
*Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Scottish Athletics Limited held via Zoom
on Saturday 9th November 2024*

The Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

Present:

Mandated Delegates List

Alan Oliver, Helensburgh AAC (from Item 4)
Alex Jackson, Ferranti AAC
Charlie Forbes, Inverness Harriers
Chris Peggie, Corstorphine AAC
Clare Martin, Strathearn Harriers
Daniel Scroop, Garscube Harriers
Des Dickson, Cambuslang Harriers
Elaine Mackay, CSSAL
Emer Campbell, Bellahouston Road Runners
Frank McLaren, Fife AC
Gerard Gaffney, Inverclyde AC
John Mackay, Shettleston Harriers
John Rodger, Kilbarchan AAC
Kirsteen Brown, NAAC
Laura Gebbie, Red Star AC
Leigh Miller, Lasswade AC
Leslie Roy, SNAL
Liam McCabe, Central AC
Linzie Marsh, Pitreavie AAC
Mark Davidson, Aberdeen AAC
Marika Kennedy, Cumbernauld AAC
Mhairi Arnott, Dundee University AC
Ruairidh Campbell, Montrose and District AC
Sandra Hardacre, EDCC League
Scott Jasnosz-Clark, Glasgow Frontrunners
Scott Mason, Bellahouston Harriers
Sharon Taylor, Dunbarntonshire AAA
Sharon Wilton, Airdrie Harriers
Yvonne Jones, Edinburgh AC

Non-Mandated Delegates List

Alan Forbes, Victoria Park City of Glasgow
Alison Lunn, **sportscotland**
Alister Russell, Team East Lothian
Ally Love
Arnold Black
Colin Hutchison
Damian McAuley, Springburn Harriers

David Fallon
David Ovens
Dawn Allan
Erin Gillen
Francesca Snitjer
Graeme Jack, Athletics Trust Scotland
Graham McDonald
Hayley Gilfillan, Dundee University AC
Jamie McDonald
Lindsay McMahan
Liz Foubister, Orkney Athletics and Running Club
Mike Johnston
Peter Jardine
Ronald Hunter, Stirling University AC
Terry O'Hare
Tim Hatton, Teviotdale Harriers
Val Murdoch

1 Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks

David Ovens (DO), Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman introduced the top table:

John Rodger (JR), President, Colin Hutchison (CH), Chief Executive Officer and Dawn Allan (DA), Head of Operations.

DO asked JR to begin the proceedings.

Votes in the Room

At the commencement of the meeting there was a total of 28 mandated delegates and 1 proxy in the room. There was a total of 138 eligible votes in the room, including 8 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

SAAA, Margaret McNally (via email)
Lesley Thirkell (via email)
Harmeny AC, Craig Stewart (via email)
RAM League, Andy Dobbie (via email)
Sheila Smart (via email)
Andy Law (via email)
Jill O'Neil (via email)
Falkirk Victoria Harriers, Holly Anderson (via email)

3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30th September 2023

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Red Star AC

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023 were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Report for 2023/24

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

CH invited any questions.

With no questions received:

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Corstorphine AAC

Annual Report adopted.

DA provided an update on the number of votes in the rooms advising that from Item 4, there was a total of 29 mandated delegates and 1 proxy in the room. There was a total of 142 eligible votes in the room, including 8 proxy votes.

5 To Receive and Adopt the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report for 2023/24

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

DA invited any questions.

Liam McCabe asked about the overall financial business model going forward taking into consideration that a significant amount of funding comes from grant funding, and should membership fees be increased further, given the current financial climate.

DA advised that different income streams are being looked at, including additional sponsorship with UK Athletics and the home country athletics federations. Working in partnership with Athletics Trust Scotland should also allow us to access different income streams.

Membership fee increases have been pitched at this level to avoid impacting the same clubs.

CH advised that the Board have agreed a three-year financial plan which takes into consideration the potential reduction in public funding.

Ronnie Hunter asked about commercial income and what the organisation are doing to increase this over the next few years. And how it compares to other governing bodies.

DA advised that a Commercial Group has been established to look at exploring different commercial opportunities. These opportunities are being looked at both UK wide and within

Scotland. It was advised that we are not aware of the commercial income of other governing bodies.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Shettleston Harriers

Annual Accounts and Auditors Report adopted.

6 To Appoint the Auditors for 2024/25

It was proposed that a full tender process be conducted, the results of which will be considered, and appointment approved by the Board.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Corstorphine AAC

Proposal for a full tender process to be conducted approved.

7 To decide annual membership fees for 2025/26

The Chair invited CH to speak on the membership fees proposals.

CH invited any questions. With no questions received:

7 (a) Senior Club Membership £24.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Central AC

7 (b) U21 Club Member £14.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Dunbartonshire AAA

7 (c) U13 Club Member £11.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: NAAC

7 (d) Coach Member £27.00 (for three years)

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Pitreavie AAC

7 (e) Family Member £59.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Garscube Harriers

7 (f) Senior Member Unattached £51.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Corstorphine AAC

7 (g) Over 65 Member £16.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Inverclyde AC

7 (h) Corporate Member £56.00

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Redstar AC

7 (i) Club Affiliation (first claim) £7.50

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Corstorphine AAC

7 (j) Club Affiliation (second claim) £3.50

Proposed: Board
Seconded: NAAC

Membership fees adopted.

8 To confirm the recommendation of clubs for age group implementation

It was proposed that from 1st January 2026, Scotland moves to World Athletics Age Groups for all junior age groups. The date for calculating age groups will be the 31st December. Track & Field, Road Running and Cross Country will operate a single competition year running from 1st October to September with Trail and Hill Running operating a competition year of 1st January to 31st December.

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Shettleston Harriers

Age Group proposal approved

9 To consider nominations for Honorary Life Membership

9 (a) Margaret Brown

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Montrose and District AC

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

Votes for: 142 (including 8 proxy votes)
Votes against: 0
Votes abstained: 0

9 (b) Charlie Forbes

Proposed: Board
Seconded: NAAC

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

Votes for: 114 (including 8 proxy votes)
Votes against: 0
Votes abstained: 28

9 (c) Ricky Taylor

Proposed: Board
Seconded: Kilbarchan AAC

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

Votes for: 136
Votes against: 0
Votes abstained: 6

10 To Elect Office Bearers

Track and Field Commission

10 (a) Convenor Diane Ramsay

Proposed: Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC
Seconded: Red Star AC

10 (b) Secretary Lesley Thirkell

Proposed: Fife AC
Seconded: Montrose and District AC

Road and Cross-Country Commission

10 (c) Convenor Michael Johnston

Proposed: Cambuslang Harriers
Seconded: Inverclyde AC

10 (d) Secretary Sandra Hardacre

Proposed: Livingston AC
Seconded: Central AC

Hill running Commission

10 (e) Convenor Helen Fallas

Proposed: Carnethy Hill Racing Club
Seconded: Montrose and District AC

10 (f) Secretary Stephen Winter

Proposed: Shettleston Harriers
Seconded: Red Star AC

10 (g) Finance Officer Andrew Douglas

Proposed: Inverclyde AC
Seconded: Dunbartonshire AAA

Officials Commission

10 (h) Convenor Alistair Aitchison

Proposed: Edinburgh AC
Seconded: Pitreavie AAC

10 (i) Secretary Brian Brown

Proposed: Elgin AAC
Seconded: Dunbartonshire AAA

Office Bearers approved.

11 AOCB

DO invited any other questions.

DO thanked Jo Butterfield MBE who is stepping down as a Board member of Scottish Athletics.

DO thanked everyone for attending the meeting and with no further business the meeting closed at 11:25 hours.

Appendix to 2024 Minutes

Recognition of those who passed away between October 2023 to November 2024

Alastair Hay
Bob Stephen
Brad McStravick
Brian Carty
Christine Stoops
Colin Martin
Colin Shields
David Webster
Donnie Simpson
Elizabeth Leitch
Freda Silver
Jean Robertson
John Anderson
Keith Douglas
Leslie Watson
Peter Carton
William Grant