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Blackpool Cricket Club

1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the 2017 AGM of BWF AC.

First I would like to thank the whole of the 2016 Committee for their commitment and input over the last 12 months and a special thanks to our Gen Sec., Nick Hume, for all his hard work not just over the last year, but over the last 10 years.

My thanks also to Andrea Smith for her work as Treasurer and in keeping the finances of the club in good order.

Dave Needham for all his hard work in organising three Open meetings each year and in so doing contributing not only to the sport and the reputation of the club, but also helping Andrea to keep our finances in the pink

Tracy Smith simply has to be mentioned and thanked for her sterling work in setting up the online club kit shop and spending hours down at the club delivering peoples orders.

I would also like to thank Dave Wood our Publicity Officer and club Photographer for all his hard work in keeping the club very prominently in the public eye. I know that his photos are very much appreciated not only by members of our club but by the whole of the local running community.

Thanks also to all our coaches for their continuing hard work and dedication in bringing our young and not so young athletes to peak condition each Track & XC season. Your work is appreciated by the club and by this Committee.

The Inter Club this year was possibly the best I can remember, even having the largest field for an IC of just short of 400 runners. Andrea Smith & Karen Dunford did a magnificent job both in organisation of the event and in managing to feed all the runners from the competing clubs who stayed for the presentation afterwards (great job Ladies). Thanks also to Laura Lawler for stepping in to do the Presentation.

2 Apologies for Absence and Attendance

Sam Rogers, Charlie Garrett & Tony & Liz Airnes sent their apologies.

Members Present: Nick Hume, Kevin Davies, Karen Dunford, Andrea Smith, Bob Massey, Anthony Blight, Derek Newton, David Wood, Tracy Smith, Kath Carey, Alan Smart, Stan Taylor, Howard Henshaw, Bev Wright, Dave Needham, Sue Ball, George James

3 The Minutes of the AGM held 25th April 2016 were proposed by Anthony Blight and seconded by Howard Henshaw.

4 Secretary's Report

Welcome

My report will be slightly different this year and will look at a number of areas and ask some challenging and hopefully thought provoking questions that I believe the Club has to address over the coming 12 months, whilst also providing some brief reflections on the last year.

Decline & Growth

Growth = U11s, U13s, Couch to 5k

Decline = Men

Overall there is a general trend upwards and a growing club spirit but we need to address how we cope with growth and seek to avoid decline

Team Participation

How do we encourage members to compete for the club?

Difficult as so many outside factors now at play

Volunteers

A drive to recruit, mentor, and assist volunteers will commence during the next year to enable us to understand who is out there and their skills and ability to assist.

We also need to be very mindful of not overloading our volunteers and ensure they achieve a work-life balance

Commitment

How often do we see the same faces at each event ensuring that the club fulfils its obligations to leagues etc or to run our own competitions? This will hopefully link into the Volunteer Strategy and enable the club to move forward within the community and consider succession planning.

Achievements

As an all-inclusive club we have seen achievements at all levels and this includes our disability athletes. We have had representation at Inter-National, National, Regional and County level and success at cross country with the female teams in particular.

Communications

We communicate with our members via the Club Website, Facebook Groups and Twitter making best use of modern technology where possible. Club emails are now sent out using the facility of the England Athletics Membership Portal so it is important that all members ensure that their email details are up to date. Hopefully the Coach is also an important source of information as well.

Whether members chose to look or listen is another matter but they cannot complain about a lack of information.

But can we communicate in a different way? Do we need to involve the younger end of the club?

Thanks

Thanks to all those who have contributed over the last 12 months in whatever capacity. Without your help we could not succeed in all that we do and we do achieve a lot, so on a positive note by encouraging more volunteers we have a spring board for even more growth and progression.

5 Treasurer's Report 1/4/16 – 31/3/17

Andrea presented the Annual Accounts which had been audited by Peter Gibson.

As there were no issues or questions arising the Chair thanked Andrea for her work over the year.

6 Election of Officers

The following members the Committee were agreed en-bloc:

Confirmation of President	Howard Henshaw
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Officers:

Chairman	Bob Massey
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Vice Chairman	Alan Smart
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Treasurer	Andrea Smith
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General Secretary	Nick Hume
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Membership & Subscription Secretary	Nick Hume
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Welfare Officer	Sue Ball
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Equipment Officer	Dave Needham
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Kit Officer	Tracy Smith
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Director of Coaching	Vacancy
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Athletes Rep: Male	Vacancy
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Athletes Rep: Female	Karen Dunford
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Schools Liaison Officer	Sam Rogers
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Track & Field Secretary	Stan Taylor
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Sportshall Secretary	Sam Rogers
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Publicity Officer	Dave Wood
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Confirmation of Club Auditor	Peter Gibson
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Other Posts:

Parents SC	Vacancy
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Social Secretary

Sue Ball

General Reps

Bev Wright, Charlie Garrett, Anthony Blight, Derek
Newton

7 Special Motions/Items

No items raised prior to the Meeting.

8 Any Other Business

No AoB had been formally raised prior to the Meeting. However, the following point was discussed:

- i) Howard Henshaw raised the question as to why the Women were doing better than the Men at present. No easy answer and Bob stated that very few Men were joining the Couch to 5k . Ideas to advertise at Park Run, mentions in the Gazette Reports, poster/flyers and sessions for unattached were all mentioned as a way of trying to attract more Men into the Club.

Meeting Closed 20.25

Nick Hume

BWF AC Secretary