

## MIDLAND MASTERS ATHLETIC CLUB

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

(VIRTUAL MEETING) HELD ON 15 April 2025

**PRESENT:** Graham Lamb (Chair), Jill Lamb, Martin Wilkinson, Irene Nicholls, Wendy Kane, Sue Kneill-Boxley, Diane Brian, Jane Pidgeon, Fred Pigeon, Chris Mason, Paula Williams, Jillian Roginski, David Gale

**APOLOGIES:** Elaine Mee, John Mee, Mick Smedley, Marcia Smedley, Rita Brownlie, Penny Barber, Arthur Daley, Carolyn Derbyshire

**WELCOME:** Graham welcomed everyone to the 53<sup>st</sup> AGM.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 52<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were approved by the meeting

**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 Nunation. 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 there organizing of the day and to all the other members of the committee who helped make this a successful event. The championships saw the handover of the presidency chain of office from Wendy Kane to Paula Williams. Paula has been a tremendous supporter of MMAC events, competing in the Inter Areas and very successfully internationally.

Later in the year we asked Jane Pidgeon to be our President Elect another great supporter of MMAC events as a competitor and also as an official, a role she has also performed in international championships.

The championships were followed by the Inter Areas match at Rugby with both teams again managed by Elaine Mee. The event besides being in Corby clashed with the Midlands League final fixture which meant some of our members were competing or officiating for their clubs. Which led to the team finishing third in all categories.

Jon Tibke did a great job leading the MMAC team in the vet matches and they had a strong season with more people taking part and culminated in winning the Men's B final. As part of our support for development of officials, we continued the suggestion from Wendy Kane that we incentivize clubs hosting vets league matches to get youngsters officiating. We then gave the host clubs that did this a small payment.

Matt Long as the Road Race and Cross-Country secretary role and arranged several events over the year for our members to take part including the Oxford Miles and various road races.

October saw the selection race for the England team for the cross country international, which was held at Betley and several of our got selected for the international race in Ireland.

Also, in October we held the 2nd Presidents 5K walk, that Wendy Kane had started and we had some new walkers in the event.

November saw the cross-country relays at Long Eaton and there was a good turnout of Midlands teams with MMAC Members, we saw some very good racing.

December saw the MMAC 10-mile race at Sneyd that Matt Long had arranged.

January we again held our cross-country championships inside the Midlands event. A lot of our members were running for their clubs; it was a good turn out and a lot of competition in the age groups. We were able to award the medals shortly after the race. We again had two spot prizes, in

memory of Adrian Lloyd who had loved cross country.

In Sheffield we held a MMAC 3K and Pentathlon championships inside the Indoors BMAF event, thanks to Wendy Kane for organizing.

February had the Colin Simpson Handicap and thanks to Irene Nichols for sorting out the handicapping and Martin Wilkinson for helping. Margaret Simpson was there to present the awards. We also had the indoors inter areas and again Elaine Mee managed the ladies with John Bowden stepping in to lead the men's team. It was a very close event but the women's and men's team had great wins and of course the overall trophy. Great results for this match down in London.

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

Rita, Jill, Carolyn, Sue, Mick and Marcia who have all been supporting MMAC in their roles.

Matt Long has now stepped down from the role of road race and cross-country secretary and Jon Tibke from the MMAC Vets league team management. We thank them for their efforts for the club. 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 to AGM:**

### **Annual Financial Report**

*Year ending 31st December 2024*

Midland Masters Athletic club has completed another successful year with members competed in local, national and international championships.

Income was similar to last year but expenditure increased. The Committee increased funding to support athletes competing at Lee Valley inter-area and the Belfast cross-country international. Officials' costs increased partially due to the inclusion of a new subsistence allowance.

Last year, the Committee decided to reduce our cash surplus with a planned deficit for the year. At the last AGM we agreed to continue with the current membership fee another year but after 10 years, with no increase, it is time for review.

Medals and award costs include upgrading of the Presidents chain of office. The original ribbon, after 53 years of presidents, was full. We took the opportunity to retire the older name bars and ribbon and mount these on a new plaque with a replica of the pendant. President's names from year 2000 onwards were remounted on a new ribbon with the original pendant. Both the chain and plaque will be passed on to the new president annually. This work cost £569.

Most championships were hosted by other organisers making them cost effective and volunteer light. The MMAC Track and Field Championship at Nuneaton made a record profit. We have encouraged young officials to support our events.

The club shop continues to provide subsidised kit to members. The level of subsidy will require annual review as cash reserves are reduced.

Lloyds Bank is has ended free banking for community accounts. We now pay a small monthly fee equivalent to half the normal business rates. Bank charges are predicted to be less than any bank interest we receive. A fourth bank signatory from the committee has been agreed.

I wish to thank the positive support of the MMAC Committee over the last year and Penelope Barber who provided scrutiny for the financial report.

	2024	2023
<b>INCOME</b>	£	£
MMAC Membership	9,776	9,908
Championships	3,770	3,807
Club shop	653	714
Donations	219	93
Bank Interest	7	285
<b>Total income</b>	<b>14,425</b>	<b>14,807</b>

	2024	2023
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£	£
CLUB AFFILIATION (England Athletics, BMAF, EAMA)	4,322	4,167
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER EVENTS		
Competitor support <sup>1</sup>	5,467	3,189
Officials	2,000	1,584
Venues & Facilities	1,855	1,659
Medals & Awards <sup>2</sup>	1,919	726
Inter-Area & Mid Vets TF League	600	580
OFFICE COSTS		
Online payment costs	762	774
Postal Newsletter	366	448
Office Supplies & Postage	244	264
Insurance	75	65
Website & Zoom	175	120
MISCELLANEOUS		
Club shop	1,016	759
Committee	234	461
Equipment	0	803
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>19,035</b>	<b>15,409</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(4,610)</b>	<b>(602)</b>

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>	£	£
Cash at the bank	18,003	22,059
Prepaid expenses <sup>3</sup>	206	185
President Chain <sup>4</sup>	3,364	3,364
Medals <sup>5</sup>	1,386	1445

<sup>1</sup> Competitor support for MMAC members competing at the International Cross-Country, Northern Ireland and Inter-Area, Lee Valley.

<sup>2</sup> Includes £569 repairs and remounting of president chain of office.

<sup>3</sup> Online payment charges via Stripe for membership in 2025 (following year).

<sup>4</sup> President chain last insurance valuation 2019.

<sup>5</sup> Existing stock of medals @ £2 per medal.

	Club shop <sup>6</sup>	656	530
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23,615</b>	<b>27,583</b>
<b>Payments Received in advance</b>			
	Membership subscriptions for the following year	<b>2,714</b>	<b>2,860</b>

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Income	Expenditure
<b>MMAC CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	£	£
Cross Country Relays	0	19
Colin Simpson Handicap	0	49
Mile Championship	0	5
Track & Field Nuneaton	3,770	3,151
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>3,224</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>546</b>

Martin thanked Penny Barber for her scrutiny of the accounts.

It was proposed to increase the fees for members from 2026. After a discussion it was agreed to raise the fee by £2 for second claim members and by £2+any EA registration fee increase for first claim members.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The England Athletic Portal needed some updating before the club could register for 2025/2026 season. All first claim members, who had not signed up to the EA code of conduct, were contacted to ask them to do so. Both Jill and Martin have attended (via zoom) the Adult Welfare course. The London marathon place for 2025 was taken up by Chris Potter after our ballot.

## Constitution

The portal has been updated with the revised constitution (agreed at AGM 24). This just leaves the Health and Safety section to be reviewed.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following people were elected

### 2025/2026 MMAC COMMITTEE

President: Jane Pidgeon

President elect: - to be agreed

Chair: Graham Lamb

Vice Chairman: Rita Brownlie

Secretary: Jill Lamb

Membership Secretary: Graham Lamb

Treasurer: Martin Wilkinson

Minutes Sec: Jill Lamb

Walking Secretary: Carolyn Derbyshire

Handicapper: Irene Nicholls

T&F Secretary: Wendy Kane

<sup>6</sup> Existing stock of vests @£12 and Jackets @£20.

Asst. T&F Secretary: Vacant  
Road & CC Secretary: Vacant  
Officials Secretary: Wendy Kane  
Media website: Sue Kneill Boxley  
Records Co-ordinator: Irene Nicholls  
Committee Members: Irene Nicholls, Marcia Smedley  
Newsletter Editor: Jill Lamb  
Asst. Editor: Vacant

Delegates:

MCAA: Rita Brownlie  
EMAA: Irene Nicholls, Graham Lamb  
BMAF: Graham Lamb

Team/Managers:

CC International: Mick Smedley  
Inter-area T&F: Elaine Mee\*\* and John Bowden  
Assistant Inter-area manages \*\*\*Paula Williams and Janelle Quinn  
MVT&FL: Paul Fearon\*  
Welfare Officers: Jill Lamb, Martin Wilkinson

**Fixtures for 2024 /2025**

International and National see

[Fixtures - BMAF - British Masters Athletic Federation](#)  
[Fixtures & Events - Masters Athletics UK](#)

**MMAC fixtures**

Track & Field Championships	22 June, Nuneaton
Inter Areas	17 August, York (originally Hull)
International X country Selection Race	27 September, Betley TBC
International Cross Country	15 November, Leeds
BMAF Track and field Championships	12-14 September, Derby

**AOB**

It was agreed to incorporate MMAC championships inside some BMAF championships.  
Dave Gale said there are rumours the Everyone Active are going to propose adding indoor athletics track at the Derby Velodrome

**Date for next AGM** Tuesday 21 April 2026 TBC

Subsequent changes to committee

\*Volunteered after the AGM

\*\* Resigned

\*\*\* Will jointly manage the women's team