

MIDLAND MASTERS ATHLETIC CLUB

54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING) HELD ON 21st April 2026

PRESENT: Graham Lamb (Chair), Jill Lamb, Martin Wilkinson, Irene Nicholls, Wendy Kane, Sue Kneill-Boxley, Diane Brian, John Bowden, Chris Mason, Paula Williams, Kelly Butler, Penny Barber, Matt Long

APOLOGIES: Mick Smedley, Marcia Smedley, Rita Brownlie, Jane Pidgeon, Carolyn Derbyshire, Alan Webb, Arthur Daley

WELCOME: Graham welcomed everyone to the 54th AGM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting were approved by the meeting

MATTERS ARISING: No matters arising

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MMAC Chairmans Report 2026

Firstly, I want to thank you for attending the AGM today. This has been another successful year for Midland Masters.

Again, our first event after the AGM was the MMAC Championships at Nunation. In overcast conditions it was another successful event with a lot of positive responses and many good performances. Huge thanks to Wendy Kane for organizing the event and managing the event of the day. Thanks to Irene Nicholls, Martin Wilkinson, Jill Lamb 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 Paula Williams to Jane Pidgeon. Jane has been a tremendous supporter of MMAC events, competing in the Inter Areas, competing successfully internationally and a key official locally and internationally.

Later in the year we asked Colin Palmer to be our President Elect another great supporter of MMAC events as a competitor and as an official, a role he has also performed in ours and other major championships.

The championships were followed by the Inter Areas match at York with Paula Willaims and Janelle Quinn taking on the mantle from Elaine Mee. John Bowden running the men's team. Not surprisingly in the North we were 2nd 37 points behind in the Men's, however the women won again by 13 points and we were 2nd to Northern Masters.

Paul Fearon stepped up to do a good job leading the MMAC team in the vet matches and they had a good season, it was a more difficult year with Wolverhampton and Bilston entering the league, so MMAC was no longer able to call on those athletes. 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.

Kelly Butler took on the Road Race and Cross-Country secretary role and arranged several events later in 2025 for our members to take part in 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 members got selected for the international cross-country race in Leeds. Mick Smedley was for the final time the MMAC selector at the event championing our athletes in the selection discussions, Mick has been fulfilling the role for many years and we thank him for his efforts.

October also saw the Presidents 5K walk, that Wendy Kane had started and we had some new walkers in the event. This was shortly after the death of Eric Horwill, who was a life member for his

contribution to MMAC and specially the walks community.

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. Big thanks to Rob Fox and Dicky Wilkinson for all their efforts with this event, which they ran for the last time. It is a sad loss in the event program. Kelly Butler looked after the medal presentations.

December saw the MMAC 10-mile road race at Sneyd the MMAC 5-mile Wolves Turkey Trot. The MMAC Championship events organized by Kelly Butler.

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 again able to run the M65+ in the 8K Ladies race. 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 Cardiff 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. Which I managed to win this year.

We also had the indoors inter areas. Which was sadly taking place a month after the death of Elaine Mee. As a tribute to Elaine who had managed the team for over 10 years, all the team wore a ribbon for Elaine. It was a close match for the Ladies, led by Paula Willimas and Janelle Quinn who just took the win by 3 points. John Bowden managed the men's team again, they also had a close match taking second to Southern vets' points by 17.5 points. 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. Wendy besides managing our MMAC championships has once again also been doing a great job running other BMAF events that our members can enter. Rita, Jill, Carolyn, Sue, Mick and Marcia who have all been supporting MMAC in their roles. Jane as our President has been active in officiating in many of our events and helping with the awards presentations as out events.

Chris Mason has agreed to take over from Mick Smedley as the MMAC Cross country selector and Matt Long has taken over as team manager for the MMAC vets league team, after Paul Fearon stepped down.

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 Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Committee's aim with the finances for the year was to continue reducing the Club's funds to a level sufficient to cover identified risks and normal cash flow fluctuations. In line with this approach, the Club recorded a deficit of £935. This represents a significant improvement on the previous year's deficit of £4,610 and reflects tighter control of expenditure alongside stable income.

Despite the deficit, overall funds remain at a healthy level. This is partly due to an increase in membership subscriptions for 2026, as agreed at the last AGM and recorded as income received in advance rather than within this year's income.

There were modest increases in income during the year for membership, championship activity and the Club shop sales. Expenditure reduced significantly compared with 2024, particularly in competitor support and event costs. Our Track & Field Championship generated a record surplus, and championships overall made a positive contribution to the Club's finances.

The Club shop continues to be popular with members. We have continued our policy of offering kit at discounted prices and explored options with a new supplier. The Club has continued to provide financial support to members competing internationally and at agreed Inter-Area events. We have encouraged new young officials to support the delivery of our championships.

Donations during the year included a £200 legacy from Eric Horwell, former President and Life Member. The Committee intends to use this legacy to support and promote race walking within the Club.

We have been advised that BMAF intends to raise affiliation fees by 66.7% in 2026. With this news, and other inflationary pressures, the Committee will be recommending an increase in subscriptions to ensure the Club remains financially sustainable.

I would like to thank the Committee, officials and volunteers for their continued support and contribution over the past year

Martin Wilkinson

Hon. Treasurer

	2025	2024
INCOME	£	£
MMAC Membership	9,262	9,776
Less transaction fees ¹	(752)	(762)
Championships	4,256	3,770
Club shop	833	685
Less transaction fees	(41)	(32)
Donations ²	398	219
Bank Interest	99	7
Total income	14,055	13,663

	2025	2024
EXPENDITURE	£	£
CLUB AFFILIATION (England Athletics, BMAF, EAMA)	4,170	4,322
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER EVENTS		
Competitor support ³	3,358	5,467
Officials	1,959	2,000
Venues & Facilities	1,661	1,855
Medals & Awards	1,373	1,919
Inter-Area & Mid Vets TF League	760	600
OFFICE COSTS		
Postal Newsletter	353	366
Office Supplies & Postage	192	244
Insurance	89	75
Website & Zoom	175	175
Bank charges	44	0
MISCELLANEOUS		
Club shop	706	1,016
Committee	150	234
Total Expenditure	14,990	£18,273
Surplus (Deficit)	(935)	(4,610)

¹ Stripe / SumUp

² Includes £200 legacy from Mr. Eric Horwell.

³ Competitor support for MMAC members competing in approved events. ³ Stock @ 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash at bank	19,513	18,003
Presidents Chain	3,364	3,364
Medals Stock ⁴	282	1,386
Club Kit Stock ⁴	916	656
Total	24,075	23,409
Payments received in advance		
Membership subscriptions received in advance (2026)	3,366	2,714
Less transaction fees ¹	(280)	(206)
Total	3,086	2,508

MMAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The table shows the net profit (loss) for each event. Events with no income or expenditure have been excluded.

	2025	2024
MMAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	£	£
Cross Country Mallory Park	(18)	0
Colin Simpson Handicap	(43)	(49)
Pentathlon	(250)	0
Track & Field Nuneaton	740	619
Total	429	570

It was agreed to increase subs for 2027 to £20 for 2nd claim members and £20 plus EA subs for 1st claim members.

Martin thanked Penny Barber for all her help with the accounts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

There was sad news of two lovely members Elaine Mee and Eric Horwell who had had passed away during the year.

The EA standards have now all been met with No.7 completed recently so we were able to register the club with EA. The standards will need to be reviewed to keep them up to date. There were three members in the ballot for our London Marathon place and Simon Griffiths came out as the winner. Various BMAF meetings were attended and although things are still complicated the Council is taking action to try and recombine the two sections and appoint people to the Executive. Scott Milne is now the Support Manager for the E&W Midlands and made us aware of a Club Improvement grant that clubs can apply for, up to £500.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

President Elect Colin Palmer was confirmed as the next President

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following people were elected

2026/2027MMAC COMMITTEE

President: Colin Palmer

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

Asst. T&F Secretary: Vacant

Road & CC Secretary: Kelly Butler

Officials Secretary: Wendy Kane

Media website: Sue Kneill Boxley

Records Co-ordinator: Irene Nicholls

Committee Members: Irene Nicholls, Marcia Smedley, Mick Smedley

Newsletter Editor: Jill Lamb

Asst. Editor: Vacant

Delegates:

MCAA: Rita Brownlie

EMAA: Irene Nicholls, Graham Lamb

BMAF: Graham Lamb

Team/Managers:

CC International: Chris Mason

Inter-area T&F: John Bowden, Paula Williams and Janelle Quinn

MVT&FL: Matt Long

Welfare Officers: Jill Lamb, Martin Wilkinson

Fixtures for 2026/2027

International and National see

[Fixtures - BMAF - British Masters Athletic Federation](#)

[Fixtures & Events - Masters Athletics UK](#)

MMAC fixtures

Track & Field Championships	14 June, Nuneaton
Inter Areas	2 August, Yate
International X country Selection Race	26 September, Betley
International Cross Country	14 November, Dublin
BMAF Track and field Championships	11-13 September, Derby

AOB

It was agreed that the BMAF throws Pent and 10,000k at Horspath would include the MMAC championships for these events. Switch radio may attend the T&F champs in June.

Date for next AGM

Tues 20 April 2027 at 7.30 (TBC)