



## HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2022 at 7.30 pm

HELD AT PLACES LEISURE CENTRE, EASTLEIGH

### MINUTES

**Present:** 14 attendees (names in county file):

**Apologies:** Peter Newton, Carol Quinn, Penny Abbott, James Mann, Anna Raynsford, Kathy Bailey

1. Report from President – Peter Newton – copy of report provided and read out to the meeting
2. Election of President for 2021/22 – Peter Newton was declared re-elected unopposed, as there had been zero activity in 2020 and minimal activity during 2021 as a result of nation-wide restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic
3. Minutes & Reports from AGM on the 5th March 2021 were adopted as an accurate record
4. Matters Arising - None
5. Report from Secretary – Stuart Horwood produced on behalf of the recently-appointed Secretary Tracey Jones – copy of report provided
6. Report from Treasurer – Richard Dean – Balance Sheet and report presented. The Track & Field Championships were held in August 2021 and almost broke even due to reduced outgoings, while the Multi-Event & Quadkids meeting sustained a loss of £982 with the overall reason being reduced numbers of entrants. The Cross Country Championships saw a similar reduction in numbers with a resulting small deficit of £371. Despite all of this but in order to help attract the athletes back to competition, it was approved that entry fees would remain unchanged for the coming year. A vote of thanks was called for by Mike Barratt, who had audited the accounts, to Richard Dean for the continued accuracy and quality of their production
7. Determine affiliation fees for 2021 onwards – it was unanimously agreed that there would be no fee increase for the coming year, especially as the number of affiliated clubs had dropped from a recent 40 to a current low 20's.
8. Annual Reports – presented by the following sections:
  - Cross Country Championships – Pam Rogers – copy of report provided
  - Multi Events Championships, 3000m, Mile Races, Quadkids and Track and Field Championships – Stuart Horwood – report provided. The delayed running of the 2021 Championships proved too late in the season for some, while school holidays contributed to a reduction in the overall number of entrants from the previous 823 down to 457. Thanks were expressed to Richard Dean for his sterling work in keeping the flow of reported results
  - Sportshall – Steve Torrance – report provided and read – three County League matches were held – Eastleigh, Portsmouth and Aldershot with more than 100 children competing at each venue
  - Technical Officials' – Terry Williams – copy of report provided. Severe reduction in available officials reported – down from over 200 pre-Covid to now only 125 offering their services. The absence of necessary courses, especially and preferably live rather than online, to bring new Officials onboard has been an issue. This has been and will continue to be raised with England Athletics. The requirement of Safeguarding course passes by all officials, with the cost to be borne by the individual was also mentioned, with our Chairman to contact Chris Jones of EA direct
  - Hampshire Schools – Eileen Williams – copy of report provided. The constant struggle to find Team Manager remains, with Eileen asking for any volunteers to contact her, with parents of competing children to be a target
  - Road Racing – Colin Goater – copy of report provided. Regular meetings were held, albeit remotely. The Road Racing League has been suspended for two competitive seasons due to Covid, but has already started for this new season. Mention was made that the old 8 Counties meetings have been abandoned.

- Team Managers– David Churcher – no report due to no activity. Mention was made of Paul Farres and Mark Hyde stepping down, leaving valuable positions to be filled, with an announcement to be placed on the County Association website
9. Election of Officers and Team Managers for 2022/23 - with no alternative nominations being received, all were re-elected unopposed, as follows:
- Chair – Mike Neighbour
  - Vice Chair – Eileen Williams
  - Secretary – Tracey Jones
  - Treasurer – Richard Dean
  - Administration Secretary – Stuart Horsewood
  - Technical Officials Secretaries & Schools - Terry Williams and Eileen Williams
  - Cross Country Championship Secretary – Pam Rogers
  - Multi Events, Quadkids, Track & Field, Championship Secretary – Stuart Horsewood
  - Sportshall Officer – Steve Torrance
  - Road Running Officer – Colin Goater
  - Team Managers – David Churcher, Myles Richardson, Amanda Purser, Peter Costley, Kathy Bailey, Karen Rushton

There having been no other business either raised prior to the meeting, or during the meeting itself, the meeting was called to a close at 8.40pm with thanks to all in attendance.