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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Venue: The Turnpike, Yarnton, Oxfordshire OX5 1PJ

Host: BBOCCA

Date & Time: Wednesday, 11th March 2020 at 7.45pm

Present were:

Martyn Cartwright (Vice President & Chiltern Harriers AC), Max Cowlin (Secretary & Maidenhead AC), Dave Martin (Rhondda AAC), Gary Richards (Abingdon AC), Dene Stringfellow (Chairperson, Entries & Results Secretary & White Horse Harriers AC).

Apologies received from:

Dennis Daly (President & WSEH AC), Andy Tuttle (Vice President & Newbury AC), Simon Walker (Treasurer & Bracknell AC), Colin Price (Team Kennet T&AC), Julian Starkey (Bracknell AC), Ray Stevens (Reading AC).

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday, 28th October 2019 were reviewed, agreed and signed off as a true record.

2019 Championships Report

The 2019 BBO Championships were held at Prospect Park on Sunday, 17th November and hosted by Reading AC. The event was very successful and Reading AC were thanked for staging the 2019 Championships along with all the officials and volunteers that helped to make the Championships a success. The refreshments were especially welcome on the day.

The overall athlete entries were only slightly down (560) compared with the previous year (580), with 78 teams being entered for the 2019 Championships.

Despite the best efforts on the part of Reading AC parking at the venue was congested. This was not helped by the fact that the venue management had allowed access for another group concurrently.

The results and presentations went reasonably smoothly, albeit the first presentations were slightly delayed by 5-10 minutes owing to an issue with the men's results. The only disappointments were that one of the trophies was not returned as requested, and not all of the medals won were collected at the presentations.

The full results for 2019 are available to view on the Association's website.

2020 Championships Arrangements

Finance Report

Simon Walker (*Treasurer*) had sent a copy of the accounts as at Tuesday, 3rd March 2020. The current bank balance as at that date was confirmed to be £3,408.33. Sufficient medals remain in stock to cover the next two Championships.

Simon was thanked for his report and continued support.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

President:	Dennis Daly
Vice Presidents:	Martyn Cartwright, Pat Ferguson, Andy Tuttle
Chairperson:	Dene Stringfellow
Treasurer:	Simon Walker (until 2021 AGM)
Secretary:	Position Vacant

Simon has kindly agreed to continue as the Association's Treasurer until the next AGM. The Association is therefore looking for a volunteer to take over that role.

In addition, as yet, no-one has stepped forward to take on the role of Secretary. If volunteers are not found to fill the vacancies, the future of the Association and its Championships will be in jeopardy.

The continued presidency (Dennis Daly) and vice-presidencies (Pat Ferguson and Andy Tuttle) were approved in their absence pending subsequent agreement of the parties concerned.

Vice President Nomination

Martin Cartwright proposed Max Cowlin, after his invaluable service over many years to the Association and its Championships, for election as Vice President. The proposal was seconded by Gary Richards and unanimously agreed with immediate effect.

2020 Championships Date & Venue

As yet, no venue or host club has been confirmed to host the 2020 BBO Championships.

The position of the Championships within the calendar was discussed. However, it was decided owing to the already congested nature of the fixtures calendar over the winter that its current position of the third weekend in November remains the most suitable option as it stands.

A lengthy discussion took place to establish what options may be available in terms of possible venues and host clubs. It was agreed that Dene would liaise with Max to explore the options discussed and contact the relevant clubs.

AOB

To avoid confusion and in line UK Athletics guidelines the athlete age qualification criteria in relation to the U13 age group needs to be amended on the entry form from:

Under 13 Boys & Girls: 11 or 12 years of age on 1st September <insert year>.
(Athletes under the age of 11 must not be entered.)

to:

Under 13 Boys & Girls: 11 or 12 years of age on 1st September <insert year> or 11 years of age on the day of the Championships.
(Athletes under the age of 11 must not be entered.)

This change was unanimously approved.

Outstanding Implementations for Next Championships

- 8km equal race distances for senior men and women as agreed at the 2019 AGM.
- Entry form U13 age category details amendment as agreed above.

Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 8:50pm with thanks to those that attended the meeting.

Dene Stringfellow

Chairperson

Saturday, 29th August 2020