

MIDLAND MASTERS ATHLETIC CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of the 47th Annual General Meeting held at Rosliston Forestry Centre, on 13th April 2019, at 10.30 am.

PRESENT: Graham Lamb (Chair), Mick Smedley, Angela Copson, Jill Lamb, Irene Nichols, Edgar Nichols, Adrian Lloyd, Martin Wilkinson, Mike Herring, Marcia Smedley, Sue Kneill Boxley, Louis Satterthwaite, Rita Brownlie, Margaret Simpson, Peter Coote, Kate Satterthwaite (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Lynn and Julie Bellfield, Geoff Oliver, Wendy Roethenbaugh, Peter Wright, Tracy Hinxman, Anthony Edwards,

MINUTES: The minutes of the 46th AGM were approved by the committee. Graham welcomed everyone to the 47th meeting. He said 8/10 MMAC members took part in the park run at Rosliston this morning.

MATTERS ARISING: Graham said any matters arising would come up in his review of the year. Jill said no relays had been organised. Sue is looking at some options.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: It was only a year ago I went to the AGM and much to my surprise I ended up as chairman. Luckily I have had the support available from Irene after her many years of being chairman. Together with key support from Martin and the rest of the experienced committee, it has been a trouble-free transition. I also would like to thank Jill for her support and for taking on many roles.

We had during the year a successful Track and Field Championships with Welsh Masters and thanks to the help given to the committee by Arthur Daley, Andrew Lewis and Elaine Mee, who took on some of the workload. We had a very successful Inter Areas with MMAC winning the trophies, thanks to Elaine's selection. Our MMAC team in the Vets League won the C final, thanks to Tony for his team leadership. We organised several events inside other races, with a good turn out in the BMAF Championship which was inside the BMAF 10k and which was held in Stoke. Our other events have struggled to get many members taking part, a similar problem with the Colin Simpson Handicap again this year. Our Cross Country Championship could not be held at Wolverhampton this year and with no club interested in hosting we put our event inside the Midlands Championships, which had the same number of entrants as our last MMAC Championship but over longer distances. An attempt to host the Inter Area Cross Country this year in the Midlands has not been successful and we have not been able to hold the Relays. Our membership has been consistent over the last few years ending in around 650 members, we currently stand at 588, which is thirty more than we had at this stage last year, with 72 1st claim compared to 66 last year. We had a good turnout of MMAC members at the Malaga World Championships with our team members helping GB to win the most medals and two of our members gaining European recognition - Angela Copson taking the long distance award and Jane Horder the sprint and relays award. We had 49 members taking part in the Torun Indoors Championships and again we had many good performances. With this year's European outdoors T&F Championships in Jesolo we are expecting another bumper number of MMAC athletes taking part.

MMA 264 March 2020 Mick Smedley was again helping in the selection for the England Cross country team and we had many people picked. People have had some bumper newsletters, thanks to Lou and Margaret. Martin continues to very effectively manage our finances as you will hear shortly. Sue has kept our website up to date, Lou has been an active President, Brian keeps our records up to date and Adrian, Kate, Marcia, Lynn and Julie have played their roles in keeping the club moving forward.

Last week Jill and I attended a UKA officials' conference and we ended up at the social event on the same table as Nigel Holl the interim UKA CEO. It was clear from our discussion he is keen on Masters involvement developing and we have seen several developments in distance running which have allowed people to get country vests and this has increased BMAF numbers.

At a BMAF level there is more push for growth and a likely change at the top to give this greater impetus. We have discussed a target of getting 1000 members for our centenary and today as we start Park Run Tourism that will take our message around the Midlands. While that is a positive we must balance that with our problems in finding hosts for our events and limited attendances in a lot of our events. I raised an approach for going forward and some of the issues in the last newsletter but have had no feedback, so we hope we are moving the club forward in the direction the members want.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Martin commented that the accounts for this year compared to last year. As usual we are in the black. We have an underlying surplus which allows us to take a risk in putting on events.

We last raised subsidies in 2013 and at the moment subscriptions will be as they are for another year or longer. We continue to subsidise vests for members. More money has been spent on officials. We have not changed the fee to enter events. There was a small loss on hosted events and a substantial income from T & F due to WMCA taking part. We need to break even on events subsidising athletes more this year.

Sue questioned the costs and incomes from the Relays which has not yet happened. We provided a lunch at the AGM and the venue. Martin said there was no problem in having a joint event with CPRE with relays. Hosted events: we don't always provide a supplement, a fairly small amount in terms of loss. We have an underlined subsidy for more events and are in a good position to support events.

Graham said we have trouble finding people to host events and organise events. Irene said the Nationals have taken over the events rather than us having a free reign. We have quite a lot of medals left over from last year making some savings.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jill said the General Secretary tends not to have a lot to do. We were incorporated into the 10K at Trentham last year, and this year in the 10 Mile at Burton. and the Wilne 10k 1st September. The London Marathon place has gone, the gentleman who postponed from last year may do it this year. We are getting quite a number of field officials who have volunteered for the T&F champs. Sue said she was working on doing the Relays in conjunction with KP Events. It could cost quite a lot with KP Events coming on board. Irene said we did have one or two complaints about having events at the extreme of our area because of the travelling involved. One complaint one year was about the 10 Mile at Rugby. Also there is a problem for Relays with different clubs taking part. We found Birchfield and Sutton fell away because of teams coming from Northern areas. Jill will look at doing Rugby again in the future

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: The committee thanked Lou Satterthwaite for being an active President. The President's award went to Dominic Bradley. Lou will present Dominic with his award and will be checking if he will be at the T & F in Nuneaton in June. to keep Irene on as President Elect and therefore it was a pleasure to propose Irene as President for the coming year, keeping her experience in Midland Masters. All voted in favour.

Election of President for next year: Graham said after stepping down as Chairman for many years, we managed

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019/20: Irene said there wasn't a rush of applicants for the post of Chairman and paid great credit to Graham for taking on the job. She thanked Graham on behalf of the committee and she proposed that Graham be Chairman again next year. All voted in favour. Here are the names of the people elected to the committee. Martin – Treasurer, Sue Media and website, Rita - Vice Chairman, Graham - Membership Secretary, Adrian - Social Secretary, Kate Minutes Secretary. Jill – General Secretary, Cross Country, Road Races and Officials Secretary, Margaret Newsletter Editor, Lou - Assistant Newsletter Editor, Sue - President Elect. Marcia will stay on the committee. Graham thanked everyone. Proposed and all voted in favour. The Team Managers were selected: Mick Smedley XC, Elaine is happy to stand in for the Inter-Areas, Rita assisting her. Tony Porter agreed to carry on with the MMAC T & F team for the Midlands Vets team. Proposed and all in favour.

Jill said Julie and Lynn Bellfield may not want to carry on as Walking Secretaries but this is to be confirmed. Graham invited anyone who wants to come forward to take on these roles.

FIXTURES: 10 Mile - Burton 19 May 2019. T & F - Nuneaton 9 June 2019. 10K Championships – Wilne 1 September 2019. These are the only dates we have at the moment.

Sue said we are still working on the Relays which may be next year now. Irene asked if any members' clubs would be interested in hosting the Relays. Angela said Rugby were having problems at the moment and not in a position to host. Martin said if a club is interested we will give that club an amount for hosting. Irene said we will look to providing marshals.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Easter next year is 11 April. We will look provisionally at Saturday, the 4 April 2020 with a Park Run. The meeting closed at 11.40 Following the meeting, MMAC member Peter Coote who was recently elected on to the West Midlands Athletics Council asked the meeting for any issues they thought would be useful for him to address