

## Nuneaton Harriers Athletics Club

**Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8.30pm**

### Minutes

1. Present: Derek Hately, Jared Wilson, Sim Wilson, Nick Wilson, Barry Yates, Mollie Orton, Chris Hamer-Hodges, Garry Hodgkins, Peter Everitt, Matiss Murphy, Rhys Comb, Matt Collins, Dean, Bateman, Paul Smith, Andy Parkes, Jo Grant, Andy Ofor, Karenanne Herbert, Martin Swan, Alan Gaister, Viv Kirkham, Wendy Kane, Ali Mills, Anne Pointon, Chris Hazell, Chris Jordan, Mary Hall, Craig Mills
2. Apologies: Carolyn Derbyshire, Linsi Scottow,
3. Minutes of AGM 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024: not everyone saw a copy of the minutes so these will be put on the website following the AGM. For those present these were agreed as an accurate record.
4. Matters arising: None
5. Membership secretary report: Last year the club finished the year with 230 members consisting of: seniors 156 (2<sup>nd</sup> claim 5, 21 non-competing, and 130 competing) and juniors 74, (4 2<sup>nd</sup> claim 4 non competing 54 competing).
6. Treasurer's report: The balance sheet was sent round to attendees.  
Notes:
  - The membership income was £1900 up on last year;
  - The £700 deficit from income/expenditure is the result of the club paying for a coach to take athletes to the national XC championships in London (cost £950 and only recouped £300). Coach costs are included under the meeting costs category.
  - This year there is an annual deficit of @£700 so better than last year (£2k deficit).

Question: when was the decision made to increase the over 60s fees.

Answer: all fees were raised together and this was not limited to any one particular age group. Every category has gone up £5. It was noted that the O60 category was not on the new membership form and this will be corrected after the meeting.

Question: how many members do we need to break even each year?

A: difficult to say as there is a different price structure for different age categories.

There were some discussions and questions around costs and finances of the club and the community association summarised as below:

- The club does not pay the community association to hire the track for meeting events and the association does not charge the club for equipment hire for events hosted by the club. Externally hosted events will incur these costs plus additional costs such as officials lunches.
- Meeting costs have traditionally left the club in deficit as different leagues did not always reimburse all costs (for example first aid). More costs are now being paid so this impact has lessened. Specific meeting costs to the club include officials lunches and expenses.
- Open events are put on by the community association with income and expenditure from putting on such events going directly to/from the community association.
- Coaches and officials courses are paid for by the club.

7. Chair's report: please see attached report.
8. Election of Officers: please see attached list.
9. Proposals: None.
10. AOB. A number of questions were asked by attendees as detailed below. All will be followed up at the next committee meeting unless specifically stated otherwise.

Q: There had been a request In February to put the further selling of merchandise on hold; was this hold still in place and if so why? MH said that her understanding was that the hold was to allow time to agree processes for selling merchandise in a consistent way but would check committee meeting minutes to check this was the case and report back.

Q: Would it be possible to purchase kit for officials/coaches?

Q: There is always a gap in coaching for younger athletes wanting to continue a multi athletics approach rather than specialising in a single discipline once they are older than the junior sessions. PE offered to coach youngsters who want to continue with 'athletics' (field and track) for those who do not want to specialise on a Tuesday 6.30 – 7.30pm. AP mentioned that a coach who has just joined the club has also offered to help with older youngsters wanting to do more throws and this could be provided on a Thursday.

Q: Track etiquette. Suggest SG2 has lanes 3 and 4, Chris' group 1 and 2. Agreed that this need to be discussed and agreed by all coaches. Potential to open slightly earlier and do three sessions e.g. 6 – 7, 7 – 8 and 8 – 9. Coaches meeting to be arranged asap and then feed back to the committee meeting.

Q: Could there be a better procedure to request equipment or other such items.

Q: Could we have a club championships day for everyone and that could include an open day for people to come along and try different events, or officiating etc. Noted that this has happened previously.

Q: Could we have honorary membership for officials who are not already affiliated to a club but give lots of their time supporting club and open events.

Q: Should we have youth representatives on the committee or junior captains or a youth committee?

Q: Can we put on a social evening for lots of the new athletes who have recently joined to get to know each other, and bring their parents

along too? This was agreed and will happen in the coming weeks after one of the training sessions.

### **Committee apology**

Chris gave a huge heartfelt apology to Matt from the whole committee for the very big mistake of not completing the paperwork for his London Marathon place on time meaning that he is unable to compete this year. We will cover lost costs, ensure that he has the club place for next year's marathon and will discuss as a committee processes to ensure that this does not happen again.

11. Date of next meeting: The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 8.30pm

Meeting closed at 21:53