

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
HELD AT ALEXANDER STADIUM, BIRMINGHAM
ON THURSDAY, 14th MARCH 2019 AT 12.00 NOON**

- Attendances and apologies were recorded for the attendance book.
- The meeting commenced at 12.23pm and Mr Walter Nicholls took the Chair.
- He welcomed those present to the 139th Annual General Meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association
- The Chairman read out a list of those colleagues and friends who had passed away in the previous year. Members present stood in silence to remember them:-

Barry Willis OBE, Hon. Secretary 1965-1982
Ted Sutters, Hon. Standards Officer 1986-2004
George Kirby, Chairman of the Northern County Officials
Steve Cliff, General Secretary Fell Runners Association
Sheila Bolland
Grahame Brummitt
Mike Doyle
Bob Harvey
Bill Laws
Dave McDonald
Dr Alan Neuff
Mike Nicholson
Brian Spriggs
Roy West

- Geoff Durbin then read out the notice of the AGM

1. A. MINUTES OF THE INQUORATE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 8th MARCH 2018

The minutes were received and adopted as a true record of the business transacted.

Proposed Walter Nicholls seconded Martin Etchells.

B. MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 5TH APRIL 2018

The minutes were received and adopted as a true record of the business transacted.

Proposed the Chairman seconded George Bunner.

2. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND THE AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Chairman presented the report.

- The Chairman expressed thanks to all contributors to the Report. He noted that many of the Area subcommittees were now filing their own reports which were interesting to read.
- He acknowledged the increasing links with England Athletics and thanked them for their involvement.
- He hoped that the Association would be able to continue for many more years as he felt it still had much to contribute particularly with regard to Heritage as described in Philip Andrew's presentation prior to the meeting.

The Report was accepted proposed by Ian Byett and seconded by Jan Febery

3. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE AUDITED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Treasurer, Mr Martin Etchells presented the report

- He thanked the Inspector, Mike Welford for preparing the accounts and for reducing his fee voluntarily to £150.
- The accounts reflect the fact that 2017/18 was a transitional year with much less activity on Development.
- The Tom Pink fund is now exhausted
- The Bequest Fund, also intended for use on young athletes, stood at just under £10,000 and is still being used to cover small development projects still being undertaken.
- The Association had received a good return on its investments up to the end of the financial year when things had taken a down turn.
- Friends Provident had been far from helpful. The last drawdown had taken over three months and had only been achieved by solicitors letter for which the Treasurer thanked Tony Wood. A new drawdown would soon be attempted.
- Tony Wood thanked the Association on behalf of all three Areas for the grant received. It was very much appreciated and he hoped that it could continue. The Treasurer confirmed that the grants would be paid for another year.
- The Treasurer thanked Edwin Bellamy for his work on the Standards Scheme. Income from the sale of badges remained the Associations only income source.

The Report was accepted proposed by Geoff Durbin and seconded by the Chairman.

4. ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS

- President
The post remained vacant
- Chairman
Mr Walter Nicholls was re-elected unopposed
- Honorary Secretary
Mr Geoff Durbin was re-elected unopposed.
- Honorary Treasurer
Mr Martin Etchells was re-elected unopposed.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM DISCIPLINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7(E)(v) OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Accepted:

- Mr Ian Byett to represent Cross-Country.
- Mr John How to represent Road Running.

There was no representative for Track and Field and as there was not a body responsible for this but this discipline had been covered by the Board throughout the year.

6. RENEWAL OF TENURE OF RETIRING DIRECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 16(b) OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

- Mr R H Float – Investments.

The above renewals were accepted; proposed the Chairman; seconded George Bunner

The Chairman will contact Richard to check that he wishes to continue as he has not been to a meeting for some time now.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was agreed that Mike Welford would again be appointed inspector of the accounts for the coming year; proposed The Treasurer and seconded Geoff Durbin

8. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. To reduce the quorum required for AGM and EGM to 5 members. Proposed the Chairman seconded Geoff Durbin. The motion was passed by unanimously.
2. To replace the word 'Territorial' with 'Area' throughout the Memorandum and Articles

of the Association to reflect the name now in use. Proposed Geoff Durbin seconded Tony Wood. The motion was passed by unanimously.

The Chairman advised that he would amend the Memorandum and Articles accordingly and register the amended version with Companies House as required.

He thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12.50 pm

Signed
Chairman

Date