
*Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Scottish Athletics Limited held at
Emirates Arena, London Road, Glasgow on 26 September 2015*

The Meeting commenced at 1005 hours.

Present:

Mandated Delegates List

Ian Beattie, Harmeny AC
John Rodger, Kilbarchan AAC
James Young, Kilmarnock Harriers
Michael Wright, Central AC
David Hart, Falkirk Victoria
William Drysdale, Law and District AAC
Ken Moncrief, Scottish Vets
Barry Craighead, Edinburgh Athletic Club
Dawn Allan, Moorfoot
Stuart Irvine, Ganscube Harriers
Robert Allan, Pitreavie Athletics
David Low, Scottish Athletics League
Morna Fleming, Carnegie Harriers
Ewen Cameron, Motherwell AC
Alan Smith, Dunfermline Track & Field
Mark Lamb, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers
Lesley Thirkell, Fife AC
Marjory Cook, East District Cross Country League
Joanne Harkins, Lanarkshire AAA
Julia Henderson, Helensburgh AAC
Alex Jackson, Ferranti
David Cairns, Penicuik Harriers
David Phee, Giffnock North AAC
Robin Thomas, Hunters Bog Trotters
John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers
Graham Ravenscroft, Whitemoss A.A.C
Bryan Clark, Costorphine AAC

Non Mandated Delegates List

David Lindgren
John McDonald, Central AC
Andrew Kyle, Kilmarnock
Leslie Roy, President
Moir Maguire, Edinburgh AC
Peter Jardine
Francesca Snitjer
Lynne Anderson, Airdrie Harriers
Alasdair Love, Aberdeen AAC

Leigh Hodgson, Dunfermline TFC
Nigel Holl
Ron Morrison, HLM Fife AC
Donald MacGregor, Fife Athletic Club

1 Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks

Ian Beattie (IB), Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman introduced the top table:

Leslie Roy (LR), President, Nigel Holl (NH), Chief Executive Officer, David Lindgren, Company Secretary.

It was confirmed that there were 27 mandated delegates in the room and therefore a quorum and the meeting could commence.

IB asked LR to begin the proceedings.

Votes in the Room

At the commencement of the meeting there was a total of 27 mandated delegates and 6 proxies in the room. There was a total of 150 eligible votes in the room, including 28 proxy votes.

The President explained the protocol of the meeting and the voting procedures, confirming Peter Jardine and Alasdhair Love would act as tellers, non-mandated delegates, if required.

2 Apologies

Dame Mary Corsar
Betty Davidson (Previously Steedman, nee Moffat)
Ian Clifton
Sir Menzies Campbell
Sally Newton
Alan Potts
Scottish Schools' Athletics Association
Dumfries Harriers
Gerry Gaffney, Inverclyde AC
Dale S Greig
Margaret Brown
Molly Wilmouth
Ronhill Cambuslang
Scottish Athletics Officials Association
Scotia Race Walking Club
Cumbernauld AAC
Alison Johnstone
Sandra Frame
James Stewart

3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 20 September 2014.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: John Rodger.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014 were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Report

NH was invited to speak on the Annual Report. The slides are attached.

NH invited any questions. With no further questions received:

Proposed: Board
Seconded: David Cairns

Annual Report adopted.

5 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report

The Chair invited NH to speak on the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report.

NH invited any questions.

After discussions, NH reported that:

- 1) There are sufficient reserves for three month's operating costs. There is enough in reserves to meet all of outstanding liabilities if anything were to happen. IB confirmed this, commenting that Sport Scotland also see 3 months as standard.
- 2) There is a large discrepancy between events and marketing income and expenditure as events cost significant amounts and all events have different costs associated. The costs of events and venues are going up, more than the rate of inflation. NH advised that programme and staffing costs are also included in the expenditure. Many events are planned for 12 months ahead, but the costs are not known until much later. NH advised that the message to clubs is that we are still very good value sport, and compared to other sports, athletics is a cheap sport to be involved in.
- 3) NH commented that **scottish**athletics receive a set income every year from UKA, which could arguably be added to Sponsorship. Sport sponsorship has decreased hugely since 2012, when there were quite a few big names (SKY, British Gas, Aviva) involved, but now everyone is struggling to replace these big deals. Companies are not interested in sponsoring National Governing Bodies, but are interested in clubs and community.

With no further questions received:

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

Annual Accounts and Auditors Report adopted.

6 To Agree the Honoraria

It was proposed that the honoraria remain as previously:

Track & Field Commission: £800
Road & Cross Country Commission: £800
Hill Running Commission: £400

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Morna Fleming

Honoraria are approved

7 To Appoint the Auditors

It was proposed that Henderson Loggie be re-appointed auditors to **scottishathletics** for the ensuing year.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Michael Wright

Henderson Loggie re-appointed as Auditors

8 To Adopt the proposed changes to the Articles of Association

The Board proposed that the current Articles of Association be amended. Papers setting out the working changes that are being proposed, together with a presentation summarised the changes the rationale behind them were circulated with the rest of the AGM papers

NH was invited to address the meeting to explain the changes and why the board think that they are advisable.

It was noted that, in terms of the current Articles and company law generally, a special majority was required if the articles were to be amended. The required majority is three quarters of eligible votes.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Stuart Irvine

The proposed amendments to the articles are adopted after the resolution was passed with a special majority. The Secretary was instructed to make all the necessary filing of the amended articles.

9 To decide Individual Membership Fees 2016/17

NH addressed the delegates, presenting the rationale for increases in fees.
NH invited questions. The following questions were asked by delegates:

- 1) How much income would there be from the proposed price increases?
DA advised that it is £10,000 P/A
- 2) Why is Senior Member Unattached not being increased at the same percentage as the rest?

NH advised that the Board decided that the increase should be £1 across for all single memberships. There are not many Senior Member Unattached, but this is something the Board will look at for next year.

- 3) The last fee increase was in 2010. Will there now be a regular increase or no more now for another 5 years?
NH advised that this is something that needs to be looked at annually. Increases may not be proposed every year, but the Board will certainly look at it every year.
The need for increases will be assessed against the needs of the company and economic conditions, particularly the measure of inflation.
- 4) When will changes come into effect:
NH advised that this will be 1st April 2016

With no further questions, the Board proposes the following changes to membership fees for 2016/17:

Item 9

Senior Club Member be increased by £1.00 to £19.00

A vote was required:

White - 122 For, 0 Against

Proxies - 25 For, 0 Against

Proposed: Board

Seconded: David Low

Senior Club Membership fee increase was adopted.

Item 9a

Junior Club Member (U21) be increased by £1.00 to £6.00

A vote was required:

White – 117 For, 1 Against

Proxies – 25 For, 3 Against

Proposed: Board

Seconded: David Low

Junior Club Membership fee increase was adopted.

Item 9b

Coach Membership to remain at £25.00 (for three years)

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Morna Fleming

Coach Membership fee proposal was adopted.

Item 9c

Official Membership to remain free

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Ewen Cameron

Official Membership fee proposal was adopted.

Item 9d

Family Membership to increase by £4.00 to £40.00

Voting was required:
White – 122 For, 0 Against
Proxies – 25 For, 0 Against

Proposed: Board
Seconded: David Hart

Family Membership fee increase was adopted.

Item 9e

Friend and Supporter to increase by £1.00 to £19.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: David Low

Friend and Supported Membership fee increase was adopted.

Item 9f

Senior Member Unattached to increase by £1.00 to £33.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Stuart Irvine

Senior Unattached Membership fee increase was adopted.

Item 9g

Over 65 Membership to increase by £1.00 to £11.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Morna Fleming

Over-65 Membership fee increase was adopted

10 To decide Club Affiliation Fees 2015/16

The Board proposed NO CHANGE and that the level of the club affiliation fees and method of collection for 2015/16 remains as follows:

For all first claim athletes	£7.00
For second claim athletes	£3.00
For all other club members	£0.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

Club Affiliation fees proposals were adopted.

11 To decide non-members race levies 2016/17

The Board proposed no change and that for 2016/17 remains at £2.00.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Morna Fleming

Non-members' race levies proposal was adopted

12 Proposal for nomination for Honorary Life Membership

Michael Wright, Secretary of Central AC spoke to the nomination of John McDonald for Honorary Life Membership.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Ewen Cameron

Honorary Life Membership approved.

13 To Elect Office Bearers

Honorary President Rt Hon Sir Menzies Campbell CBE QC MP (now Lord Campbell)

Proposed: Fife AC
Seconded: Stuart Irvine

President

Leslie Roy

Proposed: Board
Seconded: James Young

Track and Field Commission

Convenor **Moira Maguire**

Proposed: Edinburgh AC
Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

Secretary **Moira Nisbet**

Proposed: Edinburgh AC
Seconded: Stuart Irvine

Finance Officer **Vacant**

Taken back to Board

Road and Cross Country Commission

Convenor **John Rodger**

Proposed: Kilbarchan AC
Seconded: Alex Jackson

Secretary **Julia Henderson**

Proposed: Kilbarchan AC
Seconded: Alex Jackson

Finance Officer **Vacant**

Taken back to Board

Hill running Commission

Convenor **Hugh Buchanan**

Proposed: Cosmic Hillbashers
Seconded: John Rodger

Secretary **Mark Johnston**

Proposed: Bellahouston Road Runners
Seconded: Michael Wright

Finance Officer **Vacant**

Taken back to Board

Office Bearers elected.

14 Re-election of Board members appointed by the Board

No longer applicable due to change of articles (see item 8).

15 Re-election of Board Members appointed by the AGM

Non-Executive Director Ron Morrison

No longer applicable due to change of articles (see item 8).

Non-Executive Director James Stewart

No longer applicable due to change of articles (see item 8).

16 AOCB

NH invited any other questions. The following questions were asked by the delegates:

- 1) Morna Fleming expressed renewed concern about over-crowded calendars and clash of event dates.
NH advised that we do aim to put an event up on the website as soon as the permit comes in. We get a lot of requests from people to put events up on the website and they are challenged when they clash, but if the permit meets the criteria, then we have to allow for events to go ahead.
- 2) Barry Craighead expressed renewed concern about clubs being forced to cancel events due to the charges by police for the placing of cones on the course, and enquired about the progress since last year's AGM.
NH advised that **scottishathletics** have been in talks with Police Scotland, and also recently attended a Police Scotland conference, but unfortunately there has not been a huge amount of progress. NH advised that not all forces charge for events and that it would be advisable for clubs to make contact with their local police stations to arrange an informal meeting.
- 3) Alan Smith asked when the age group reviews were being held.
NH advised that there will be a final set of proposals due in December 15, but no changes will be made by April 2016. There is another rule review in 2018.

IB thanked everyone for attending the meeting and with no further business the meeting closed at 11:50 hours.

