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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Venue: Reading AC Clubroom, Palmer Park, Reading

Host Club: Reading AC

Date & Time: Wednesday, 28th October 2019 at 7.45pm

Present were:

Martyn Cartwright (Vice President & Chiltern Harriers AC), Ray Stevens, Tim Richardson, Bob Alden & Julie Rayfield (Reading AC), Dave Martin (Rhondda AAC), Julian Starkey (Bracknell AC), Dene Stringfellow (Entries & Results Secretary & White Horse Harriers AC), Max Cowlin (Secretary & Maidenhead AC)

Apologies received from:

Dennis Daly (President & WSEH AC), Simon Walker (Treasurer & Bracknell AC), Sam Whalley (Reading RR), Pete Stepney (Abingdon AC), John Ashton (Witney RR), Paul Kelsey (Oxford City AC), Mike Shipway (Woodstock Harriers AC), Colin Price (Team Kennet T&AC).

Chairman of Meeting

It was agreed in the absence of Dennis Daly that Martyn Cartwright would chair the meeting.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on Tuesday, 30th October 2018 and the EGM held on Wednesday, 6th March 2019 were read and signed off as a true record.

Matters Arising

The equalising of the distances of the senior races was raised. Julie Rayfield felt as a matter of principle that men and women should run equal distances and that all other age groups already run equal race distances. After some discussion and concerns raised with regard to the impact on the Championship programme it was agreed that both senior races should be 8km. The decision reached ensures the programme would not be lengthened and will be introduced for the 2020 Championships.

Race Entries & Standards

Dave Martin felt that the quality of entries had declined in recent years not only in the BBO but in other races as well. He felt there should be entry standards for all competitors. Julian Starkey said that entry numbers in certain age groups were already low and the Association should not dissuade any entries by setting entry standards. No further action was taken.

2018 Championships Report

The 2018 BBO Championships were held at Newbury Showground on Sunday, 18th November and hosted by Newbury AC. The event was very successful and Newbury AC were thanked for staging the 2018 Championships. The full results for 2018 are available to view on the Association's website.

2019 Championships Arrangements

Ray Stevens (*Reading AC*) reported that a race permit has been obtained and the course at Prospect Park was booked. Ray also confirmed that M&S Medical Services had been booked to cover the first aid requirement for the Championships.

It was also confirmed that Reading AC will mark and marshal the course as well as provide refreshments. In addition, a room will be made available to process the results.

Max Cowlin (*Secretary*) confirmed that officials for the finish area (*timekeepers, judges and recorders*) had been arranged. It was also confirmed that the awards presentations are to be held as follows:

- 2:00pm Seniors
- 2.45pm U13's & U15's
- 3.15pm U17's

It was also emphasized that parking can be difficult at the venue. Additional parking is available at The Mansion House Restaurant but visitors to the Championships must register their car number and make a small purchase. It was agreed this information needed to be included in the final notice sent out to clubs ahead of the 2019 Championships.

Finance Report

Simon Walker (*Treasurer*) had sent a copy of the accounts as at Thursday, 17th October 2019. It was confirmed that the Association have purchased medals at a cost of £2,157—enough for the next 3 years' Championships. The current bank balance as at that date was confirmed as being £2,383.33. Simon was thanked for his report.

Dene Stringfellow proposed that future AGMs ought to be scheduled for a date in February/March to allow the meeting to review the previous Championship and an up-to-date financial position in relation to that Championship. This was agreed and henceforward to end the financial year on 31st December subject to the approval of the Treasurer.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

<i>President:</i>	Dennis Daly
<i>Vice Presidents:</i>	Martyn Cartwright, Pat Ferguson, Andy Tuttle
<i>Chairman:</i>	Dene Stringfellow
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Simon Walker
<i>Secretary:</i>	Position Vacant

Max Cowlin did not seek re-election after serving for many years. As there were no nominations for the position of Secretary, he was asked to compile a list of the various jobs he undertakes as Secretary to be circulated to all affiliated clubs in time for the AGM in Spring 2020 along with an appeal for volunteers.

It was felt it should be possible to split up certain jobs to make smaller roles more appealing to volunteers.

2020 Championships Date & Venue

It was agreed the date and venue of the next BBO Championships would be decided at the next AGM.

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No other business was raised.

Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 9:35pm with thanks to our hosts, Reading AC.

Maxwell Cowlin

Secretary

Friday, 17th January 2020