
*Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Scottish Athletics Limited held via Zoom
on Saturday 18th September 2021*

The Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

Present:

Mandated Delegates List

Leslie Roy MBE, Scottish Women's Athletics League
Ron Morrison, Fife AC
John Rodger, Kilbarchan AC
Alex Jackson, Ferranti AAC
Alex Jackson, East District Cross Country League
Gerry Gaffney, Inverclyde AC
Ian Beattie, Harmeny AC
Hugh Buchanan, Central AC
Richard Leyton, Bellahouston Road Runners
Stephen Wallace, Cumbernauld AAC
John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers
Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC
Yvonne Jones, Edinburgh AC
William Marshall-Watt, Ayr Seaforth
Tracy Hendry, Falkirk Victoria Harriers
Stuart Irvine, Garscube Harriers
Des Dickson, Cambuslang Harriers
Laura Gebbie, Red Star AC
Anne Webber, Arbroath
Anne Webber, RAM
Brian Pahlmann, Aberdeen AAC
Sandra Hardacre, Livingston AC

Non-Mandated Delegates List

Colin Hutchison
Francesca Snitjer
Dawn Allan
Jamie McDonald
David Fallon
Pamela Robson
Lindsay McMahon
Mike Johnston
Margaret Brown
Barbara Knox, Springburn Harriers
John Stewart, North Ayrshire AC
Jane Burns, Inverness Harriers
Scott Hamilton, Elgin AC

Peter Jardine
Jill O'Neil
Damien McCauley, Springburn Harriers

1 Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks

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

The Chairman introduced the top table:

Professor Ron Morrison (RM), President, Colin Hutchison (CH), Chief Executive Officer and Dawn Allan (DA), Head of Operations.

IB asked RM to begin the proceedings.

Votes in the Room

At the commencement of the meeting there was a total of 22 mandated delegates and 3 proxies in the room. There was a total of 132 eligible votes in the room, including 20 proxy votes.

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

2 Apologies

Rt Hon Lord Campbell of Pittenweem
Spey Runners
Scottish Schools' Athletics Association
Elsie Morris
Dumfries Harriers
Wee County Harriers
Kilmarnock Harriers
Gala Harriers

3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 26th September 2020

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Chris Peggie

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020 were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Report for 2020/21

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

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

Hugh Buchanan enquired, with regards to the frustrations from the sport due in getting competition re-established after lock-down, what lessons can be learned should we find ourselves in a similar position again, to ensure a swift return to competition?

CH advised that the Together Apart concept played a big role in re-engaging people in the sport and enabling a local delivery of competition. This concept can be used as a template going forward to provide clubs and athletes with face-to-face competition in smaller groups.

Access to indoor facilities during restrictions also proved very challenging for athletes who sit just outside the performance programme, but who are still considered to be on the performance pathway. Options are now being considered to formalise this structure for these athletes.

IB advised there was a lot of lobbying going on with both **sportscotland** and the Scottish Government during restrictions to try to re-establish competition.

Stephen Wallace relayed thanks to Leslie Roy, and Mark and Fiona Davidson (Aberdeen AAC) – their amalgamation of the men’s and women’s league during restrictions provided athletes with several opportunities for meaningful competition.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Richard Leyton

Annual Report adopted.

5 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report for 2020/21

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

DA invited any questions.

With no questions received:

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Laura Gebbie

Annual Accounts and Auditors Report adopted.

6 To Agree the Honoraria for 2022/23

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: Stuart Irvine

Honoraria are approved

7 To Appoint the Auditors for 2021/22

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

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Brian Pahlmann

Henderson Loggie LLP re-appointed as Auditors

8 To decide Corporate Membership Fees 2022/23

It was proposed that corporate membership fees for 2022/23 to remain at £50.00

Proposed: Board
Secunder: Stuart Irvine

Corporate Membership fees proposals adopted.

9 To decide non-members race levies 2022/23

The Board proposed NO CHANGE and that for 2022/23 remains at £2.00.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Hugh Buchanan

Non-members' race levies proposal adopted

10 To consider nominations for Honorary Life Membership

Ian Beattie spoke to the nomination of all three proposed nominations.

10(a) Alistair Aitchison

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Stuart Irvine

With a 2/3 majority required, this proposal was taken to a vote.

Votes for: 132
Votes against: 0

10(b) Bob Masson

Proposed: Board
Seconded: John Mackay

With a 2/3 majority required, this proposal was taken to a vote.

Votes for: 132
Votes against: 0

10(c) Janice Hendrie

Proposed: Board
Seconded: John Mackay

With a 2/3 majority required, this proposal was taken to a vote.

Votes for: 132
Votes against: 0

11 To adopt the proposed changes to the Articles of Association

With a 3/4 majority required, this proposal was taken to a vote.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Alex Jackson, Ferranti AAC

Changes to the Articles approved.

12 To Elect Office Bearers

Track and Field Commission

12(a) Convenor Leslie Roy MBE

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow
Seconded: Gerry Gaffney

12(b) Secretary Lesley Thirkell

Proposed: Fife AC
Seconded: Laura Gebbie

12(c) Finance Officer Vacant

Remains vacant.

Road and Cross-Country Commission

12(d) Convenor Michael Johnston

Proposed: Kilbarchan AAC
Seconded: Alex Jackson, Ferranti AAC

12(e) Secretary Julia McAfee

Proposed: Kilbarchan AAC
Seconded: Alex Jackson, Ferranti AAC

12(f) Finance Officer Vacant

Remains vacant.

Hill running Commission

12(g) Convenor Hugh Buchanan

Proposed: Central AC
Seconded: Ron Morrison

12(h) Secretary Helen Fallas

Proposed: Carnethy Hill Racing Club
Seconded: Richard Leyton

12(i) Finance Officer Andrew Douglas

Proposed: Inverclyde AC
Seconded: Hugh Buchanan

Officials Commission

12(j) Convenor Margaret Brown

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC
Seconded: Brian Pahlmann

12(k) Secretary Margaret McInally

Proposed: Falkirk Victoria Harriers
Seconded: Stephen Wallace

12(I) Finance Officer Vacant

Remains vacant.

Office Bearers elected.

13 Election of Board member appointed by the Board

Jill O'Neil

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Stuart Irvine

Election of Jill O'Neil approved.

14 Re-election of Honorary President appointed by the Board

The Rt Hon. the Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale (Jack McConnell – former First Minister)

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Chris Peggie

Re-election of The Rt Hon. the Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale approved.

15 AOCB

CH invited any other questions.

Des Dickson expressed his thanks to Scottish Athletics for the support over the past year. He passed on his best wishes to David Ovens, as the incoming Chair, and Ian Beattie.

RM thanked both John Rodger and Ian Beattie who are stepping down in their respective roles as Convenor of the Road Running and Cross Country Commission and Chair of Scottish Athletics.

IB relayed his thanks to everyone in the sport, stating what a privilege it had been to be the Chair of Scottish Athletics.

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

Appendix to 2021 Minutes

Recognition of those who passed away between October 2020 to September 2021

Marjory Cook	Aileen Lusk (née Drummond)
Dave McConnell	Douglas Edmunds
Karen Nicolson (nee McLeod)	David Gracie
Martin Hyman	George Meredith
George Sinclair	Chelsea O'Rawe Hobbs
Chris Smith	Doris Tyndall
Jen Jackson	Daniel Upton
Duncan McLaren	Neil Donachie
John McKinlay (Troon Tortoises)	Iain Robertson
John Kynaston (Kilbarchan AAC)	Betty Steedman Davidson