
*Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Scottish Athletics Limited held at
Emirates Arena, London Road, Glasgow on 28th September 2019*

The Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

Present:

Mandated Delegates List

Ian Beattie, Harmeny AC
Michael Wright, Central AC
Barry Craighead, Edinburgh AC
Kate Todd, Kilmarnock Harriers AC
Lesley Thirkell, Fife AC
Lorna Simpson, Linlithgow AC
John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers
Robin Thomas, Hunters Bog Trotters
Dawn Allan, Moorfoot Runners
John Rodger, Kilbarchan AAC
Ron Morrison, University of St Andrews Cross Country
William Drysdale, Law & District AAC
Richard Leyton, Bellahouston Road Runners
Catriona Pettigrew-Smith, Cumbernauld AAC
Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC
Des Dickson, Cambuslang Harriers
Neil Donachie, Ferranti AAC
Neil Donachie, East District Cross Country League

Non-Mandated Delegates List

William Sutherland, Whitemoss AAC
Hugh Buchanan, Central AC
Jo Butterfield, Forth Valley Flyers
Margaret Brown, VPCoG
Alison Lunn, **sport**scotland
Leslie Roy, VPCoG
Brenda Stephen, Cumbernauld AAC
Marika Kennedy, Cumbernauld AAC
Stephen Wallace, Cumbernauld AAC
Valerie Murdoch
Alison Johnstone
Mark Munro
Peter Jardine
Jamie McDonald
Francesca Snitjer

1 Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks

Ian Beattie (IB), Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman introduced the top table:

Leslie Roy (LR), President and Mark Munro (MM), Chief Executive Officer

It was confirmed that there were 18 mandated delegates in the room and therefore a quorum and the meeting could commence.

IB asked LR to begin the proceedings.

Votes in the Room

At the commencement of the meeting there was a total of 18 mandated delegates and 2 proxies in the room. There was a total of 105 eligible votes in the room, including 6 proxy votes.

The Chair explained the protocol of the meeting and the voting procedures, confirming Jamie McDonald and Francesca Snitjer would act as tellers, non-mandated delegates, if required.

2 Apologies

The Rt Hon Lord Campbell of Pittenweem
Margaret McNally
Spey Runners
Alan Potts
PH Racing Club
Red Star AC
Dame Mary Corsar
Sandra Frame
Betty Davidson
Molly Wilmoth
Inverclyde AC
Eilidh Doyle
Inverness Harriers
Craig Morton

3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2019

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Lorna Simpson

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018 were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Report

MM was invited to speak on the Annual Report. The slides are attached.

MM invited Jamie McDonald, National Club Manager, to speak on Club Support and Development.

MM invited any questions. The following questions were asked by delegates:

John Rodger enquired if the Board were familiar with recent media reports about a new funding model for Sports Governing Bodies, recommended by a consultant at Edinburgh University. MM advised that whilst he wasn't aware of the media story, both he and IB are familiar with the report written by Prof Grant Jarvis and its purpose to provide a more coherent unified voice for sport.

Barry Craighead expressed concern about the disbandment of the District representation on the T&F commission and how this may affect the voice of the clubs to the Governing Body. MM advised that the T&F commission elected to remove the district element from the commission. There are a greater number of clubs now represented on the commission than before and the Governing Body continually listens to the sport and looks where improvement can be made for the Clubs.

Barry Craighead enquired if the National Coach has a programme and what role plays in the development of Scottish athletics. MM advised that Head of Performance and Coaching, Stephen Maguire, has a clear programme which has been communicated with the sport. He has also attended several commission meetings, including the T&F commission. Stephen Wallace (Cumbernauld AAC) also noted that Stephen Maguire hosted a club meeting (which was very well attended) a few weeks ago, where his strategy was discussed.

Barry Craighead enquired about incentives for officials and asked why the reward scheme is necessary for kit. MM advised that the Joma deal extends to National team, National managers and a percentage of staff kit. Each eligible official receives £30 kit/equipment allowance for kit and mileage expenses for championship meets. Margaret Brown, Convenor of the Officials commission clarified that for Officials to qualify for the allowance, they are only required to do a minimum of 15 meetings per year, 6 of which must be **scottish**athletics championships. It is also an incentive to keep officials involved.

Michael Wright asked if there had been any discussions at Board level on media reports about Scottish Athletics going it alone internationally following the success of Scottish athletes and some of the issues with British Athletics. IB advised that the Board are keen to provide more opportunities for athletes at Scottish level and that positive discussions with IAAF and European Athletics have already taken place. MM clarified that Scotland are not seeking independence – they still recognise Team GB&NI at Olympic Level - but are seeking more competition at European Level for Scottish Teams.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Chris Peggie

Annual Report adopted.

5 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report

The Chair invited DA to speak on the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report.

DA invited any questions.

With no further questions received:

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

Annual Accounts and Auditors Report adopted.

6 To Agree the Honoraria

It was proposed that the honoraria remain as previously:

Track & Field Commission: £800
Road & Cross-Country Commission: £800
Hill Running Commission: £400
Officials Commission: £600

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Michael Wright

Honoraria are approved

7 To Appoint the Auditors

It was proposed that MHA Henderson Loggie be re-appointed auditors to **scottishathletics** for the ensuing year.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Chris Peggie

MHA Henderson Loggie re-appointed as Auditors

8 To adopt the proposed changes to the Articles of Association

Item 8(a)

To amend the office bearer length of service

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Catriona Pettigrew-Smith

Votes for: 105

Votes against: 0

Amendment of the office bearer length of service is adopted

Item 8(b)

To amend Article 9 Disciplinary Action

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Barry Craighead

Votes for: 105

Votes against: 0

Amendment to Article 9 Disciplinary Action is adopted

9 To decide Individual Membership Fees 2020/21

MM addressed the delegates, presenting the rationale for the increase to fees. MM invited questions. The following questions were raised by delegates:

With no further questions, the Board proposed the following changes to membership fees for 2020/21:

Item 9(a)

Senior Club Membership to increase to £22

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Michael Wright

Senior Club Membership fees adopted

Item 9(b)

U21 Club Member to increase to £12

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Chris Peggie

U21 Club Membership fees adopted

Item 9(c)

U13 Club Member fees to be set at £9

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

U13 Club Membership fees adopted

Item 9(d)

Coach Membership to remain £25 (for three years)

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Lorna Simpson

Coach Membership fees adopted

Item 9(e)

Official Membership to remain free

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Lorna Simpson

Official Membership fees adopted

Item 9(f)

Family Membership to increase to £53

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Kate Todd

Family Membership fees adopted

Item 9(g)

Friend and Supporter Membership to increase to £22

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Des Dickson

Friend and Supporter Membership fees adopted

Item 9(h)

Senior Member Unattached to increase to £47

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Robin Thomas

Senior Member Unattached fees adopted

Item 9(i)

Over 65 Membership to increase to £14

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Kate Todd

Over-65 Membership fees adopted

10 To decide Club Affiliation Fees 2020/21

The Board proposed NO CHANGE and that the level of the club affiliation fees and method of collection for 2020/21 remains as follows:

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| For all first claim athletes | £7.00 |
| For second claim athletes | £3.00 |
| For all other club members | £0.00 |

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

Club Affiliation fees proposals adopted.

11 To decide non-members race levies 2020/21

The Board proposed NO CHANGE and that for 2020/21 remains at £2.00.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Richard Leyton

Barry Craighead was otherwise minded.

Votes for: 97
Votes against: 8

Non-members' race levies proposal adopted

12 To Elect Office Bearers

12(a) President Ron Morrison

Proposed: Kilbarchan AAC
Seconded: Lesley Thirkell

Track and Field Commission

12(b) Convenor Leslie Roy MBE

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow
Seconded: Ron Morrison

12(c) Secretary Lesley Thirkell

Proposed: Fife AC
Seconded: Chris Peggie

12(d) Finance Officer Vacant

Taken back to Board

Road and Cross-Country Commission

12(e) Convenor John Rodger

Proposed: Shettleston Harriers
Seconded: Michael Wright

12(f) Secretary Julia McAfee (Henderson)

Proposed: Kilbarchan AAC
Seconded: John McKay

12(g) Finance Officer Vacant

Taken back to Board

Hill running Commission

12(h) Convenor Hugh Buchanan

Proposed: Central AC
Seconded: John Rodger

12(i) Secretary Mark Johnston

Proposed: Carnethy Hill Racing Club
Seconded: Barry Craighead

12(j) Finance Officer Malcolm Finbow

Proposed: Westerland CCC
Seconded: Robin Thomas

Officials Commission

12(k) Convenor Margaret Brown

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC
Seconded: Neil Donachie (Ferranti AAC)

12(l) Secretary Brenda Stephen

Proposed: Cumbernauld AAC
Seconded: Barry Craighead

12(m) Finance Officer Vacant

Taken back to Board

Office Bearers elected.

13 Election of Board member appointed by the Board

Terry O'Hare

Proposed: Board
Seconded: John Rodger

Election of Terry O'Hare approved

14 AOCB

MM invited any other questions.

Barry Craighead expressed concern about the affect road closure costs during events are having on clubs and event organisers. He enquired if removing unattached levies would be beneficial to clubs to assist in raising funds. Ron Morrison advised for clubs to consider becoming a charity and use trained volunteers to manage the roads. It was agreed for Ron to pass on this information. MM also advised for clubs/event organisers to get in touch with **scottishathletics** as soon as possible in these circumstances to see what support may be available.

IB thanked everyone for attending the meeting and with no further business the meeting closed at 11:55 hours.