

## MIDLAND MASTERS ATHLETIC CLUB

### 51<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING) HELD ON 23rd April 2023

**PRESENT:** Graham Lamb (Chair), Jill Lamb, Martin Wilkinson, Irene Nicholls, Penny Barber, Ray Bacon, Jon Tibke, Matt Long, Mike Herring, Judy Kelsall

**APOLOGIES:** Elaine Mee, Mick Smedley, Marcia Smedley, Carolyn Derbyshire, Wendy Kane, Chris Mason, Ann Wheeler, Derek Johnson, James Hodge, Geoff & Lorna Astley, Rita Brownlie,

**WELCOME:** Graham welcomed everyone to the 51<sup>st</sup> AGM.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were approved by the committee.

**MATTERS ARISING:** No matters arising

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly, I want to thank you for attending the AGM today.

This has been another successful year for Midland Masters.

Once again, our first event after the AGM was the MMAC Championships at Nuneaton. In good conditions it was another successful event with a lot of positive responses and many good performances. Huge thanks to Wendy Kane, Elaine Mee and Irene Nicholls for all their organizing of the day and to all the other members of the committee who helped make this a successful event.

That championships saw the handover of the presidency chain of office from Sue Kneill-Boxley, who due to covid had a 2-year spell as President, on to Angela Copson. Angela has been a tremendous supporter of MMAC events and as we know has a tremendous ambassador for Master athletics with all her achievements.

Later in the year we asked Wendy Kane to be our President Elect another great supporter of MMAC events with her walking and also a key official for our events for many years. In the last few years, she has sorted out the officials for not only our championships but also the vets league final. She though may find it tough to follow in some of Angela's footsteps. As Angela set 3 world records last year in the w75 age group and won gold at 800, 1500 and 5k on the track and 10k on the road and being awarded recently the European Master women's long-distance award.

The championships were followed by the Inter Areas match at Nuneaton. The team were managed again by Elaine Mee and Matt Long. The ladies had a clear win but the men just got pipped by a few points, however we picked up the overall trophy.

Sadly, during the summer Tony Porter had to step down after 10 years running our MMAC team in the vet league due to ill health. Jon Tibke was a willing replacement and he did a great job to lead the team in the last matches and cup final.

Our 10k championships were held in the Nuneaton 10k and we had a good turnout, thanks to Chris Mason for organizing the medals and he had a good race in his age group. Chris also went to Rugby to oversee the 10-mile MMAC championships race.

October saw for the first time a selection race for the England team for the cross country international. Selection for this race has always created a lot of debate, so having this race helps simplify some of the selection process. Thanks to Mick Smedley's effort this was held inside the North Midland's league race at Markeaton Park, Derby. We held our MMAC cross country championships inside the event, although with the hand timed results it caused problems with getting the results ready for presentations on the day. We had several selected to run in the international, where they ran well.

November saw the cross-country relays once very well organized by Rob Fox and the Long Eaton Road runners. Our championships require the teams to have one MMAC runner in the team and we had a lot of teams taking part, with some close races and we had a well-supported awards presentation after the races.

February had the Colin Simpson Handicap and thanks to Irene Nichols for sorting out the handicapping and Martin for helping and for the awards Margaret Simpson was there to present them. We also had the indoors inter areas and again Elaine and Matt managed the team. Our women's team retained the trophy and our men were second and we were second overall, great results for this match down in London

Sadly, during the year Adrian Lloyd passed away after never regaining consciousness after collapsing in last year's Midlands cross country championships. We also lost several other members who had made a major contribution to midlands masters, Barry Ewington, Geoff Hudson and Geoff Oliver.

During the year Martin has done his normal excellent job as treasurer and has also opened the club shop to make it easier to buy kit.

Rita, Jill, Carolyn Derbyshire, Marcia have all been supporting MMAC in their roles.

Matt has now stepped down from inter areas team managing but is stepping into fill two vacancies as

Andrea Sexton has stepped down for the newsletter editor role and Chris Mason from the road racing and cross-country secretary. Thanks to Chris and Andrea for their work.

As you can see most of the committee have said they are happy to continue in their roles. We will cover the committee positions later in the agenda.

We would welcome other people coming forward as several people have multiple roles and in areas like Membership secretary and treasurer, we do want to find people who would be willing to take on the roles in future years and could start to get involved now as an assistant.

Thanks again to all the committee and to our members.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### **Annual Financial Report**

Year ending 31st December 2022

After taking advice, I have changed the format of this year's report by detailing online transaction costs and in-year use of assets, giving a truer picture. The previous year has been adjusted for comparison purposes. The accounts remain healthy with a large reserve in the bank. Interest rates rose during the year but overall investment income was low.

Recent upgrades of the BMAF OpenTrack competition online platform have allowed for improved tracking of subscription income. Members are invited to pay their subscriptions before the start of each membership year. Subscriptions for 2022 were collected from November 2021 to October 2022, we then invited payment for the following year, 2023. In this report, all fees relate to the relevant membership year rather than the date of collection. Annual membership fees were reduced during the pandemic to £5 and, in 2022, reset to £15 resulting in increased income. Payments taken online, via the BMAF website, incur a transaction cost amounting to 7.5% of membership income but saving the treasurer and membership secretary a lot of time.

I am pleased to report £3,436 was paid to members in 2022 towards their competing expenses after a lack of competition in the previous year. Championship official costs were reduced by implementing a new expenses policy and not issuing gift tokens to officials as in the previous year.

Other savings include virtual committee meetings and fewer members opting for the postal newsletter.

Donations include gifts made to East Midlands Air Ambulance and Nottingham University Hospitals in recognition of their support for Adrian Lloyd. Adrian had an accident while competing resulting in brain injury and eventually passing away after a long period of nursing care. Adrian, a long-term committee member, was the key link with Centurions RC for the annual Colin Simpson handicap. The committee also agreed to give a donation to Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, one or two other clubs did likewise.

Overall, we made a small loss in-year which was the intention of the committee. The underlying residual funds in the bank remain higher than is required to cover any risks to the club. It is the intention to slowly reduce these funds by supporting several athletic initiatives and to keep costs to members low.

I thank MMAC Committee members for their support during the year and Penny Barber for scrutinising the accounts on behalf of club members and providing me with constructive challenge and advice.

**Martin Wilkinson**  
**MMAC Treasurer**  
**April 2023**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
MMAC Membership	£10,293	£4,929
Championships <sup>1</sup>	£3,086	£3,987
Club shop	£1,107	£1,123
Donations	£67	£184
Bank Interest	£45	£5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£14,598</b>	<b>£10,228</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>AFFILIATION</b>		
England Athletics First Claim Members	£1,196	£1,350
BMAF	£918	£1,136
EAMA	£459	£284
England Athletics	£150	£150
<b>CHAMPIONSHIPS<sup>1</sup></b>		
Competitor support <sup>2</sup>	£3,436	£0
Officials	£1,738	£2,036
Facilities	£1,134	£1,693
Medals & Awards	£950	£865
Mid Vets T&F League	£170	£0
Race Licence	£0	£30
Inter-Area	£350	£125

<sup>1</sup> See table 1 on page 3.

<sup>2</sup> Members competing in an England vest and Inter-Area.

OFFICE COSTS

Online transaction costs <sup>3</sup>	£775	£550
Newsletter	£463	£1,310
Postage	£203	£95
Xmas Cards	£60	£66
Insurance	£60	£57
Stationery	£50	£226
Website	£15	£15

MISCELLANEOUS

Club Kit	£2,345	£2,316
Donations	£633	£156
Committee	£71	£175
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presidents' Dinner	£0	£482
Equipment	£0	£410
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£15,176</b>	<b>£13,527</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(£578)</b>	<b>(£3,299)</b>

BALANCES @ 31st DECEMBER

	2022	2021
Lloyds Current account	£1,131	£866
Lloyds Savings account	£10,605	£12,599
Lloyds 32-day Deposit Account	£12,282	£12,242
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>£24,018</b>	<b>£25,707</b>

ASSETS

	2022	2021
<b>Financial</b>		
Inter-Area Feb 2023 <sup>4</sup>	£225	
Membership Transaction Costs for next year <sup>5</sup>	£244	£319
<b>Physical</b>		
President Chain	£3,364	£3,364
Awards & Medals	£710	£300
Club Shop	£680	£450
Gazebo	£100	£125
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,323</b>	<b>£4,558</b>

LIABILITIES

Memberships fees for next year <sup>6</sup>	£3,136	£4,075
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**MMAC CHAMPIONSHIPS NET PROFIT (DEFICIT) SUMMARY BY EVENT**

<sup>3</sup> Costs of online and contactless payments for membership and club shop.

<sup>4</sup> Payment made in 2022 for activity in 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Online payments via BMAF website.

<sup>6</sup> Payment received for membership the following year.

	2022	2023
Cross country	(£128)	(£108)
MMAC Relays		(£240)
Track & Field	(£40)	£196
10 kilometres		-
10 miles	(£90)	-
Grand Prix		(£29)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>(£258)</b>	<b>(£181)</b>

**Table 1: Championships additional detail**

**Scrutineer: Penny Barber**

As recommended by England Athletics, I have scrutinised the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2022, prepared by the MMAC Committee. The Report reflects the transactions for the year as recorded in the bank statements, analysed by the Committee and as adjusted to allocate income and expenditure to their year of operation.

I declare an interest in MMAC's expenses policy. I was selected as an F60 reserve for the British and Irish Masters Cross Country International in Dublin on 12th November 2021. I claimed and received £100 towards my travel costs.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Firstly, apologies for the lateness of the minutes over this last year, hopefully going forward things will speed up. The minute secretary is a vacancy if anyone would like to volunteer. There have been 2 London Marathons since the last AGM. Last October our runner withdrew due to injury but today Elvis Parsley completed the race in 3 hours 30 mins 24 secs. Well done Elvis. Other MMAC members running today: John Williams, David Williams, Chris Potter, Donato Esposito, Chris Field, Richard Banks, Lorna Astley. We are still looking to appoint one or two Welfare Officers.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The following people were elected

**2023/2024 MMAC COMMITTEE**

President: Wendy Kane

President elect:- to be agreed

Chair: Graham Lamb

Vice Chairman: Rita Brownlie

Secretary: Jill Lamb

Membership Secretary: Graham Lamb

Treasurer: Martin Wilkinson

Minutes Sec: Vacant

Walking Secretary: Carolyn Derbyshire

Handicapper: Irene Nicolls

T&F Secretary: Elaine Mee

Asst. T&F Secretary: Vacant

Road & CC Secretary: Matt Long

Officials Secretary: Wendy Kane

Media website: Sue Kneill Boxley

Records Co-ordinator: Irene Nicolls

Committee Members: Irene Nicolls, Marcia Smedley

Newsletter Editor: Matt Long

Asst. Editor: Vacant

Delegates:

MCAA: Rita Brownlie

EMAA: Irene Nicolls, Graham Lamb

BMAF: Graham Lamb

Team/Managers:

CC International: Mick Smedley

Inter-area T&F: Elaine Mee

MVL: Jon Tibke

Welfare Officers: Jill Lamb, 1 vacancy

**Date for next AGM** is provisionally 28 April 2024.