

MIDLAND MASTERS ATHLETIC CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the 41st Annual General Meeting held at Donisthorpe Woodland Park, Donisthorpe on Sunday 14 April 2013.

PRESENT 16 members (Mrs Irene Nicholls in the Chair)

APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Eric Horwill; Pam Horwill; Denis Rafferty; Carol Rafferty; Tony Jeffs; Phil Owen. Chris Rollason.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting were approved unanimously as a true record – Proposed Rita Brownlie; Seconded: Adrian Lloyd.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman circulated her report and this will be reproduced in the next newsletter. She was very grateful for the support of the new Treasurer, Martin Wilkinson, and for the excellent work of Tom Morris (who had “worked his socks off”). The committee of MMAC continued to have an excellent reputation and was called upon to help in events organised by BMAF and other regional clubs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer circulated his report and commented on the items therein. “The club continues with a surplus of £21,475 – this is less than last year due to investment in club equipment and the 40th Anniversary. Almost half the surplus relates to the Denis Withers bequest and another £3.5k subscriptions paid in advance. In preparing the accounts I have included depreciation of assets at the rate of 25% for electrical/IT equipment and 10% for other items. The value of the club is £417 less than 2011.

Investment has been made in club equipment including two sail banners and limited merchandise including club vests. The committee agreed to subsidise vest sales to enable members who are chosen as part of a MMAC representative Team to buy them at £10 each to encourage uniformity. MMAC committee underwrote the 40th Anniversary event up to £1000 from the club surplus... The final cost of the event was £793.

Newsletter costs are beginning to reduce. Postage is now 50p per newsletter – a discount to members for online subscription of £2 was offered in April 2012. This does not cover the full cost of the newsletter. It is anticipated that there will be a further reduction in costs in 2014.

There has been a small rise in official's expenses with the agreed increase in travel mileage from 25p to 30p in the last quarter of 2012.

A review of club events show that over the past year entry fees cover the costs on the majority of occasions and events continue to break even.”

It was noted that the Lloyds bank account has been changed to allow internet banking and payment by BACS. The Santander Deposit account was a redundant account with very low interest rates and has been closed. Arrangements have been made through Lloyds Bank for a savings account and to deposit some of the surplus on long-term deposit at a fixed interest rate.

Proposal from Treasurer Martin Wilkinson, Seconded by Adrian Lloyd

Subscriptions In order to cover costs of the newsletter and substantial increases in affiliation fees, it will be necessary to increase the subscriptions to £17.00 with a discount of £2 for those members declining a postal copy. Proposed: Martin Wilkinson; Seconded: Adrian Lloyd. Approved unanimously. This will be effective from 1 January 2014.

The Chairman congratulated Martin on his excellent accounts and they were accepted unanimously.

Irene Nicholls asked that it be noted that the Colin Simpson Memorial Trophy for the England Athletics Inter Area Indoor meeting would be sponsored by MMAC.

CONSTITUTION

The following amendments were made to the Constitution and were approved unanimously:-

4 Financial

- (b) The Committee shall agree the appointed Bankers.
- (c) Signatories for the Bank mandate and financial instructions to the Bank will be from a minimum of two officers.
- (d) Expenses are payable to members on receipt of proof of expenditure to the following groups:
 - a. Committee members on official MMAC business.
 - b. MMAC race officials.
 - c. MMAC members representing England.
 - d. Others as agreed from time to time by the committee.
- (e) Any proposed rise in membership subscriptions will be subject to a vote at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)
- (f) The accounts for the preceding year will be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
- (g) The accounts will be subjected to independent audit if at least 10% of the membership makes a request to the Chairman in writing at least 1 month before the end of the financial year that the audit is being asked for.

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- (f) The AGM shall be chaired by the Chairman, or a deputy nominated by the Chairman

The Constitution was originally agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting held in November 1993.

The Constitution was amended, updated and agreed upon at the AGM held on 17 April 2011 and then subsequently on 14 April 2013.

SECRETARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tom Morris circulated his report. It was noted that with the increasing use of email, the postal correspondence continues to reduce. There are currently 677 members (including nine complimentary) and 114 members from 2012 have not renewed, despite several reminders. 87% of the membership is on email, increasing from 79% last year.

The web site and Facebook continue to be well supported.

During the year an option of paying subscriptions by BACS was introduced and this drastically cut down on administration and coupled with the standing order option introduced in late 2011 has streamlined the whole process.

Tom went on to thank the officers and committee for their support during the year. Special thanks to Irene Nicholls, Martin Wilkinson, Margaret Simpson, Adrian Lloyd and Phil Owen for their continued support.

The Chairman thanked Tom for his report and this was endorsed by all present.

TEAM MANAGERS' REPORTS

Walks Eric Horwill reported a relatively quiet year with fewer participants than in recent years. Nevertheless, there have been several notable performances at national and international levels.

The England & Ireland International based on age related results was revived at the well supported 5K BMAF road event at Horwich.

Walks cont.

Because of clashes we have not been able to have our MMAC 5K handicap for the last 2 years. I will endeavour to find a suitable date/fixture for 2013/14.

Anne Wheeler won the MARWA award for the best performance by a Midland walker in Masters International events for 2013.

Cross Country Mick Smedley asked that athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the International CC should ensure that their recent times are recorded and forwarded to him in good time.

Track & Field Paul Tasker had indicated that he did not wish to continue in this office.

MV T&F League Tony Crocker had already resigned earlier in the year.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Adrian Lloyd had little to report. The Committee dinner had been most enjoyable but he felt that it would be unwise to attempt to organise any social events for the club due to lack of support by members and that any future events would be for committee members and guests.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Margaret Simpson expressed her thanks to Lou Satterthwaite for his personal and technical assistance with the newsletter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman thanked Adrian Lloyd for his support and hard work during the year and presented him with a memento of his year of office as president. In turn he awarded the President's trophy to Treasurer, Martin Wilkinson, together with a personal award of a painted glass trophy designed and produced by Lindsay Lloyd.

Adrian then took the Chair for the election of the Chairman.

There being no other nominations, Irene Nicholls was elected Chairman unanimously

The outgoing President presented the Chain of Office to the new President, Marcia Smedley.

The following were then elected en bloc:

President Elect – t.b.a.

Vice Chairman – Rita Brownlie; Secretary: Tom Morris; Treasurer: Martin Wilkinson.

T&F Secretary: Tony Porter. (Asst. T&F Sec. vacant) Road & CC Secretary: John Walker

Walks Secretary: Eric Horwill; Officials Secretary: vacant (Derek Johnson will assist where possible)

Media Manager: Brian Owen; Handicapper: Eric Horwill.

Social Secretary: Adrian Lloyd.

Minutes Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Margaret Simpson; Assistant Editor; Louis Satterthwaite

Committee Members: Pam Horwill; Marcia Smedley

Team Managers

International CC: Mick Smedley; Inter-area T&F: Tony Porter; Asst. T.M (vacant) MVT&F League: Tony Porter

Delegates

MCAA - Rita Brownlie; BMAF – Irene Nicholls; EAMA – Irene Nicholls & Tom Morris

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE ADVISED

The Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to everyone for attending.