

MINUTES of the 42th Annual General Meeting held at Donisthorpe Woodland Park, on Sunday, 13 April 2014.

PRESENT

13 members

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Eric Horwill; Pam Horwill; Julie Bellfield; Lynn Bellfield; Elaine Mee.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting were approved unanimously, - proposed Rita Brownlie, seconded Tom Morris.

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 paid tribute to the committee for their hard work and support during the year, especially Tom Morris and Martin Wilkinson. She pointed out that some of the committee would not be standing for re-election – Pam and Eric Horwill and John Walker. Pam and Eric had been members of the committee for many years and had filled many of the posts, including President. They were not present due to a clash of athletic commitments, but Irene would be visiting them to make a presentation, to acknowledge their many years of service. John Walker was too ill to take on any committee work, Adrian Lloyd passed on a message from John indicating that he would be delighted to see any MMAC members who would like to visit him. He sent good wishes to all members and in response the Chairman recorded thanks for all John had done for the club. She asked that a message should be sent to him, with good wishes and love from everyone.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Martin Wilkinson, Treasurer, circulated his accounts and in his report indicated that a slight loss had been made over the year. There are still large reserves, as last year which allow events to be underwritten. Most events or competitions are run to break even with very little rise in competition entry fees despite a rise in running costs especially in 2013.

Income has increased due to the small increase in subscriptions. There is now a small income from investment of our reserves compared to very little bank interest last year. However interest rates have remained extremely low for business and charity accounts. Expenditure has increased for officials, event costs, the newsletter and the new AREG site. New MMAC marshal's jackets have also been purchased.

Our balance at the end of the year is very similar to last year due to the increase in subscriptions for 2014. It is likely that there will be further rises in event costs in 2014 but entry fees will be largely maintained to 2013 levels in the hope that competition numbers are increased. It is hoped to keep the subscription fees at the current level until at least 2016 AGM (three years) and no increase is recommended at the 2014 AGM.

Balances: Subs EA received in advance £3782; Lloyds Current a/c £7963; Lloyds Deposit a/c £10,000; Assets £1906; TOTAL £23,381.

During the year two long term investments have been made with Lloyds Bank for £10K each over 12 months and 3 months. This has returned a small amount of interest and is a very low risk strategy, increasing interest from £7 in 2012 to £167 in 2013.

The MMAC PayPal account was opened and subscriptions and competition registrations are now paid via PayPal. This reduces the income by 5% i.e. the profit made by PayPal. There are a number of advantages in tracking payments, taking additional payments and refunding payments. In 2013 we took 508 payments via PayPal which in the past would have been 508 cheques and several trips to the bank. The total cost of PayPal has been £308 with the average cost per payment of 63p. PayPal have been asked if they can recognise MMAC as a charity account with reduced PayPal fees.

We continue to subsidise club vests resulting in greater numbers wearing the vests for competition and publicising MMAC

The Chairman thanked Martin for his excellent accounts. Irene Nicholls proposed, Adrian Lloyd seconded and it was agreed unanimously that they be accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tom Morris circulated his report. He had spent a great deal of time setting up the registration scheme for online subscriptions and entries, in line with BMAF. MMAC had been the first area to set this up and it had a 'learning curve' for everyone. Members can now pay for events and subscriptions from their own living rooms instead of TM doing it 800 times. Members without internet access are still able to pay their subscriptions and entry fees by cheque.

The official website, midlandmasters.com, continues to receive views from over one hundred countries. The busiest day was 10.6.13 with 686 views. The top five pages viewed were T&F; CC; Membership Renewals; How to Join and Newsletter Archive. Facebook Group has 253 members (an increase of 30% on 2012). We also have our own Twitter feed which appears on our Home Page on the website.

Championship events all proved to be fairly successful although numbers of entrants can always be increased. The relays and AGM at Donisthorpe had been very well received with excellent feedback. Birmingham City Council, sponsors of the National Masters Open Road Relays in Sutton Park, are cutting costs and the organising committee are having to cut back on the less necessary items.

Congratulations were extended to all who represented MMAC and BMAF during the year, and TM concluded with thanks to officers and committee members for their support, with special thanks to Irene Nicholls and Martin Wilkinson for their help. Thanks, also to Peter Kennedy from VAC for his support with the AREG system and to all active members.

The Chairman congratulated Tom on his report and it was accepted unanimously, proposed: Mick Smedley, seconded: Irene Nicholls.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman thanked Marcia Smedley for her support and hard work during her year of office and presented her with flowers and a memento, a clock. Marcia had chosen Pam and Eric Horwill as recipients of the President's trophy, and this will be passed to them. Marcia then presented the chain of office to the new President, David Oxland.

David Oxland took the chair for the election of Chairman – there being no other nominations, Irene Nicholls was elected unanimously.

The following were then elected en bloc:

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

Proposed: Derek Johnson; Seconded: Adrian Lloyd

Membership Secretary: Tom Morris, **Road & CC Secretary** – VACANT; **Asst. R & CC Sec** – VACANT

T&F Secretary: Tony Porter; **Asst. T&F Sec.**; VACANT

Joint Race Walking Secretaries: Julie Bellfield; Lynn Bellfield; **Officials Secretary:** VACANT

Media Manager: Brian Owen; **President Elect:** VACANT

Proposed: Martin Wilkinson; seconded: Adrian Lloyd

Delegates 2014/15

MCAA – Rita Brownlie; **BMAF and EA** – Irene Nicholls; **EAMA** – Irene Nicholls, Tom Morris

Proposed: Martin Wilkinson; seconded: Mick Smedley

Co-opted positions:

Handicapper: VACANT; **Social Secretary:** Adrian Lloyd; **Minutes Secretary:** Margaret Simpson

Newsletter Editor: Margaret Simpson; **Asst. N/L Editor:** Louis Satterthwaite

Team Manager MV T&F League: Tony Porter; **Team Manager Inter-Area T&F:** Elaine Mee

Asst. Inter-Area T&F: Tony Porter; **Team Manager International CC:** Mick Smedley

Co-opted members

Collin Green; Marcia Smedley

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised

The Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to everyone for attending