British Airways Athletics Club

Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

BA Sailing Club, Wraysbury

25th July 2018

Present:

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| Alan Anderson | Paul Brandon | Alan Friar |
| Clara Halket | Steve Hillier | Roderick Hoffman |
| Jas Modaher | Steve Newell | Benita Scaife |
| John Scaife | Helen Smith | Janet Smith |
| Mark Taylor | Steve Taylor | Simon Turton |
| Barry Walters | Harry Wild | John Williams |

Apologies:

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| Monica Alonso | David Barnard | Tony Barnwell |
| Neil Frediani | Chris Kelly | Trish McCabe |
| Joe Nolan | Graham Taylor |  |

**1.0 Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were read and agreed.

1. **Brian Forrester**

The Club’s long time Chairman, member and friend passed away peacefully on June 3rd after a long illness. The AGM paused for a minute to think of Brian.

1. **President’s Address: John Williams**

John spoke about the special qualities of Brian, and the magic which he fed into the club. John first worked with Brian nearly sixty years previously, when they were still selling tickets for BEA flights on biplanes to the Scilly Isles. Brian will be sadly missed by everyone, especially for his passion for the Athletics Club and its members.

John thanked the committee for its hard work in dealing with the extraordinary turmoil of the past two years. We are hopefully approaching a satisfactory conclusion in obtaining a permanent home at Bedfont.

The club has not fragmented in the meantime, and it was a pleasure to see an increased turnout at this AGM. John congratulated the members for their efforts in keeping participation levels up, and he believed that the club is still recognisable after all these years and will continue to grow.

1. **Chairman’s Report: Roderick Hoffman**

Whilst doing some tidying I came across the agenda for the 2012 AGM, with the minutes for 2011. So, this meeting - six years ago.  By chance that was the AGM at which I was first appointed to a committee position - so it could be said that everything that has happened since has to be my fault!

So what do the minutes say?

"Concorde Club" - well, that is no more, and I can't claim responsibility. Since the doors to the Concorde Club were closed to us we have spent a year meeting and running from Cranford Community College and we are now starting to meet at The Bedfont and Feltham Football Club and Social Club.

John spoke of the rich history of the club, reducing membership & relationship with BA and BA Clubs and our debt of gratitude to Brian. So on the surface not much is different to today - but one thing is…

The "reducing membership" has been the main item I've addressed in my roles as first deputy chairman and now chairman. We are no longer a closed, company club - we welcome membership from all over.  Consequently membership figures are up not down, and the average age of members is steady - not aging one year every year. This different structure creates its own problems - not the least being attendance at the AGM - but the larger club makes what we do seem that little bit more worthwhile.

In 2012, Chris, as Treasurer spoke - funds at around £4,000 including subs for 83 members with 62 affiliating to England Athletics

BA Clubs granted us £1,100 to hire Eton Track for a Rosenheim meeting and our Club Championships - as an aside I don't think we'll be seeing that again. BA Clubs ARE paying for membership of The Bedfont Club and continue to offer to pay for tickets for serving staff to WARR but that is the maximum generosity we can expect from BA Clubs who are being challenged currently to prove that they are financially viable.

2012 was Clara's first year - she reported a low turnout at the Speedbird Ladies of just 19 runners (vs 20 marshals). This year we had 60 runners! (and 21 marshals).

There was a small loss on the Concorde 10k (this compares this year to a big loss on the Concorde Five - on same numbers 91 entered / 83 ran).

The committee? Hasn't changed much since my arrival - I replaced Richard Ruffell on the committee and since then Nick Edge and Eddie Giles have withdrawn, Trish has joined, Joe has increased his involvement, but everyone else has maintained their assignments.  At a time of upheaval for the club it has been good that everyone has remained in place.  I would hope to see some more new blood next year, and for some changes in responsibility amongst the old blood, but we shall see.  Perhaps it is time that someone else steps out of the shadows and gave the club a kick up the backside like I did six years ago? They would be welcomed.

1. **Treasurer’s Report: Chris Kelly (Apologies)**

***Accumulated Fund***

Overall, our incomings during the year to 31st March 2018 outpaced our expenditure by £1,423, temporarily increasing our accumulated fund to £9,969. When we include the outstanding costs of accommodation during the year, for our weekly changing rooms and monthly Committee meetings that will reduce by £594.

***Income***

£819 Subs were received from our 91 paying members with 44 affiliating to England Athletics, at £14, which increases by £1 each year. Once again, I apologise if I seem more interested in your Subs than your running… but I encourage you to setup a Yearly Payment for 1st April!

We received £2,360 for marshalling at the London Marathon, City Race, Vitality 10K, Prudential Ride London, and, new this year, at The Big Half, as thanks for our volunteer’s efforts and expertise.

***Equipment and Sales***

Our existing stock of T-Shirts and Vests continue to sell, and we will buy some new stock in 2018. We supported our WARRiors with a small T-Shirt subsidy, and continue to receive a steady income from renting out our clock, offset by occasional new battery purchases.

***Events***

The 2017 Concorde 5M and Ladies 5K saw much healthier attendances, as in the last couple of years, and we caught up with the corresponding donations to the BHF, which we had previously missed.

These flagship events have benefitted from our marketing efforts, and getting onto other clubs ‘recommended’ lists, and it is up to us to build on their resurgence, if sufficient volunteers – and organisers – can be found.

The 2017 Green Belt Relay went ahead, with the £200 subsidy again coming from the previous year when we paid the £275 entry fee in advance. The final £50 will appear in the 2018 accounts.

We affiliated to the usual Mens (£80) and Ladies (£50) Cross-Country Leagues.

We affiliate to the Rosenheim (£0) and Southern Counties Veterans AC Leagues (£100), for T&F competitions, but did not hold a Meeting or Track Day this year, as it has become clear that there is no longer any Facilities Grant from BA Clubs to cover Track Hire. We continue to provide a partial subsidy (£24.75) for members who attend the Uxbridge Track nights.

As well as the usual RTB and RTP entries, we this year received additional funds from clearance sales of old equipment, scrap metal (Concorde Brasses) and an extremely successful Quiz, that appears to have received matched funding, generating a total of £506.50 which will be sent to White Lodge in 2018. We also donated the £167 collected in the previous two years.

***Spending***

We supported two members with their investment in Leadership in Running Fitness.

Our usual Affiliation fees were paid to Middlesex and Surrey Athletic Associations.

We celebrated our achievements at a well attended Annual Awards ceremony.

We have seen reduced expenditure on Postage and Birthdays in recent years, and have increased our spending on Catering, with some new events and locations on the calendar, some increased catering costs, and other more economical sources. We expect these costs to continue to vary in the medium-term, but hope they will settle down as we seek to establish some new regularity.

A new item of expenditure this year has been Accommodation, since leaving the Concorde Club, at Cranford Community College, of which the £25 (AGM Bar Expenses) that appears is, like the proverbial iceberg, a fraction of the £594 spent in 2017 (and paid at the start of 2018). A further, similar amount was also accrued and will appear in the 2018 accounts, prior to our ongoing move to Bedfont where we will once again be accommodated by BA Clubs.

*See attached report for full details.*

1. Ladies Captain’s Report: Clara Halket

## Surrey League Ladies Cross Country– Division 2

Eight runners turned up for last season (Janice, Helen, Mel, Trish, Lissa, Deby, Monica, Clara) but not all at the same time! Considering we were not able to make a full team on any of the matches, our final team standing was not bad, 26th out of 42 teams.

The dates and venues for the coming season have not yet been published. I will circulate the information as soon as I get them. We hope to see more new cross country runners joining our staple team.

## Speedbird 5K – Wednesday, 6 May 2018

Due to health reasons, I did not get involve with this year’s Speedbird event. The organising team comprising of Steve Newell, Steve Taylor, Neil, Roderick and Trish did a great job. This year’s event attracted over 50 participants, the most we have had in several years.

## Vitality London 10000m – 28 May 2018 (Bank Holiday Monday)

Another successful marshalling event for us this year, with many volunteers coming forward before we even make the call for helpers. Once again, we looked after the two Disley crossings at the Strand and Birdcage Walk.

This year we were not able to park at the former Concorde Club, instead we made used of the public car parks at Accommodation Lane where the coach picked us and dropped us off, and it worked well. We are likely to do the same next year, I’m sure the Organisers would be requesting our assistance again.

Thank you once again to all the volunteers for giving up their bank holiday. Some of whom have already put their names down for next year!

1. **Men’s Captain’s Report: - Gary Rushmer (Apologies)**

**Cross Country**

Firstly I`d like to say a big thank you to all the men that turned out for the team this year with all that was going on with BA Clubs. Once again this year we had a full team in all but one meeting with over 300 runners in the races, a big increase on last year’s attendances.

We had five new runners this year in Tim Bellars, Paul Davis, Chris Evans, Ross Davies & Matthew Stratful. Hope to see you all again next season.

Needless to say we held our own again against a lot of younger & bigger teams.

X/C Fixtures for 2018/19 season

OCT 13TH Roundshaw Downs 3pm

NOV 10TH Epsom Downs 3pm

JAN 12TH Oxshott 3pm

FEB 9TH Lloyd Park 12.30pm

In our own cross country championship we had our best turnout for some years 25 to be precise, (must have been someone`s birthday!): 17 from BAAC and 8 guest runners. Congratulations to Paul Knechtl, first man home and to Julie Barclay, first BA lady home. I would like to thank the excellent turnout of marshals, timekeepers and first aiders that made the day a success.

Milocarian X/C

Our annual invitation to the Royal Military Academy saw 7 runners from BAAC starting runners from Milos AC, Thames Hare & Hounds, Sandhurst Runners, Runnymede & approximately 150 cadets.

BAAC came a respectable 8th of 11 teams, Richard Ruffell leading the team home.

The customary post-race tea of sandwiches and cakes (or cakes and a sandwich in Barry`s case) was well received

**Green Belt Relay.**

BAAC once again made it round the Green Belt Relay this year, covering the 218 miles in the time of 1.05:33:26 to finish 3rd vets team, 23rd overall.

Well done to the 3 GBR novices this year Tim Bellars, John Shaw and our old friend Duncan Wright. Thanks as always to the runners, our dedicated driver Nick Edge, for his support and our marshalling assistants Paul and Kay Brandon and Roderick whose plans to run were foiled, but still managed to help at two marshalling points.

**LONDON MARATHON**.

The London marathon had mixed fortunes for our runners this year with the hot, weather being the problem, but we still managed to finish with 20 runners out of 21. Well done to Chris Kelly for being first BA man home but the star of the day has to go to Colin Haylock for running all the way round wearing ski boots and getting a Guinness world record in a time of 5:52:16. The marshalling turnout was once again excellent, even in that brutal heat.

**WARR**.

WARR this year was held in Singapore with BAAC having 15 runners acquitting themselves very well, picking up a number of awards. Adrian Haines won the 5k in his category, with Helen Smith 3rd, Jacqueline Musselwhite 3rd and 3 more winners.

**Concorde 5 Mile.**

We held our annual Concorde 5 mile race recently with 83 finishers. We had 7 finishers in the kids race as well. First BA Man home was John Taylor in 32:16 and first BA lady was Maria Jovani in 34:45 which was a BA ladies’ record and 1st V35.

Brian Bennett also broke the V70 record in winning the V70 category, in 44:45:06

The BAAC MENS team came 5th while the BAAC LADIES team came 2nd

I would like to thank the committee for their support during the past year and but not least my men`s to team for all their support during a long hard season. Again a big thank you goes out to all the helpers on the day.

See you all next season.

1. **Track & Field Report: Steve Hillier / Neil Frediani**

We are now in our second summer without a Track & Field captain. Neil Frediani and I continue to share the duties, but the post remains open.

We are involved in Track & Field in three forms. We are members of the Rosenheim League, a competition for all age groups; we also compete in the Veterans League, and we continue our in-house training and Grand Prix competitions at Uxbridge on Monday evenings.

Rosenheim is managed by Neil, and here is his report for this summer:

*We have come a long way from last winter when I was on the verge of suggesting that we concentrate on Vets league and give up on Rosenheim after last season when we only had 2 or 3 competitors at most events.   Come May we had a breath of fresh air blowing in from Woking thanks to Tom Rowley, Julie Barclay and Paul Watt, who encouraged a very keen Jacqui Musselwhite (sister of Adrian Haines) and Kay Trinder to join BA. With the welcome return of Janet Smith we have a ladies team who can earn some good points across a range of events.*

*The men’s team has consisted of myself, Ian Haylock, Paul Watt, Steve Hillier, Steve Newell, Tony Barnwell and Alan Anderson and we all came together for the last meeting of the season to have a team of 9!! In fact we almost had 2 teenagers in that last event which would have given us a team of 11 and an age range of something like 65 years. Ladies have finished 4th out of 6 and the men finished last but we enjoyed ourselves and all have individual challenges even when the young whippersnappers are way up the track.*

*Thanks to Janet and the two Steves for fulfilling most of our officiating responsibilities and to Tom Rowley for supporting us again.*

***Neil***

While Neil has been looking after Rosenheim, I’ve been co-ordinating our Vets League competition. This year we’ve alternated between Battersea and Perivale tracks, and we have seen a similar group of athletes producing some great performances. Our Rosenheim ladies have done well in the Vets league, with Janet usually winning her throws events while Jacqui and Julie have been producing fine track performances. More recently they’ve been joined by Christine Munden in the javelin and track events, and with a team of four they have been able to compete in an exciting 4 x 400m relay.

Our Veteran men have been encouraged by Tom Rowley to Personal Bests on the track. We are still aiming to put together a men’s relay team for the final fixture next Wednesday at Perivale, which had been postponed due to a certain football World Cup semi final.

Training takes place most Mondays at Uxbridge. Our training sessions are small but perfectly formed, with variations to keep life interesting. Regular Grand Prix events allow Tony Barnwell to chase Harry Wild’s many age group club records. Meanwhile, Simon Turton and Gary Rushmer have shown their considerable pace, injuries and work permitting.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to an exciting year, and hopefully we will see some of you at the climax of the league competitions next Wednesday.

1. **Committee Member report: Steve Taylor**

This is the second year I have been responsible for event entries and results for both the Speedbird Ladies 5K and Concorde 5M. I has been a much less stressful experience this time round now that I am familiar with what’s involved and the pitfalls likely to be encountered.

A couple of examples of issues that I had to deal with this year, at the Concorde 5M it was hot and two runners had decided to roll their running shirt up which meant that the finish recorders couldn’t read the number as they cross the line. The problem is that more runners then appear and it becomes a challenge to keep in step with new runners finishing while trying to find the missing number from someone who has now disappeared in to the general crowd of finishers.

There are also queries after an event and after the SL5K a Runnymede Runner mentioned that she should have been in the list of team finishers for them and could I correct that. I updated their running club information however that would have moved RR from 2nd in the team finishers to 1st and the announcements and prizes had already been given out. On checking the runners entry form she had omitted to list her club name so it was then reasonable not to include her in the RR team results and the original announced team orders stood, phew.

Just an example of the hassles that go with the job.

1. **Election of new committee**

The following members were elected to the committee unopposed:

Chairman Roderick Hoffman

Deputy Chairman Vacant

Honorary Secretary Steve Hillier

Honorary Treasurer Chris Kelly

Ladies Captain Clara Halket

Men’s Captain Gary Rushmer

Membership Secretary Alan Friar

Communications Secretary Roderick Hoffman

Statistics Secretary Paul Brandon

Events Secretary Neil Frediani

Track & Field Captain Vacant

Committee Members (without portfolio) Steve Taylor

 Trish McCabe

Nominations for the vacant posts will continue to be welcomed.

1. **Open Forum**

Non-office worker runs

At Chris Stockwell’s suggestion, Steve Newell started a “NOW” run schedule of daylight during winter 17/18, which proved popular. We have run at Rickmansworth Aquadrome and Harmondsworth Moor. Nice to haves are a car park and a cafe. Other suggestions for winter 18/19 included Virginia Water, Gunnersbury Park, Osterley Park, Northala Fields and Osterley Park.

Steve Newell presented a Digest quiz prize to Mark Taylor, to pass on to his brother Graham.

Future Club featured parkrun venues could include Upton Court and Wycombe Rye.

Wednesday club nights at Bedfont FC will start after the Track and Field season on August 8th.

Is the future of WARR linked to membership of BA Clubs? No, WARR is a competition for airline employees rather than sports and social club members. BA’s attendance this year is currently expected to be 19.

Simon Turton thanked everyone involved in the planning and conducting of Brian’s funeral for their energy, and for the appropriateness of the service.

BAAC AGM 2018 minutes.doc Steve Hillier

**Athletics - Annual General Meeting - Treasurer’s Report for 2017/18**

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|   | Year to 31 March 2018 | Year to 31 March 2017 |
|   | Income | Spending | Total | Income | Spending | Total |
| **Income** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Subscriptions (91 Memberships) | -£819 |  | -£819 | -£837 |  | -£837 |
| England Athletics Affiliation (44) | -£616 | £716 | £100 | -£674 | £685 | £11 |
| London Marathon Events Marshalling | -£2,360 |  | -£2,360 | -£1,750 |  | -£1,750 |
| Coach Hire | -£370 | £370 |   | -£360 | £360 |   |
| **Equipment & Sales** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sale of Kit / Write-down | -£117 |  | -£117 | -£70 |  | -£70 |
| WARR T-Shirts / Tax |   | £69 | £69 |   | £154 | £154 |
| Equipment / Clock Rentals | -£159 |  | -£159 | -£225 |  | -£225 |
| **Events** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Concorde 5M (2017) | -£1,207 | £1,382 | £175 | -£1,260 | £938 | -£322 |
| Ladies 5K (2017) | -£362 | £163 | -£199 | -£18 | £61 | £42 |
| GBR (2017) | -£50 |  | -£50 | -£311 | £275 | -£36 |
| Marathon Relay |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| Hood To Coast |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| XC |   | £130 | £130 |   | £115 | £115 |
| ASCA |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| Track & Field |   | £125 | £125 |   | £107 | £107 |
| RTP, Watersplash, RTB, Quiz | -£507 | £167 | -£340 | -£115 |  | -£115 |
| **Spending** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Coach Training |   | £140 | £140 |   |  |   |
| Affiliation Fees (ex Eng Aths) |   | £45 | £45 |   | £45 | £45 |
| Trophies & Prizes |   | £215 | £215 |   | £120 | £120 |
| Cards, Flowers & Stationery |   | £47 | £47 |   | £41 | £41 |
| BBQ & Birthday Cakes |   |  |   |   | £126 | £126 |
| Accommodation (Meeting Rooms) |   | £25 | £25 |   |  |   |
| Internal Catering |   | £1,551 | £1,551 |   | £1,336 | £1,336 |
| Grand Total | -£6,566 | £5,144 | -£1,423 | -£5,620 | £4,364 | -£1,256 |
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| Float | £50 |  |  | £50 |  |  |
| Stock Balance at year-end | £955  | (tbc) |  | £955 |  |  |
| Accumulated Fund at start of year | -£8,547 |  |   | -£7,291 |  |   |
| Surplus for the year | -£1,423 |  |  | -£1,256 |  |  |
| Accumulated Fund at year-end | -£9,969 |  |  | -£8,547 |  |  |

BAAC AGM Membership Report 2017/18

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| **Membership** |
| Honorary 6 |
| Joiners 10 |
| Renewed 87 |
| Left 28 |
| **Total Members 103** |
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| **BA Clubs Membership** |
| Honorary Members of BAAC 6 |
| Members of BA Clubs 37 |
| Non Members of BA Clubs 60 |
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| **Age Group** |
| 19-29 1 |
| 30-39 2 |
| 40-49 18 |
| 50-59 36 |
| 60-69 23 |
| 70-79 14 |
| 80-90 9 |
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| **Gender** |
| F 34 |
| M 69 |

Alan Friar Athletics Section Membership Secretary 25/7/2018