



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Leverhulme Park Community Centre

MEETING DETAILS

The meeting took place in the Physio annex within Leverhulme Sports Centre from 7pm -8.05pm

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Opening by Club President
- 3) Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting
- 4) General Secretary's Report
- 5) Accounts/Treasurers Report
- 6) Appointment of General Committee Members and Trustees

ATTENDANCE

Scott Whittle (SW) Dave Shaw (DS), Lesley Harwood (LH), Gail Harrison (GH), Angela Pilling (AP), Les Hall (LHALL), Ken Fowler (KF), Tina Holt (TH), Joanne Kearney (JK), Jeff Bailey (JB), K.L. Mayor (KM), J. Alimi (JA), Gwylim Jones, (GJ), Keeley Jolly (KJ), Rebecca Reid (RR), Paul Turner (PT), Dave Flitcroft (DF), John Nicholson (JN), E. Ranicar (ER), Lisa Jakeway (LK)

APOLOGIES

Dave Chrystal, Laura Lombard

WELCOME ADDRESS

Dave Shaw, President, provided a recap of the club's activities over the last year.

"The club hosted fewer events in 2019 than in previous years. The Central Lancashire 5k, which due to a change in the format of the central lancs grand prix, had half the usual entries. The event still rang as smoothly as ever just without the usual numbers. With the 2020 race being back in the league we're expecting entries to be back towards capacity. We have also changed the course making it a flat 5k (the old dorma relay course from the late 80's/90's) Hopefully this will attract more athletes in future years looking for a pb. The Red Rose cross country in October was a wet one. I've never seen the crossing at the bottom of zigzag hill so deep. Many thanks to all those who organised and helped out.

We've also had several athletes in County, Northern and National competitions throughout the year picking up medals both on the track and the road. As well as 6 Bolton Harriers selected for Greater Manchester in the English schools' championships.

Great Britain selection came for Hannah Kelly in the European Junior championships in Sweden over 200m. A fantastic and well-deserved achievement. Agonisingly missing out on a place in the final by 5 hundredths of a second, even though she ran the 7th fastest time out of all the semi-finalists.

Unfortunately, overall, we seem to be struggling with numbers fewer competing in red rose, clpg and also in our track leagues. Hopefully we will be able to turn this around in future years.

MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM.

Proposed by Dave Shaw, seconded by Les Hall.

JB - queried categories for presentations and asked whether the club could widen then for cross country races as at the moment its just for seniors, not juniors. (this is was discussed in 2018 AGM as well). LH & SW explained that other categories hadn't been separate. Previously had a different categories but no nominations.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the absence of a General Secretary, the Chairman (SW) presented a brief overview of the year.

SW thanked members for volunteering their time they had given to the club in the last 12 months especially as it had been a troublesome year with the track replacement works. The committee had been in contact with the council and have been trying to rectify this.

Track works – logistics have been very difficult this year. Moved to the Arena for 5-6 months. Although the track is now completed, the lines are still to be done but this is weather dependant and contractor availability. We don't think this will be till Feb 2020 at the earliest. Without lines on the track, there are some safety issues to consider. Cones will be makers to ensure groups are stay in their designated lines. We won't be hosting any YDL or senior fixtures till it's all completed. This also posed a knock-on effect with the 10k as there wasn't sufficient time to organise the new course. Junior champs couldn't be held either, but we have to be positive that we now have a new track to use.

Online and electronic readers for membership – this has been implemented and the club would like to thank Lisa Jakeway for all her research and assistance with this task. It is appreciated. A huge positive to us having this new system includes the club fulfilling its safeguarding duties so we know who is here on club nights, plus we know who is up to date with their membership subs.

Website - the club now has full access. Bec has taken on the social media post.

Ken Fowler very kindly donated the funds to produce new branded kit for the club. Many thanks to Ken. The kit has now been rolled out and can be ordered.

We still have some vacant committee posts and Les Hall has very kindly agreed to fulfil the General Secretary role for the coming year.

And finally, the club will be hosting the annual presentation night at Dobbies on 31st Jan 2020.

General Secretary's report was proposed by Les Hall. Seconded by Ken Fowler

ACCOUNTS /TREASURERS REPORT

Turnover dropped - mainly due to the 10k not taking place in 2019, but as the club cannot make a profit, this has not affected the net. Bottomline of £45k

Our biggest expense is EA registrations and insurance. (we can't shop around for insurance unfortunately as we're told who to use)

Northern Athletics - the cost is likely to increase and as a club we need to take this into consideration.

Its been our first year of electronic payments so we have a better understanding of who has paid membership fees plus its much easier for members to make payment. Treasurer will be keeping an eye on electronic payments to ensure the system is working properly.

The AGM had a discussion around bank charges and whether as a club we would still be accepting cheques.

Accounts will be sent through for auditing.

Les Hall proposed the account draft, and Dave Shaw seconded.

AOB

Serco will be charging for a track pass again. No refunds as it was transferred to Horwich.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

The following were voted and approved by the members present.

- 1) Chairperson – Scott Whittle
- 2) General Secretary – **Les Hall proposed/accepted.**
- 3) Treasurer -John Nicholson
- 4) Trustee representative – Angela Pilling
- 5) Heading of Coaching - Dave Shaw
- 6) Welfare Officer – Joanne Kearney / Lesley Harwood
- 7) Membership Officer – Lesley Harwood
- 8) Committee Secretary – Gail Harrison
- 9) Facilities Officer – Ian Jakeway
- 10) Resource Secretary – **Laura Lombard – proposed/accepted**
- 11) Senior F&T Representative -Scott Whittle
- 12) Junior F&T Representative – Keeley Jolly
- 13) Endurance Team Representative – **Dave Chrystal -proposed**
- 14) Development and Projects Officer – Gail Harrison
- 15) Events and Social Officer - Katie Eckersley
- 16) Digital Media Officer - Rebecca O Keefe
- 17) Committee Member – Steve Eden
- 18) Committee Member -Funmilayo Alimi
- 19) Committee Member -vacant

Four members were invited and confirmed acceptance to serve as Trustees

Main Trustee – Angela Pilling

Trustee – Ian Jakeway

Trustee – Shaun O'Donnell

Trustee – Eric Ranicar

The chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting closed at 8.05pm