

Southampton Athletic Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Monday 16th November 2015
The View, Southampton Sports Centre

Present:

See separate list of all attendees

Apologies:

Malcolm Price
Hannah Coombes
Ray Needle
Rich Humby
Eryl Penney

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising:

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2014 were agreed.

Matters Arising: none

2. Chair's Report

Richie Pearson opened the meeting, the first to be held as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. He explained that the AGM presented an opportunity to exchange views with members and also to secure feedback on initiatives proposed by the Committee.

He informed the meeting that two committee members were to step down: Paul Harvey and Hannah Coombes, and he extended his thanks to both for their work and contribution to the Committee. He advised that Tony Fern had stepped down as President, and thanked him for his long term and continuing commitment to the club.

He expressed his pride at the athletic achievement of the club over the past year, ably supported by excellent coaching. He paid tribute too to the invaluable work of the club volunteers.

He acknowledged that the development of the Sports Centre is still some way in the future, but drew the meeting's attention to the consultative process underway, and urged everyone to complete the online feedback and to specifically highlight the club's wish for indoor training facilities. He acknowledged that funding was a key issue to the success of the project, but once

finalised, he hoped that the club would be able to secure further funding and grants from bodies such as Sport England.

He extended his thanks to Gordon Whelan for his work in achieving charitable status for the club which would bring opportunities to improve what the club is able to offer members.

He outlined a proposal to replace the portacabins, which would require some capital outlay, but would offer considerable improvement over current provision, and also provide some limited changing facilities.

He outlined also some notable achievements within his role as club Chair: the 10K Netley Road Race which attracted almost 600 runners; the successful season enjoyed by the men's 6 and 12 stage relay teams. He thanked Nicci Blandford for her work managing the women's teams. He acknowledged also the success of Mo Mahamed and Jamie Knapp in the men's cross country league.

3. Membership Report

Fiona Webb informed the meeting that she would be remaining as Senior Membership Secretary as the club had been unable to secure a replacement to take on the role. She wished to record her thanks to Nikki Purse for her work as Junior Membership Secretary.

She circulated a report to the meeting which gave detailed comparative data on each category of membership over a 4 year period since the post-Olympic era of 2012.

Overall the last year had witnessed dynamic growth, notably within the academy and junior categories. Conversely, senior men's membership had shown a dramatic decrease, but senior team managers, Gary MacDonald-Gray for the BAL and Tim Hall for the UKWAL, do attract high calibre Higher Claim athletes to strengthen their squads.

4. Treasurer's Report

Gordon Whelan had circulated the Annual Report, the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report prior to the AGM in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines. The accounts were received and accepted by the meeting.

He also circulated a Treasurer's Report to the meeting which explained the accounts and included a projected income and expenditure report for 2016. The report indicated that the effect of the proposals to raise membership fees, subsidise training facilities (including the track) and replace the portacabins would be an estimated deficit for the year to 30th September 2016 of £12,000

He drew attention to the Gift Relief form, available on the club's website whereby the club and the individual benefit from tax relief. He reported that the club had received no donations during its first

year as a charity. He explained that there are restrictions placed on the club's fundraising abilities until such time as the plans for the development of the sports centre are agreed and finalised.

Richie Person encouraged members to subscribe to the Easy Fundraising website whereby SAC would receive a percentage of members' online expenditure.

In relation to the item on receipts from activities, Andy Fisher wished to record his thanks to Kate Higgins for running the Portacabin, to Fran Payne for the sale of merchandise, to Sarah Mitchell for managing the Academy finances, to Mark Wharton for this work in connection with the Open Meets and to Richie Pearson in his role as race director for or the Netley 10K

5. Athletic Achievement

Andy Fisher reported that the Club was enjoying a period of unprecedented success , with two athletes reaching World Championship finals : Oli Bromby securing 4th place in the 100m finals of the World Youth Games and Dave Henson achieving 7th place in the T42 200m finals of the World Paralympic Championships.

National Track and Field Titles were achieved by the following athletes: Freya Jones, Sean Adams , Adam Jones, Sophie Merritt, Andy Douglas and Amaya Scott.

Individual success too in cross country for Zak and Mo Mahamed

Notable team performances included the men's BAL 3rd place in Division 1, narrowly missing out on promotion and the U13 /U15 team securing 4th place in UKYDL national finals. Success too for the Vets men's Track & Field team.

6. Election of Committee Members

As sole candidate for the position of Chair of Southampton Athletic Club, Richie Pearson stood down and was proposed for re-election by Andy Fisher, and was duly re-elected.

Club Officers for election:

Mary Axtell - President

Andy Fisher - Vice Chair

Fiona Webb - Membership Secretary

Gordon Whelan - Treasurer

Diane Reavey - Secretary

Proposed by - Neil Wells

Seconded by – Michael Coker

Election of general committee members:

Alan Cropp
Michael Coker
Chris Taylor
Mirella Spalluto
Keith Hollis
Nicci Blandford
Tracey Jones
Frances Payne
Gary MacDonald-Gray
Sara MacDonald-Gray

Proposed by – John Cork
Seconded by – Paul Harvey

Richie Pearson extended his thanks to all committee members for their commitment over the last year.

7. Resolutions:

The meeting was asked to accept the following measures:

- i) The Trustees' Annual Report, having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting
Proposed: Gary MacDonald-Gray
Seconded: Mary Axtell
- ii) The Financial Statement and the Independent Examiner's Report, also circulated prior to the meeting :
Proposed : Neil Wells
Seconded: Keith Hollis
- iii) Appointment of Trustees
To accept the resignation, and the re-appointment of the founding Trustees, namely Richie Pearson, Andy Fisher, Tim Hall, Fiona Webb and Gordon Whelan
Proposed: Michael Coker
Seconded: Mirella Spalluto
- iv) To appoint new Trustees, namely Alan Cropp, Mirella Spalluto, Chris Taylor and Mary Axtell
Proposed : Mark West
Seconded : John Cork
- v) Increase in Membership Fees:

Andy Fisher explained the background to this, by incorporating training, track and external winter training venue costs within one overall membership fee, in recognition of past year surpluses and to benefit as any members as possible, the following increases were proposed :

- Senior Membership: to increase from £57.00 to £70.00 per annum, to include the use of the track on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and Sunday mornings. The cost of external

against : 11

outcome : status quo and fees remain unchanged at £47.00 per annum and £2.50 per session

Road Runners/Athletes 60+ increase -

in favour : 25

against : nil

Proposal passed

2nd Claim membership increase –

in favour : 26

against : 1

Proposal passed

Non-competing Volunteers, Associate members, team managers: to remove the £5.00 annual fee -

in favour : 26

against : nil

Proposal passed

8. Any Other Business

In response to queries from the meeting regarding the imposition of a time limit to the non-payment of subscription fees, Fiona Webb confirmed this is the start of the track and field season at which point EA cards are de-activated. She also confirmed that the England Athletics fee is to increase by £1.00 each year for the next 3 years.

It was confirmed that SAC insurance for coaches extends to non-members

Discussion ensued on the workings of referral process from the Academy to specialist sprint groups, a matter which was not successfully resolved at the meeting.

Richie Pearson closed the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending.

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Present :

Richie Pearson – Chair

Andy Fisher

Gordon Whelan

Fiona Webb

Mary Axtell

Diane Reavey

Frances Payne

Alan Cropp

Tracey Jones

Paul Chamberlain

Neil Wells

Paul Harvey

Ian Burgess

John Cork

Keith Hollis

Chris Taylor

Roger Howard

Lance Vinter

Pete Wareing

Sarah Mitchell

Kate Higgins

Lisa Woodman

Nicci Blandford

Michael Coker

David Blackman

Mirella Spalluto

Sara MacDonald –Gray

Gary MacDonald-Gray

Mark West

