



SUSSEX COUNTY AA

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Wednesday 15th October 2014 at the Patcham War Memorial Hall.

Present: J Linfield, N Sutherland, S May, K May, L Tullett, M Stephens, G Stephens, P Aylett, T Roberts, S Endacott, R Garrad, J Luxford, G Ashdown, B Page, R Penfold, G Jessop, R Hook, K Donno, P Masters, M Etchells, M Anning.

G Ashdown was Chairman for the meeting and welcomed members and club representatives.

1. **Apologies for** Absence were received from P Baker, V Clark, P Selby, P Burfoot, J Hughes, and J Gill.
2. **Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting** were agreed as a true record, and signed by G Ashdown.
3. **The Annual Report**, summarising the activities within the County during the past year, had been produced and circulated by M Anning. The majority of those present had received an advanced copy and further printed copies were available at the meeting. The report was accepted.
4. **The Treasurer's Report**, in the form of a summary of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014, had been circulated and copies were available at the meeting. It showed a surplus for the year of £6,800. Treasurer, Martin Etchells, commented that it was a very healthy position, but the county should not rely on this as the previous year figures had been much closer to the break-even mark and there were annual fluctuations.
 - Martin thanked K May and all the event organisers of County Championships – track and field and cross-country for the income they brought in, as well as the companies whose support of events is invaluable.
 - Martin clarified that the accounts are compiled on an accrual basis, so that if an event happened in the financial year all the details of the accounts are included in that year. However he explained that this can sometimes be distorted by the road relays, which occur in late March early April, and occasional long delays between events taking place and clubs submitting their bills.
 - J Linfield asked if there was an update regarding the insurance claim he had submitted for Sportshall, as he stated the county is liable for the £250 excess. M Etchells had not at this stage received any further information about the claim and he would wait for news from the insurance company. He would also add a note to the accounts regarding the excess.
 - K May raised a point about the cost of medals in the accounts and whether it was accurate. M Etchells confirmed the costs balanced out, as there were no medals purchased during the last year.It was agreed to adopt the accounts, which had been inspected by Financial Inspector, Ros Stephen at Dorothy Stringer School.
5. **Vote on any Resolutions**
There were no resolutions.
6. **To elect the President**
The outgoing President, G Ashdown, spoke eloquently about the honour of holding the position for two years. He said he had relished his role, and the opportunities to connect with grass roots athletics, to attend county events and leagues - both indoors and out and learn about genres previously 'alien' to him. G Ashdown spoke of his pleasure in wearing the county badge of office, which he said had been very well received particularly by younger athletes. He thanked Tony Roberts for initiating this and Martin Etchells for supporting the purchase of it.
 - G Ashdown proposed that M Etchells should be appointed as President for two years. R Hook seconded this.

- M Etchells thanked the committee and said his first task would be the honour of proposing that G Ashdown be voted in as a Life Member of the Sussex County Athletics Association. This was unanimously accepted.
- M Etchells publicly thanked R Hook, for all the work he has done for the county over the years and his role as the key figure in communicating information about athletics across Sussex. Reg received a lengthy round of applause.

7. To elect the Vice President and Life Members

Roland Garrad and Phil Baker had been nominated as Vice Presidents and were duly elected. They joined the current list of Vice Presidents (excluding M Etchells) and Life Members (including G Ashdown) who were nominated and elected en bloc, with the exception of John Rogers and Alan Grove, who had died during the year.

8. To elect the Treasurers

Diane and Martin Etchells were elected.

9. To elect the Secretaries of the Executive Panel

- i) Track and Field - vacant
- ii) Cross Country - Phil Baker was elected
- iii) Road - Bob Page was elected

10. To elect further positions:-

- i) Race Walking Secretary - Ron Penfold was elected
- ii) Officials Secretary - vacant*
- iii) Cross-Country Champs. Secretary - Keith Donno was elected

*G Jessop suggested that the Officials Secretary role be reviewed at the next committee meeting and possibly divided across three areas. K May spoke about the extra workload for event organiser's to contact officials'.

11. To elect the Team Managers

These were elected en-bloc :-

<i>Track</i>	Under 13 Boys and Girls	-	Terry & Michelle Notman
	Under 15 Boys and Girls	-	vacant
	Under 17 Men & Women	-	Steve Jones & Janice Farrar
	Under 20 Men & Women	-	Paul Cunningham
	Senior Men & Women	-	Craig Cox
<i>Cross-Country</i>	Under 20 & Senior Women	-	Vicki Clark
	Under 13, 15 & 17 Girls/Women	-	Chris Marsden
	Men	-	David Leach
<i>Sportshall</i>	Boys and Girls	-	Kim Milnthorpe

12. To elect the Committee Members

The following committee members were confirmed: Pete Standen, Mandy Collison, Maureen Stephens, Jenny Hughes, Linda Tullett and Neil Sutherland. Gavin Stephens was added to the list of members. Peter Burfoot has stepped down.

There are five vacancies. Refer to the Exec Committee to fill the list to 12.

13. To appoint 3 Trustees

Reg Hook, Graham Jessop and John Linfield were re-appointed.

14. To appoint the Financial Inspector

Ros Stephen of Dorothy Stringer School was re-appointed.

15. Any Other Business

R Garrad thanked M Anning for stepping into the role of Administrator. M Anning in turn thanked her predecessor Dawn Piechoczek for her organisation and efficiency.

It was agreed that the following two items would be discussed at the next committee meeting:

- The possible provision of wet weather clothing for officials.
- The addition of points to clubs who provide a quota of qualified officials at junior league matches.

S May and K May said they could look into costs of equipment but raised the issue of storage. P Masters spoke about the practicalities and whether this was the best incentive to attract officials. K Donno commented on the importance of valuing the committed officials Sussex already has.

The meeting closed at 7:59 pm.