

Avon Athletic Association

Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Avon Athletic Association, held on Monday March 18th 2013, in Room 2B065, Block B, UWE Frenchay Campus, Bristol, starting at 7.35pm.

Those Present: Stuart Nunn (Chairman / Yate & District AC), Keith Brackstone (CC Coordinator), John Deaton (Secretary), Pam Gooding (Life Member), Ray Gooding (Officials Secretary), Cy Knibb (Bristol & West AC), Bob Lavis (Hogweed Trotters), Neil Newman (Emerson's Green RC), Lesley Nunn (Avon Schools AA), Ben Redwood (T&F Championships Organiser / Yate & District AC), Gordon Robbins (Road Running Co-ordinator, Bitton RR), John Robbins (President), Gareth Thomas (Thornbury RC), Mike Willcox (GWR).

Apologies : Rachael Fisher (Vice-Chairman, North Somerset AC), Andy Heyes (Clevedon AC), Ian Macintosh (Life Member / Trustee), Neil Miller (Westbury Harriers / SW Council) , Hilary Nash (Treasurer / Bristol & West AC, Jim Strudwick (Westbury Harriers).

Minutes of Previous AGM (March 26th 2012): Accepted.

Chairman's Remarks: Stuart Nunn presented his report (copies available on request). Comments: regarding Stuart's remarks regarding the Agenda, the Secretary strongly requested that the format remains as at present for ease of administration. The matter would be discussed at the Committee meeting immediately following the AGM.

Secretary's Report: Circulated in advance (copies available on request). Added remarks on the 2013 Rodway Easy Runner race (held on the day before the AGM) went ahead successfully [post-meeting note: the race made a provisional surplus of £410].

Treasurer's Report: Hilary Nash's final version of the Annual Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting (copies available on request): there were no significant differences from the provisional Accounts which he presented to the January Management Committee meeting (a deficit of £556-23 on the year). Hilary had been unable to contact the Independent Examiner to arrange examination of the accounts. There were some outstanding grant applications to be met.

Election of Officers:

President:	John Robbins	Re-elected unanimously
Chair:	Stuart Nunn	Re-elected unanimously
Vice-Chair:	Rachael Fisher	Re-elected unanimously
Secretary:	John Deaton	Re-elected unanimously
Treasurer:	Hilary Nash	Re-elected unanimously

Election of other Secretaries / Coordinators:

Officials Secretary	Ray Gooding	Re-elected unanimously
Cross-Country Coordinator	Keith Brackstone	Re-elected unanimously
Road Running Coordinator	Gordon Robbins	Re-elected unanimously
Track and Field Coordinator	Ben Redwood	Re-elected unanimously
Sportshall Coordinator	Dave Turner	Re-elected unanimously
Welfare Officer	James Murphy	Re-elected unanimously
Webmaster	John Deaton	Re-elected unanimously

Election of Team Managers:

Cross-Country (Senior and U/20)	Mike Down	Re-elected unanimously
Track and Field (Senior and U/20)	Ken Holmes	Re-elected unanimously
Track and Field (Younger age gps.)	Dean Garrett	Re-elected unanimously
Cross-Country (other age groups)	No nomination	
Road Running:	Dave Coales	Re-elected unanimously

Election of Trustee: Ray Gooding was re-elected unanimously for a three-year term.

Election of Independent Examiner: Barry Smart was appointed to this post.

Motions proposed for amendments to the Constitution:

1. Proposed by Gareth Thomas / John Deaton: Replace paragraph 1 with: 'The area covered by the Association (referred to henceforth in this document as 'the County') shall consist of the Unitary Authorities of :- South Gloucestershire, Bristol, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset.'
2. Proposed by John Deaton: in paragraph 4h replace 'meritous' with 'meritorious'.
3. Proposed by Gareth Thomas / John Deaton: Replace paragraph 10 with: 'In the event that the liabilities of the Association exceed its assets, the Trustees shall be requested to administrate all matters. The Trustees will immediately ensure that every reasonable effort is made to obtain grant aid or financial support at this time. However ultimately each club affiliated to the Association, at this time, shall be liable to pay to the Association a percentage of the any remaining shortfall. The percentage shall be calculated according to the membership of each current Affiliated club registered at a time most recently before the date of this event'

All three motions accepted unanimously.

Motion from the Management Committee:

'That the document circulated with the Provisional AGM Agenda (with whichever of the above items the meeting sees fit to accept) is accepted as the current Constitution of the Avon Athletic Association'.

Accepted unanimously. The Secretary was authorised to produce a re-formatted version of the Constitution incorporating the above amendments.

Any Other Business:

1. Insurance: matter to be discussed at Committee meeting following the AGM.

Meeting Closed at about 8.25pm.