

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Blackpool Cricket Club

1 Apologies for Absence and Attendance

Tony Croft, George James, Stan Taylor, Kit Holmes, Tony & Liz Airnes sent their apologies.

Members Present: Kevin Davies, Howard Hockey, Margaret Crompton, Karen Dunford, Andrea Smith, Bob Massey, Anthony Blight, Charlie Garrett, Derek Newton, David Wood, Tracy Smith, Sam Rogers, Kath Carey.

- 2 **The Minutes of the AGM held 27th April 2015** were proposed by Anthony Blight and seconded by Bob Massey.

3 Secretary's Report

Another year has passed and in September it will be 10 years since the merger of Blackpool & Fylde AC and North Fylde AC to form Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde AC. Whether the objectives that were set all that time ago have been met is an interesting question and one that can be widely debated no doubt.

One thing that cannot be denied is that the club continues to provide high level coaching to its members and the opportunity to compete in a wide range of competitions from local to national level. Whether members take up those opportunities is a source of frustration for coaches and Team Managers but social attitudes have changed over the last 10 years with the emphasis moving much more to participation rather than competition and the growth of initiatives such as Park Run.

It is also interesting to note that the Female side of the club has achieved much more than the Male side and nowhere was this stronger than the last Cross Country Season which saw practically a clean sweep of the medals by the U11s up to Veterans. How we bring the male teams up to the level of the Women is a challenge but hopefully it is part of the on-going cycle within the life of an athletic club.

Whilst athletes are at the centre of the club we could not continue to function without the support and dedication of our coaches and volunteer workforce. Indeed in order to try and boost the numbers involved we became involved with a Pilot Project involving England Athletics, Join-In and Lancashire Sport. Volunteer Job Descriptions were drafted and circulated but so far it has proved a fruitless experience and we need to look to within our own community to support the club going forward.

I would therefore like to formally acknowledge and record my thanks to all the Coaches, Team Managers, Officials, Volunteers, Committee Members and anyone else who has assisted during the last year for all the time they have devoted to the club. It has not been easy for some and I know that support for them has not always been forthcoming and resignations occur due to the hassle involved. This should not be the case, but it is now becoming a fact of life where the majority are quite content to let the minority undertake the bulk of the work.

Hopefully in a few months' time there will be a social event to celebrate 10 years of BWF AC and to bring together the different sections of the club as this is something that does not happen very often.

We are aware that the coming year has its challenges and a lot depends upon whether we continue as we are or can grow and attract new members along with a revitalised a fresh volunteer work force. Look around and think what can I do to assist the club?

This is shorter than usual but all our achievements are very ably recorded by David Wood in WyldeFyre and in the local press, so special thanks to him.

Nick was thanked by the Chair for all his efforts during the last 12 months.

4 Treasurer's Report 1/4/15 – 31/3/16

Andrea presented the Annual Accounts which had been audited by Peter Gibson. She noted that no entry fees for the Winter Track & Field were included in the accounts.

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

5 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	Kit Holmes
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Equipment Officer	Dave Needham
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Kit Officer	Tracy Smith
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Director of Coaching	Dave Turner
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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

General Reps

Bev Wright, Charlie Garrett

6 Special Motions/Items

No items raised prior to the Meeting.

7 Any Other Business

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

- i) David Wood was to arrange for BWF AC to undertake Park Run duties at Lytham Hall one Saturday in the coming months.
- ii) Nick to send Tom Godwin a card following his recent bicycle accident.
- iii) Margaret asked if the Club House would be given a spring clean prior to the County T&F Championships.
- iv) Lancashire Sport were holding a First Aid Course for anyone interested.
- v) Charlie Garrett asked for permission to order a coach for the T&F Match at Deeside.

Meeting Closed 20.45

Nick Hume

BWF AC Secretary