

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Blackpool Cricket Club

1 Apologies for Absence and Attendance

Stan Taylor opened the AGM by welcoming everyone.

Members Present: Stan Taylor, Nick Hume, Fiona Little, Howard Henshaw, Amanda Fuller, Laura Lawler, Bob Massey, Anthony Blight, John Dunn, Simon Scarr, Chris Bluck, Leanne Bluck, Scott Sinclair, Greg Seddon and George James.

Claire Irons, Malcolm Beech, Bob Wyper, Bill Smith, Hayley Melling Shaun Wright, Alan Smart and Peter Singleton sent their apologies.

- 2 The Minutes of the AGM held 24th April 2023 were proposed by John Dunn and seconded by Anthony Blight.

3 Secretary's Report

Welcome

During the last year there have been many individual successes for our athletes but when it comes to Team Competition there appears to be a reluctance to travel very far. Therefore, team performances have generally been disappointing apart from a couple of areas. The success of the Club has been diligently recorded ever week over the year in The Gazette but unfortunately the Reports are not now appearing on the Club Facebook page.

Like many similar Clubs and Organisations, we are facing a crisis if athletics as we know it will survive in its current format even into the near future. Commitment is not what it was and as many of the older generation retire others are not there to replace them for one reason or another. Without officials and volunteers there will be no organised sport.

I accept that I am also to blame for continuing to hold various roles and perhaps not trusting others to step up if and when required. But I have also experienced times when a delegated task comes bouncing back for one reason or another.

The attendance here tonight illustrates that AGMs are not popular and that most of our membership are quite content to let the few continue in their roles running what appears, on the surface, to be a successful club. In the first few months of this year, we have had over 30 new members so we must be doing something right!

However, we are short of qualified coaches so in the younger age groups there are and will be waiting lists and many will go to other sports if we cannot find a home for them. The same is true for Officials and without officials events and or even fixtures will be cancelled.

Not everyone has to be a Committee Member to make a valuable contribution as a volunteer. There are some key roles that would benefit from shadowing the current holder such as:

Track & Field Meeting Organiser which Dave Needham does so admirably. He will probably be away in September so someone is required to ensure the September Medal Meeting takes place as this is a valuable income stream for the club.

Similarly with Stan – Club Chair, organiser of T&F Officials for home meetings, Track Bookings etc – a back-up is required.

As always my thanks go to those who have stepped forward in whatever capacity during the last year because without volunteers where would we be?

Stan then thanked Nick on behalf of the Meeting and himself for all his work on behalf of the Club.

4 Treasurer's Report 1/4/24 – 31/3/24

Fiona presented the Annual Accounts, which had been checked by Peter Gibson, and issued to all those who had indicated their attendance. She also thanked Nick for standing in for her at the Committee Meetings and presenting the current updates.

Fiona mentioned that it would be useful, time permitting, if a second pair of eyes could undertake a check of the Accounts before passing to the Auditor. She also noted that all Payments out had back-up for them in terms of receipts etc. In her summary Fiona noted the following: there are no costs for the Winter Warm-up, the Presentation Night outgoings include a £500.00 deposit for 2024, Fundraising was £300 down from last year. Ron's Run had brought in a £500.00 donation. The stock of kit had not been checked and £400.00 might be in the wrong heading. Also needed to point out there were losses on the kit that had not been sold at cost price.

Fiona announced that she was stepping down from her role as Treasurer and thanked everyone for supporting her over the last five years and wished the Club all the best for the future.

Stan thanked Fiona for all her work in maintaining the Accounts and Peter (who is also stepping down) for his checks.

5 Election of Officers

The Secretary stated that Paula Howard was stepping down but would continue to support the Club in her official's capacity and thanked her for her time on the Committee. Discussions had taken place with the Proposed Treasurer and hopefully the Meeting would now ratify that decision.

The following members the Committee were elected by the Meeting:

Confirmation of President	Howard Henshaw
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Officers:

Chairman	Stan Taylor
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Treasurer	John Dunn
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General Secretary	Nick Hume
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Membership & Subscription Secretary	Nick Hume
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Welfare Officer	Susan Ball & Vacancy
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Director of Coaching	Vacancy
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Officials Lead	Vacancy
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DBS Verifiers	Nick Hume & Dave Needham
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General Committee Posts to Cover:

Volunteer Co-ordinator	Amanda Fuller
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Equipment Officer	Dave Needham
Kit Officer	Amanda Fuller
Schools Liaison Officer	Derek Newton
Track & Field Secretary	Stan Taylor
Press Officer	Nick Hume
Confirmation of Club Auditor	To be Confirmed
General Committee	Anthony Blight, Malcolm Beech, Bill Smith, Bob Massey, Laura Lawler, Chris Bluck

6 Special Motions/Items

Received from Bob Wyper: I would like to put a proposal forward regarding Track and Field Athletes.

“As Cross-country and Roadrunners are given the benefit of having their entrance fee paid for by the club in certain competitions, I’d like that to be extended to Track and Field Athletes in regards to the same type of competition. Especially in the bigger competitions where a standard is required”.

The Meeting agreed that this had merit based on the current practise for the Northern and National Cross Country and Road Championships but that further information was required in terms of likely costs per year and that it would be delegated to the Committee to take forward for the Club.

7 Any Other Business

No other formal business raised though a couple of discussions did arise amongst members regarding the Blackpool Marathon and potential cheating but no evidence could be provided at this time.

Meeting Closed 20.37

Nick Hume

BWF AC Secretary