# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Scottish Athletics Limited held via Zoom on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

The Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

#### **Present:**

#### Mandated Delegates List

Leslie Roy MBE, Scottish Women's Athletics League Yvonne Jones, Edinburgh AC Christine Stevenson, Pitreavie AAC Laura Gebbie, Red Star AC Allan Dunbar, Penicuik Harriers John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers Richard Leyton, Bellahouston Road Runners Gerry Gaffney, Inverclyde AC Des Dickson, Cambuslang Harriers John Stewart, North Ayrshire AC Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC Ian Beattie, Harmeny AC Ron Morrison, Fife AC David Lothian, Falkirk Victoria Harriers Jill O'Neil, Garscube Harriers Jason Miles-Campbell, Strathearn Harriers Michael Royden, Dundee Road Runners Stephen Wallace, Cumbernauld AAC Craig Lawton, Newton Road Runners Mike Howard, Forth Valley Athletics League Hugh Buchanan, Central AC

# Non-Mandated Delegates List

Colin Hutchison, Scottish Athletics
David Ovens, Scottish Athletics
Dawn Allan, Scottish Athletics
Jamie McDonald, Scottish Athletics
David Fallon, Scottish Athletics
Jack McConnell, Honorary President
Lindsay McMahon, Scottish Athletics
Mike Johnston, Director
Margaret Brown, Director
Stuart Irvine, Garscube Harriers
Gary Smith, Falkirk Victoria Harriers
Karen Sell, Stonehaven Running Club
Alison Johnstone, Director
Peter Jardine, Scottish Athletics

#### 1 Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks

David Ovens (DO), Chair, 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.

DO asked RM to begin the proceedings.

#### **Votes in the Room**

At the commencement of the meeting there was a total of 21 mandated delegates and 2 proxies in the room. There was a total of 119 eligible votes in the room, including 12 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 Elspeth Morris
Strathclyde Harriers
Scottish Schools Athletics Association
Blast Running
North Ayrshire AC
Ferranti AAC
East District Cross Country League
PH Racing Club
Edinburgh Running Network
North Highland Harriers
Scottish Veteran Harriers
John Rodger

## 3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18th September 2021

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021 were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

## 4 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Report for 2021/22

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

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

Des Dickson endorsed the messages in the report and reflected the challenges during COVID-19 and acknowledged that the sport is now at the recovery stage. Partnerships and clubs working together is important.

David Lothian commented on the strengths and weaknesses within club coaching and raised the idea of collaboration and sharing coaching resources and would like clubs and Scottish Athletics to put together some ideas to help clubs with weaknesses, through sharing. CH stated that the development and coaching are teams currently working together to address this in other areas of the sport too, not just coaching, and looking at the depth of event groups.

Stephen Wallace noted some feedback from the masters' athletes at Cumbernauld AC who do not receive medals on the podium at indoor championships, whereas the combined event athletes do. Leslie Roy replied explaining that as masters athletes tend to do multiple events it is not always easy to get all medal winners in the one place at the same time due to athletes moving from one event to another.

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Stephen Wallace, Cumbernauld AAC

#### Annual Report adopted.

## 5 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report for 2021/22

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

DA invited any questions.

With no questions received:

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC

Annual Accounts and Auditors Report adopted.

## 6 To Appoint the Auditors for 2022/23

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

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Christine Stevenson, Pitreavie AAC

**Henderson Loggie LLP re-appointed as Auditors** 

# 7 To consider nominations for Honorary Life Membership

David Ovens spoke to the nomination of all three proposed nominations.

## 7 (a) Sandra Hardacre

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Laura Gebbie, Red Star AC

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

Votes for: 111 Votes against: 0 Votes abstained: 8

## 7 (b) John Rodger

Proposed: Board

Seconded: John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers

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

Votes for: 111 Votes against: 0 Votes abstained: 8

# 7 (c) Liz Wilder

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Laura Gebbie, Red Star AC

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

Votes for: 111 Votes against: 0 Votes abstained: 8

#### 8 To Elect Office Bearers

## **Track and Field Commission**

## 8 (a) Convenor Leslie Roy MBE

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow Seconded: Gerry Gaffney, Inverclyde AC

## 8 (b) Secretary Lesley Thirkell

Proposed: Ron Morrison, Fife AC

Seconded: Leslie Roy MBE, Scottish Women's Athletics League

## **Road and Cross-Country Commission**

## 8 (c) Convenor Michael Johnston

Proposed: Des Dickson, Cambuslang Harriers Seconded: John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers

# 8 (d) Secretary Julia McAfee

Proposed: Des Dickson, Cambuslang Harriers Seconded: David Lothian, Falkirk Victoria Harriers

## **Hill running Commission**

## 8 (e) Convenor Hugh Buchanan

Proposed: Central AC

Seconded: Ian Beattie, Harmeny AC

## 8 (f) Secretary Helen Fallas

Proposed: Carnethy Hill Racing Club Seconded: Allan Dunbar, Penicuik Harriers

# 8 (g) Finance Officer Andrew Douglas

Proposed: Inverclyde AC

Seconded: Laura Gebbie, Red Star AC

## **Officials Commission**

## 8 (h) Convenor Margaret Brown

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC

Seconded: Ian Beattie, Harmeny AC

## 8 (i) Secretary Margaret McInally

Proposed: Falkirk Victoria Harriers

Seconded: Leslie Roy MBE, Scottish Women's Athletics League

#### 9 Re-election of Board member appointed by the Board

#### **Eilidh Doyle**

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC

Re-election of Eilidh Doyle approved.

#### 10 Election of Board member appointed by the Board

#### **Chuxx Onyia**

Proposed: Board

Seconded: Yvonne Jones, Edinburgh AC

**Election of Chuxx Onyia approved.** 

#### 11 AOCB

DO invited any other questions.

DO thanked Alison Johnstone who is stepping down as Board member of Scottish Athletics.

DO relayed his thanks to everyone in the sport.

DO thanked everyone for attending the meeting and with no further business the meeting closed at 11:40 hours.

## **Appendix to 2022 Minutes**

#### Recognition of those who passed away between October 2021 to September 2022

John Cameron (athlete)

Wilma Bowden (athlete)

Marie Dobson (athlete)

Robert Hay (athlete)

Dudley Brotchie (coach)

Ricky Dunbar (athlete)

William Noble (athlete) Brian Scobie (coach) (16.9.21)

John Wands (coach) David Whyte (athlete)

Danny Furey (paralympian) Sandy Carmichael (rugby and athletics)

lan Silver (official) Colin Sinclair (coach) (not Central AC Secretary)

Sandy Sutherland (heavy events athlete) (not the journalist)

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