

HAMPSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026 PLACES LEISURE CENTRE, EASTLEIGH

Present

Steve Mitchell	Chairman	Alan Ive	Secretary
Elizabeth Flitcroft	Treasurer	Pam Rogers	Ladies' Results
Sarah Swift	Social Media Manager		
Ken Littlejohns	BMHAC	Ellie Dannatt	Camberley
Colin McManus	Winchester RC	John Hoare	Overton
Charlie Hoskins	WADAC	Josh Murray	Hamwic
Rachel Dryden	Hamwic	Ian Graham	Bournemouth
Simon Saunders	Bournemouth	John Bassinder	Poole AC
Daniel Parker-Hales	Southampton AC	Malcolm Price	Lordshill
Mick Anglim	Hardley	Noel O'Dowd	Southampton AC
Mel Ford	Hedge End	Tim Ford	Hedge End

Apologies

Roger Cross	Poole Runners	Marilyn Crocker	Victory AC
Chris Moseley	Reading Runners	Pam Bungay	

The Secretary opened the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 20 June 2025.

Matters Arising

Pam Rogers said that the provision of wristbands for athletes with existing medical conditions agreed at last year's AGM had been well received and thanked AFD for donating wristbands to the League.

Chairman's Report

Welcome everyone, and thank you for coming this evening. It's great to see so many of you here on what has been a particularly hot day, when I'm sure many of you would rather be elsewhere with a cold drink in hand.

The list in front of me shows that we have representatives from the following clubs: Andover, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Camberley, Hamwic, Hardley, Hedge End, Lordshill, Poole AC, Poole Runners, Overton, Southampton, Winchester AC, Winchester RC.

Ordinarily, the HCCL aims to consist of five matches. Unfortunately, maintaining that has proven difficult over the past few years, particularly last season when we managed only three events for a variety of reasons.

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the league, its member clubs and all the competitors, to offer a huge thank you to our host clubs and volunteers. Some of them endured what were, at times, particularly challenging conditions, yet thanks to their hard work and commitment we were still able to enjoy a league season, albeit a smaller one than usual. That gratitude also extends to everyone who gives up their time to staff the finish line and work on the results team. Without their efforts, there simply wouldn't be a race.

In particular, I'd like to thank Simon Saunders from Bournemouth AC, Gavin Marsh from Reading AC, and Mike Boucher from AFD. Please could you pass on our sincere thanks to your fantastic teams of volunteers, whose hard work ensured the events took place safely and successfully.

I'd also like to acknowledge Mark Webber from Andover AC, together with Charlotte Hoskins and David Vossier from WADAC, who all made genuine efforts to organise additional matches. Despite their best endeavours, circumstances meant those events couldn't go ahead. We're grateful for the time and commitment they invested, and we hope they'll have more success in the future should they choose to host in the future.

Although I've only been on the committee for a few years, it quickly became apparent just how much time, effort and patience both Pams devote to their roles as results processors. They have become true experts, overcoming the many complications that inevitably arise at each meeting, yet somehow producing a comprehensive set of results every single time for the benefit of all our runners.

Sadly, after more years of service than it would be polite to mention, Pam Bungay has stepped down from her role as Male Results Processor. Although she's unable to be with us this evening, I'd like the minutes to record our enormous appreciation for her dedication and tireless efforts over so many years. Her contribution to the league has been immense, and she will be greatly missed.

Pam emailed the following message;

"I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me over the last few years and wish you well with the league.

Can you also pass on my thanks to all the team managers, who have helped enormously by providing the details of their athletes & for responding to my emails late on Saturday evenings post races.

Best wishes

Pam"

Finally, I'd like to wish you all an enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you again at future cross-country matches. Where, if all goes to plan we can once again have a full calendar of 5 matches, offering cross-country runners the opportunity to compete at a standard they've come to expect from the HCCL.

Here's to a successful season in 26-27

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to add to the Chairman's report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts. It was agreed that the allocation of clubs to affiliation fee tiers should remain as for last season.

New Membership Affiliation/Resignation

No resignations have been received but Victory AC are currently reviewing their membership of the league.

Interest in joining the League has been shown by Vectis Academy and Haslemere Border AC.

Proposals

No proposals for amendments to the League Constitution or Competition Rules had been received.

However, it was agreed the Competition Rules should be updated to reflect the new age groups. In addition to the age group updates, the Under 18 Women's distance has been increased to equal the Under 18 Men's distance. A note has also been added, allowing Under 18 Women to choose to compete in the Senior Women's race (this rule was agreed with the creation of a separate Under 17 Women's race over twenty years ago but never explicitly added to the rules).

Liz Flitcroft suggested a note highlighting the potential change of age group for young athletes at the start of October. Under the rules previously in force, athletes always remained in the same age group they had occupied in the track season.

Dates, Venues and Host Clubs for Season 2024-2025

Allocation of fixtures is still in progress but the nationally recommended dates are listed below.

10 Oct, 14 Nov, 5 Dec, 16 Jan, 13 Feb.

It was noted that the League lacks a host club for the January fixture and would welcome interest from a club or combination of clubs.

Election of Officers

The existing Committee was re-elected, with the exception of Pam Bungay, the retiring Men's Results Secretary. It is vital that someone be found for this role.

Presentation of Senior Awards

The awards from the last season were made to representatives from the recipients' clubs who attended.

Mick Anglim of Hardley Runners collected his award in person.

Any Other Business

Ken Littlejohns highlighted that hosting clubs are responsible for providing officials for their meetings.

Mick Anglim asked that Over 80 athletes should receive recognition in the results, although he did not consider this need include awards.

The League Committee seeks recommendations for the Popplewell Trophy, which is awarded to an individual for services to cross country generally and the League particularly each season. It is aimed at team managers, course directors, transport organisers and others. Please could club representatives, preferably club secretaries, submit proposed names, together with a brief justification, to the League Secretary.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.