



Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletic Club

Minutes of 50th Annual General Meeting Thursday 16th November 2017

In attendance: Mary Harding, Ruth Burton, Tracy Cresswell, Noel McKakly, Michael Walters, Vicky Bryan, Adrian Dillon, Tom Clarke, Jill Langford, Mark Marshall, Fiona Hancock, Glen Lock, Duncan Davies, Clova Court, Tina Smith, Fred Smith, Wes Champion, John Abbiss, Rob Challoner, Alex Nwenwu, Beth Keska-Davies, Jane Johnson, Paul Carroll, Pete Stark, Imogen Harley, Andrea Marshall, Harry Cresswell, Elizabeth Marshall, Trudi Lisseman, Claire French, S Mason, Mark Evans, Paul Ashfield, Karen Samuels, Joy Bailey, Claire Eveson, Jo Richards, Alison Ashfield, Ian Cresswell,

A total of 39 members were present

Agenda Item		Action
1.	Apologies Gwyn James, Dave Smith, Derrick Harding, Dave Guest, Paige Campion, Trish Morgan, Carl Morgan	
2.	Acceptance of 2016 Annual Report Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting were made available to all and adoption was proposed by Tracy Cresswell and seconded by Mary Harding. There were no matters arising.	
3.	Presentation from Vice Chair and Honorary Secretary Ruth Burton started by thanking Simon Calrow for all his hard work and contributions over the last 10-11 months, including developing our coaches and the meetings he instigated with ALV and all the clubs who are based here. The 50 th Celebrations day went really well. It was a fantastic day and was enjoyed by all. It was good to get people together. Noel and Fiona organised a great day. The evening went really well too. Mary Harding did a fantastic job, there was a great mixture of people there. Thank you to Mary for all her hard work. We need to work on getting more volunteers to help out at the club, this includes youngsters and parents. Social media has been a little disappointing for some of us and demoralising. We need to think what we are putting out on there as it can be interpreted different as to how it is meant. Please come and talk to a committee member rather than airing any gripes on social network.	

In January, ALV shall be issuing contracts to all clubs who are based at Aldersley. A meeting shall take place sometime in January with ALV to discuss the contracts.

Tracy Cresswell gave an overview as to what the club has achieved over the last year.

Cross Country

Staffs XC was held here in January.

West Mids. XC for 16/17 was one of our greatest events as we finished 1st for the first time in over 30years. The kids were amazing. A team report was made available to all to read. An amazing achievement for our youngsters

National XC was held at Nottingham. Some of youngsters competed and did well.

Seniors Men's XC – we managed to stay in league 1
Senior Women's XC – we managed to stay in league 2

Track & Field

Indoor Athletics – held at Birmingham of which details are available on our website.

Triangular League – U11's and U13's. We finished 2nd overall.

Staffs Championships was hosted here at Aldersley in May. Over 300 athletes competed. Details are available on our website.

YDL LAG (U13/U15) and YDL UAG (U17/U20) – Those athletes who turned up did well but unfortunately we were relegated.

Senior leagues which included U17/U20 had a good year and were promoted

England Schools took place in July at Birmingham – the results are available on our website.

Lisa Langford won the 20 mile national for walking. We are looking at promoting our walking as Jill is available to coach in this area.

Membership

We had 291 new paid members this year, up two from last year. There were 17 resignations compared to 15 for last year.

We have had over 250 athletes who have not renewed their memberships.

A print out of all costings had been made available to all who attended the meeting. With regards to all the comments that were posted on

Facebook, as they it is too late to look at the comments in time for this

year's AGM, it has been decided that a sub-committee shall be set up to look at membership for 2018/2019. People representing all areas of the club were asked to volunteer to form the sub-committee.

The following people volunteered :

Wes Champion – Young Athletes XC
Imogen Harley – Seniors XC
John Abbiss – Young Athletes Track & Field
Clova Court – Senior Track & Field
Andrea Marshall – Road Runner
Alex Nwenwu – Young Coaches
Karen Samuels - Parents
Adrian Dillon – Special Needs Coach
Fiona Hancock - Coaches
Noel McKakly- - Officials

Ruth Burton suggested that it would be ideal to have a single payment so as the collection of training fees could be eliminated as it would save time and administration.

Tracy Cresswell will chair this sub-committee, and hopefully a date will be set along with a venue for March 2018.

Jo Richards asked why we hadn't got any sponsorship and is happy to contact companies on behalf of the club. Tracy Cresswell will liaise with Jo Richards on this matter.

A document on the clubs expenditure was made available to all who attended the meeting. Tracy Cresswell explained this in detail. It was noted that the fee for EA is insurance for all members.

Mary Harding thanked both Ruth and Tracy for all their hard work in putting this document together.

A lengthy and detailed discussion took place regarding the expenditure and the recommended membership fees for 2017/2018. It was also discussed in detail as to whether adults are being coached or not when they are taken out by a run leader.

It was suggested that we leave the training fee at £2 for anyone U20 until the sub-committee look further into this matter.

Any member can pay their membership fees over 3 months from January to March. People should liaise with Tracy Cresswell if they wish to do this.

It was explained that we shall be looking at a Sage Software System that will help with the membership administration.

A 2nd bank account has been set up for anyone who wishes to pay by BACS

A vote took place on the new membership proposals :

Junior (9-20) to increase from £37 - £38
Senior (over 20) to increase from £52 - £65
2+ Junior Siblings (9-20) to increase from £62.00 - £68.00

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	<p>Second Claim to increase from £37.00 - £38.00 Children under 9 to remain at £15.00 1 parent 1 junior to increase from £77.00 - £85.00 1 parent 2+ junior to increase from £102.00 - £120.00 2 parents + 1 junior to increase from £117.00 - £145.00 2 parents + 2+ Juniors to increase from £142.00 - £170.00</p> <p>Training fee to remain at £2</p> <p>23 votes for the new proposal 3 votes for the membership to stay the same</p>	
4.	<p>Presentation from the Honorary Treasurer along with the audited expenditure accounts and balance sheet for the last financial year.</p> <p>Finance sheets had been made available to all who attended the meeting.</p> <p>A huge amount of money has been spent on equipment; Mary Harding had managed to recoup £5,000 from WCC towards the cost of this.</p> <p>Transport will be looked at more in depth.</p> <p>If anyone has any questions on Finance, please speak to Ruth Burton</p>	
5.	<p>Amendments to the Constitution</p> <p>Copies of the constitution were made available to everyone. Tracy Cresswell went through the amendments that were made to the following rules :</p> <p>2.9; A new rule to be added 2.10; A new rule to be added in 2.11; A new rule to be added in 2.15; change of wording 3.4; Updated 4.4; change of wording 5.3; change of wording 5.4; change of wording</p> <p>Everyone agreed to the changes.</p>	
6.	<p>To Elect Honorary Officers for 2017/2018</p> <p>Mary Harding went through the list for anyone to volunteer or nominate someone for each position. A vote was cast on all the positions.</p> <p>As Simon Calrow had previously stepped down as Chairman, Ruth Burton was voted in as his replacement.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:38 hours, Thursday 16 November 2017</p>	
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 15 November 2018.</p>	