



BOLTON UNITED HARRIERS & ATHLETICS CLUB

12th Nov 2013

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Present:

Andrew Doyle
Nick Howarth
Jayne Dickinson
Steve Houghton
Karen Oliver
Chris Topping
Keith Mallinder
Stewart Brierley
Marcus Chester
Allen Parkinson
Sarah Saxon
Les Hall
Graham Shaw
Lesley Harwood
Ian Jakeway
David Huddleston
Mark Plant
Ian Wallis
Chris Kelly
Peter Lever
Julie Lomax
Paul Rossington
John Nicholson
John Ward
Mia Hanson
Jane Lim
G ??? (illegible)
Tina Holt
Angela Pilling ?
Debbie Hales
Caroline Wilkinson
Dean Johnson

Apologies:

Paul Turner
Andy Barrow
Daryl Bentley

The meeting was chaired by Nick Howarth who explained the club's current situation regarding lack of committee members able to provide the usual structure needed to meet constitutional requirements.

Opening by Club President

Scott Whittle was unable to attend so sent a written apology and summary of the challenges faced over the past few months, along with a request for more volunteers. Thanks was given to those who have continued to provide the club with support over the past year. Particular thanks was given to Andy Ritchie, Trevor Pledger and Les Hall for all their efforts in their roles.



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The minutes were read and accepted. Proposed by Ian Jakeway, seconded by Lesley Harwood.

Business Arising

It was noted by Les Hall that the committee has become increasingly splintered and that the new management structure regarding meetings was not working as communication and community had been lost. This was supported by Jayne Dickinson, John Nicholson and Lesley Harwood. The meeting was unanimous to suggest that monthly committee meetings be reinstated. This would be passed to the new chairperson. **Action:** New Chair of general committee to agenda.

Tina Harris requested clarification regarding absent athletes and procedure for removing absent athletes from the register to increase capacity for members on the waiting lists. David Huddleston discussed changing membership dates to January. It was discussed that these are changes to procedure rather than constitution and that they would be best discussed at a general committee meeting. However it was the opinion of many that this needed to be addressed. **Action:** New Chair of general committee to agenda.

The position and use of the Hammer netting was briefly mentioned. It was suggested that this is a topic for discussion at the next General Committee meeting. **Action:** New Chair of general committee to agenda.

Debbie Hales was welcomed to the meeting and gave a short presentation regarding recently deceased speed walker Renee Scott. In her memory there has been a trust fund set up for young athletes. She presented a cheque to BUH for £1000 and requested that we buy a trophy to present to the most improved young athlete of the year with a piece of equipment appropriate to that athlete. It was agreed that this should mean under 17 years.

General Secretary's Report

Nick offered an explanation regarding the current acting Chairman (Andrew Doyle) as stepping into the role in name only. The rules of the constitution haven't been met regarding AGM and strict notification of the date to members. Andrew was thanked for taking the hat of Chair in just the last few weeks. The matter would be referred to the new Chair for consideration. **Action:** New Chair of general committee to agenda.



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Receive and adopt Club's audited accounts for period up to 31st March 2013

Copies of the 2012-13 accounts were made available to attendees.

John Nicholson noted that funds are available for coaches to purchase clothing and equipment. Les Hall suggested that coaches and committee members should wear team clothing as this would reflect the professional nature of the club.

Concern was raised by the meeting as to the unavailability of audited accounts. John Nicholson (Treasurer) informed the meeting that he had run out of time to do so but will approach an accountant to audit the accounts and present them no later than 1st January 2014. It was discussed that the club must pay an accountant to meet this deadline, rather than rely on goodwill gestures. Audited accounts will be presented to the General Committee at the first meeting after 1st January 2014.

Unable to accept accounts as unaudited.

Receive and adopt alterations to Rules

None

Any other previously submitted business (Rule 9.5 of Constitution)

None.

Appointment of General Committee Members and Trustees

Position	Proposed	Nominated by	Seconded
Chairperson	Trevor Pledger	Ian Wallis	Lesley Harwood
General Secretary	Merriam O'Donnell	Scott Whittle	Les Hall
Treasurer	John Nicholson		
Development Leader			
Membership Secretary	Lesley Harwood	Dave Huddlesden	Mark Plant
Facilitator	Ian Jakeway	Ian Wallis	Mark Plant
Trustee	Karen Oliver to consider this role		
Team Manager Co...	Ian Wallis	Ian Jakeway	Les Hall
Director of coaching	Les Hall	Chris Kelly	Mark Plant
Junior Coach Co	Ian Wallis	Les Hall	Andrew Doyle
Social Secretary			
News Editor			
Schools Liason			
Volunteer Coordinator	Dean Johnson	Karen Oliver	Andrew Doyle
Child Protection	Chris Doherty	Karen Oliver	Ian Jakeway
	Joanne Kearney		
Website Admin	Keith Mallinder	Ian Jakeway	Karen Oliver
Committee	Jane Lim	Graham Shaw	Steve Houghton
Committee	Dave Huddleston	Julie Lomax	Jane Lim
Committee	Jayne Dickinson	Keith Mallinder	Karen Oliver
Committee	Mia Hanson	Les Hall	Ian Jakeway
Committee	Julie Lomax	Jayne Dickinson	Steve Houghton



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Committee

Andrew Doyle

Julie Lomax

Jayne Dickinson

Though some positions remained vacant, no nominations for these positions were made at the AGM.

Life Members.

For 25 years continuous paid up membership or special contribution to the club.

Dennis Kearns - Proposed by Lesley Harwood and seconded by Graham Shaw
Allen Parkinson - Proposed by Les Hall and seconded by Karen Oliver.

Nick Howarth closed the AGM. Andrew Doyle thanked him for standing in at short notice.

13/12/13

Following the meeting on the above date a question arose regarding the paid position of General Secretary. This was omitted in error from the minutes as there was a necessary action arising as below:

A vote was taken regarding the position of General Secretary. Only one nomination was put forward that of Marion O'Donnell. There was a question taken regarding the financial status of the position. The Chair confirmed the position was to be paid but he did not have details regarding the cost and hours. There were no objections to the nomination which was carried.

Action : That the BUH committee be provided with detail of the financial arrangement and hours of the newly appointed general secretary.

Nick Howarth
Chair AGM