



# BOLTON UNITED HARRIERS & ATHLETIC CLUB

Founded 1908

11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

### Present

Trevor Pledger  
Steve Houghton  
Dave Flitcroft  
Tommy Parr  
Les Hall  
Justine Sheperd  
Rebecca O'Keefe  
Martin Fielding  
Jane Jackson  
Geoff Knowles  
Paul Philbin  
Mark Plant  
Joanne Kearney  
Gwylin Jones  
Caroline Wilkinson  
Jim Hargreaves  
Karen Oliver  
Ian Jackway  
Dean Johnson  
Paul Turner

Ken Fowler  
Lesley Harwood  
Cathy Flicroft  
Kenny Mayor  
Chris Doherty  
Peter Lever  
Bill Miller  
Dave Huddleston  
Darren Morris  
Paul Rossington  
Joanne Rossington  
Ian Wallis  
Peter Kearney  
Jane Lim  
Craig Vickers  
Angela Pilling  
Allen Parkingson  
Ato Bazzam Essien  
Vanessa Wood  
John Nicholson

### Apologies

Scott Whittle  
Phil Chadbond  
Julie Lomax  
Nick Howarth  
Richard Clegg  
Tina Holt  
Andrew Doyle

The meeting was chaired by Trevor Pledger – Chairman of Bolton United Harriers & Athletic Club.

### Secretaries Report 2013 -2014

During the 2013-14 season the club reached the land mark of over 500 members. This influx of members has enabled the club to see a marked improvement in performances across all disciplines. We now have athletes competing on the fells, have seen strong team performances in cross country, on the road and also many individual performances to match. The senior long distance group has gone from strength to strength and once again have dominated in the CLGP.

On the track the YDL lower team dominated their league and the YDL upper team finished a creditable 2<sup>nd</sup>, both teams have gained promotion for 2015 season. Many of the youngsters move up an age group which will help strengthen the senior team for the coming new season.

Individual athlete performances have been fantastic and achieved in all disciplines on the track - sprints, middle distance, throws, jumps and hurdles.

The club had 6 athletes selected to compete for Greater Manchester in the English Schools.

8 athletes took part in the AAA's so we are producing athletes to the very highest level.

There were 15 new club records set in 2014

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35 different athletes achieved AAA's graded performances in track and field competition.

The club for the first time in many years was able to host three home matches, one in each of the leagues. This was due to the refurbishment of the Hammer cage, a special thanks needs to go to Ian Jakeway who worked tirelessly to ensure the cage was in place for our first home fixture in April and all the new throwing implements for the young athletes was purchased and ready for use.

The tracks annual inspection highlighted a number of areas need attention before the 2015 season - the triple jump runway is lifting by the pit, high jump fan and the inside lane are worn and need replacing. Fortunately we have been able to secure a £100,000 grant from Bolton Council and with the possibility of match funding from sports England this will enable the work to be completed.

The club website has been regularly updated with news items throughout the year. All new club kit from Moette and the club's own stock (e.g. HiViz, Event Clips etc) has been updated and is on show in the Club Shop section and can be purchased direct from the manufacture. It is hoped that improved web-access after another difficult year will enable more club info to be displayed, with History/Alumni etc sections being introduced.

The club held a variety of social events during the year. A very successful presentation evening saw the demand for tickets so great an extra 100 could have been sold. Two Junior Christmas parties have been planned and tickets for these will be on sale in the next week.

**New developments are in the planning stage for 2015**

It is hoped that the online membership renewal system will be implemented for Feb, The Club's Facebook page developed with regular updates - to keep members posted about fixture and result information.

Excitingly the club will become fully inclusive with the completion of the Racing Wheel Chair grant and the purchasing of eight chairs, the first training session starting on Thursday 5.30 – 6.30 in the next week.

We now have the infrastructure to hold high class meetings, but need to work on the recruitment of our own officials so we are not reliant on other clubs for the lead officials at our home meetings.

The achievements of the club this season has only been successful due to the committed members of the new committee and the coaches who turn up on training night.

Proposed to accept secretaries report Dave Huddleston seconded by Ian Jackway

**Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

Minutes were circulated and read – Proposed to accept minutes as accurate Lesley Harwood seconded by Karen Oliver. – Accepted

**Matters arising from Minutes** – nothing was raised.

**Receive and adopt Club's accounts for period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

John Nicholson issued accounts which are ready to be audited by the accountant. John explained that membership fees would need to rise in April as UKA are raising their affiliation fees for individuals. At present £10.00 of BUH & AC

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membership goes to UKA it is to rise to £25.00. UKA affiliation covers insurance and membership. U11 do not affiliate to UKA so their membership will remain as it is.

An inquiry re £4,000 for coaches – to increase the number of qualified coaches required the club has assist with coaching courses and kitted out coaches in kit.

Presentation evening 2014 made a slight loss compared to 2013 even though a greater number of attendees. This was due to the success of the athletes in a number of leagues and a greater number of trophies being purchased. Also a number of the old original trophies required refurbishing and this was experience, but was a one off.

A trophy cabinet has been obtained to house these old trophies.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Karen Oliver and seconded by Jane Lim. – carried one abstention accounts can go forward to be audited.

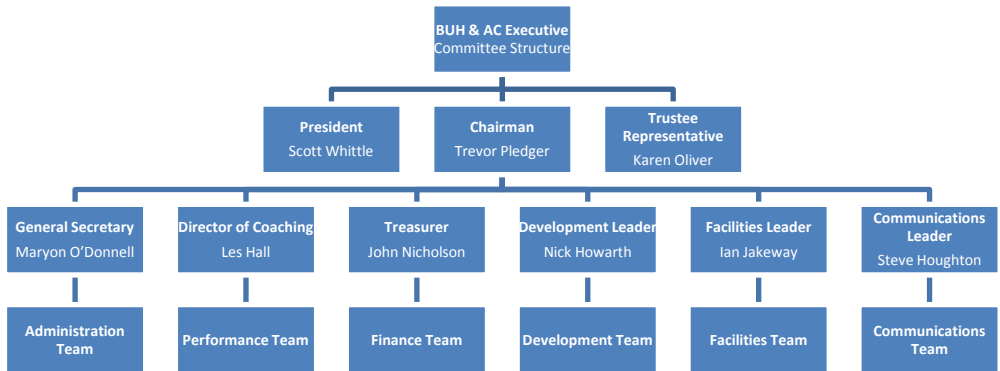
**Receive and adopted alterations to Rules**

**Change the name** - of Bolton United Harriers & Athletics Club to Bolton United Harriers and Athletic Club.

After much discussion and Kenny Mayor having a copy of the original constitution it was decided that the ‘s’ was typo error thus does not need to be changed.

Trevor Pledger explained that the committee had worked very successfully under the new committee structure and that the committee have put forward to formally adopt the new committee structure.

Bolton United Harriers General Committee Structure



Proposed to accept the new committee structure proposed Trevor Pledger seconded by Les Hall – carried

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**Amend para 6.2** by deleting Public Relations Officer / Newsletter Editor and to add communications Leader to the list of Executive Officers of the committee

**Amend** - Club President is an Executive member of the committee and has a vote.

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**Amend** - Rule 6.6 The quorum to consist of at least three executive officers

To read - The quorum to consist of at least five executive officers

The committee proposes the following amendments to the Rules seconded by Dave Flitcroft - carried

***Life Members***

Les Hall for 25 years membership of BUH & AC initial as an athlete and more recently Director of coaching

Margaret Rushton - in honour of her service to the club and officiating at the 2012 London Olympics.

The rule changes were proposed by Trevor Pledger and seconded by Alan Parkinson. – carried

**Appointment of General Committee Members and Trustees**

Nineteen nominations had been made prior to the AGM (as per rule 9.4). It was decided to vote for members in three block rather than individually Executive, General Committee and Trustees.

**Executive members**

President	Scott Whittle
Chairperson	Trevor Pledger
General Secretary	Maryon O'Donnell
Treasurer	John Nicholson
Director of coaching	Les Hall
Development Leader	Nick Howarth
Facilitator	Ian Jakeway
Communications	Steve Houghton

Acceptance of the Executive for Bolton United Harriers & Athletic Club proposed by Dave Flitcroft seconded by Dean Johnson - carried

**General Committee**

Richard Clegg	Chris Doherty	Andrew Doyle
Lesley Harwood	Dave Huddleston	Jane Jackson
Dean Johnson	Joanne Kearney	Jane Lim
Julie Lomax	Karen Oliver	Ian Wallis

Acceptance of the General Committee for Bolton United Harriers & Athletic Club proposed by Trevor Pledger seconded by Alan Parkinson – carried

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**Club Track and Field Captains**

Senior Women                      Rebecca O’Keeffe  
Senior Men                              Frazer Jardine

Acceptance of the Club Captains for Bolton United Harriers & Athletic Club proposed by Les Hall seconded by Dave Huddleston - carried

**Trustees**

The following have accepted to be Trustees for Bolton United Harriers & Athletic Club.  
The trustees are independent from the committee and work for the benefit of the club not the committee.

Ken Flower      Karen Oliver – Trustee representative      Paul Turner      John Nicholson – Treasurer

Acceptance of the Trustee proposed by Trevor Pledger seconded by Dave Flitcroft - carried

Meeting closed 8.05pm