British Airways Athletics Club

Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

Bedfont & Feltham Football & Social Club 31st July 2019

Present:

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| Alan Anderson | Ann Anderson | Paul Brandon |
| Denis Foxley | Neil Frediani | Clara Halket |
| Steve Hillier | Roderick Hoffman | Piers Keenleyside |
| Chris Kelly | Steve Newell | Benita Scaife |
| John Scaife | Janet Smith | Jakob Stenham |
| Maarten Stenham | Graham Taylor | Steve Taylor |
| Simon Turton | Barry Walters | Harry Wild |
| John Williams |  |  |

Apologies:

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| Michael Ball | David Barnard | Tony Barnwell |
| Tim Bellars | Ian Cunningham | Alan Friar |
| Paul Goldsmith | Sarah Gordon | Adrian Haines |
| Trish McCabe | Christine Munden | Joe Nolan |
| Petra Otto | Jain Reid | Gary Rushmer |
| Paul Sitch | Laura Stenham | John Taylor |
| Mark Taylor | Caroline Wilson | Marion Woodhouse |

**1.0 Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were read and agreed.

**2.0 President’s Address: John Williams**

John spoke about the sad recent loss of Bryan Bennett. Many club members attended his funeral in Wraysbury. The church was packed, and Bryan was warmly remembered by the large gathering.

John thanked Roderick for his hard work in taking the club through a difficult three-year period. He has managed this major responsibility very well and he has held the club together, with support from the committee. The club is still recognisable nearly forty years after it was formed. It maintains its presence as a welcoming group, and ensures that being a member is enjoyable, which is a credit to the club.

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

Everyone in this room has as a major hobby that involves putting one foot in front of the other to assist in keeping physically and mentally fit and healthy. Most do it to travel courses in a fast time. Some do it to jump or throw. But we all do it because we want to and we benefit from it.

Being in a group of people with the same intent makes it easier and more enjoyable, but also requires a level of organisation. The group of people in front of you now helped with that organisation over the last year and, to an extent, enhanced their enjoyment of their main hobby. There are many of us on the committee because we need to spread the work around to reduce the total amount any of us has to do - in that way we are free to run and carry on with our normal lives as well. We meet here for a committee meeting six times a year. Some of us have formal roles - such as the treasurer, but most of the time we are flexible and different members will take on different items of work.

But that is where we are hitting a problem. Over the last five years a number of established committee members have left the London area and not been replaced.  Also some of us who are left have had to take on additional workloads linked to our hobby or work or family life. So far the committee have coped by doubling up - critically I've covered the chairman role and the communications role, Steve Hillier and Neil Frediani have covered for the lack of a Track & Field captain.

And we are approaching the critical point where we will be unable to cover all of the gaps - indeed the Concorde Race has already been dropped because no one was able to step forward to take it on.  This AGM, officially I am stepping down from the Chairman role…but you will have seen that there is no one to replace me because all those with experience are too busy.

We will resolve this for the time being by myself resuming the "Acting Chairman" role I performed whilst Brian was still with us. I'm hoping that Steve Hillier will step forward and be a formal deputy chairman (and I promise that I won't disappear…not until Christmas at least).

But we need more individuals to step forward and take on a small amount of additional work - managing Track & Field, or the club diary, running our committee meetings. Anyone willing we will be able to fit in so let us know if you are willing, either during the meeting or afterwards.

**4.0 Treasurer’s Report: Chris Kelly**

***Accumulated Fund***

This year, it was the turn of our expenditure to outpace our incomings, by £1,263, resulting in a Bank Balance at year end of £8,057. The main reason was paying £876 for the cost of our weekly changing rooms/showers and monthly Committee meetings, as BA Clubs did not provide the Facilities or Grant.

Also, for the first time, we spent £564 to revalidate our First Aiders training, as they are now retired, and do not get the training provided at work.

We also omitted to reclaim a refund for the £390 Vitality 10K Coach transport (the £260 payment was the Big Half Coach which was received in the 2017 Marshalling income).

NB. £67 of items in the 2018 account were banked before 31Mar18 (in the £9,363) and £24 of items accounted for in 2017 were not banked until 2018 (after the £8,057), hence the actual Balance is £43 lower than the expected on 31Mar19.

NNB. This year’s summary attempts to adapt the historical (-=+) representation of ins/outs/accumulated fund to correspond to our Bank Balance representation (+=+).

***Income***

£875 Subs were received from 96 members with 36 affiliating to England Athletics at £15, to be reviewed in September 2019 (for variety, the Club Affiliation increased to £150 in April 2019).

At the risk of repetition… I encourage Members to setup a yearly payment for 1st April.!

This year we received £1,705 for marshalling at the London Marathon, City Race, Vitality 10K, Prudential Ride London, and Big Half, as thanks for our volunteers’ efforts and stewarding expertise, which helps maintain our independence.

***Equipment and Sales***

As expected, we were pleased to purchase some additional stocks of T-Shirts and Vests to meet our members sartorial requirements. We also purchased some storage containers. We again supported our WARRiors with a small T-Shirt subsidy, and continue to rent out our race clock, which covers battery purchases, and an occasional repair, by our expert horologist.

***Events***

The 2018 Concorde 5M and Ladies 5K saw healthier attendances, as in the last few years, almost breaking into a positive contribution, but not quite. We need to complete a corresponding donation (£89) to the BHF, which though late, will likely still be gratefully received. Sadly, we were unable to continue the Concorde 5M into 2019, but the efforts put into re-energising our flagship events have been considerable, and worthwhile, and we are keen to continue the Speedbirds, and resuscitate the Concorde, if volunteers and organisers are available. Once again, we supported the annual Green Belt Relay to an enjoyable end.

We affiliated to the usual Men’s (£80) and Ladies (£50) Cross-Country Leagues, but the Ladies payment was not cashed before 31Mar19 and will appear in next year’s account.

We affiliated to the Rosenheim (£0) and Southern Counties Veterans AC Leagues (£100), for Track & Field competition, but the SCVAC payment was not cashed by the end of the year and will also appear in next year’s account. We were not asked to hold a Track Meeting this year, and decided against a Family Track Day, so did not require the support that the Facilities Grant from BA Clubs has previously provided. We continue to provide the partial subsidy for members who attend Uxbridge Track sessions.

To add to the usual RTB and RTP entries, we had another, very successful Quiz night, and some other donations meaning that we have raised another £176 for White Lodge. This will be combined with the £506.50 from 2017 making £682.50 to be donated.

***Spending***

Two members revalidated their First Aiders training, but as outlined above, it was a new expense for us. Our usual Affiliation fees were paid to Middlesex and Surrey Athletic Associations, and we celebrated various sporting achievements at a well-attended Annual Awards ceremony. There was the usual and some belated expenditure on Postage and Printing.

In the last few years we did increase our spending on Catering, due to the variety and novelty of our locations, which were sometimes less economical, but we have tried to control those costs, and with the stability provided by the Bedfont Clubhouse, we hope they will continue to be more regular.

As already mentioned, an exceptional item of expenditure this year was Accommodation, at Cranford Community College, prior to our move to Bedfont. Our accounts for next year should benefit from its absence, thanks to the subscriptions of our members to BA Clubs.

*See attached report for full details.*

1. Membership Secretary’s Report: Alan Friar (Apologies)

We have 100 paid up members similar to the previous year. A few people that did not pay last year but paid this year for last year have been included as members. We have 2 new honorary members Paddy and Harry but one less as Brian has passed away. There is a core membership of 80 with 13 joiners and 17 leavers.

Of the 100 members, 37 are affiliated to England Athletics, 15 are affiliated through another club illustrating the fact that many athletes join us as a second club.

About one third of our members belong to BA Clubs.

A few new young people in their 20's are joining the club but we still have 21 older people in their 70's and 80's.

The gender split is 2 males for every female athlete.

*See attached report for further details.*

6.0 Ladies Captain’s Report: Clara Halket

***Surrey League Ladies Cross Country – Division 2***

The runners who turned up for last season were Trish (4 matches), Helen, Monica, Natalia, Kelly, Christine (1 each). Trish was the only person to attend all 4 matches. The lack of attendance meant our final standing is 44th out of 45 teams.

The dates and venues for the coming season have not yet been published. We are looking forward to welcoming more ladies coming to run under the BA banner next season.

There was a proposal by Dulwich to increase the team count from 5 to 10. Many smaller clubs have voiced their opposition as like us, many were not able to field a full team last season. The proposal was rejected at the AGM.

***Speedbird 5K – Wednesday, 8 May 2019***

I was not directly involved in the organising the event. Steve Taylor will brief on this.

***Vitality London 10000m*** – 27 May 2019 (Bank Holiday Monday)

Another successful marshalling event for us this year looking after the two Disley crossings at the Strand and Birdcage Walk. Alastair and Maddie were there early to collect the team kits and organised the distribution.

There had been communication delays from the organisers and we did not get our brief till a day before the event. The organisers had required us to stay at our marshalling points till 13.30 to ensure that everyone had pass through. Most of us were not able to stay as the coach driver was picking us up at 13.00. If we had advanced notice from the organisers (at least a month in advance), we would have been able to book different pick-up times with the coach company. In the event, Roderick and Christine offered to stay back at the Strand as they were not coming back on the coach. Hopefully this would not be a problem next year if we get the brief in good time.

A HUGE Thank You to all the volunteers for giving up their bank holiday.

***Other News***

We are proposing to host a one-off event at Waterside to celebrate the centenary of BA on Thursday, 26 Sep 2019. 26 September is also National Fitness Day. The event is a 100-km relay. This will be discussed in the forum later

**7.0 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.

Once again this year we had a full team in all but one fixture with the Epsom downs turnout

being 15 runners.

Also well done to Adam Moquet who came close to winning the senior individual title.

X/C Fixtures for 2019/20 season.

OCT 12th Richmond park

NOV 9th Epsom Downs

JAN 11th Oxshott Woods

FEB 8th Lloyd Park

In our own cross country championship we had 9 male runners & 2 ladies.

1st male home was Mark Taylor despite running the final 300 meters with

a serious Achilles problem.

First lady home was Julie Barclay.

Many thanks for all the marshals and time keepers on the day.

***Milocarians X/C***

Our annual invitation to the Royal Military Academy saw 6 BAAC runners brave a very

cold Saturday taking on a challenging course.

We were up against ten other teams and came in 6th with

Mark Taylor leading the team home.

The customary post-race tea of sandwiches and cakes was well received.

***Green Belt Relay***

BAAC once again made it around the Green Belt Relay this year, covering the 218 miles in time of

1.05:08:09 which was 25 minutes quicker than last year and finishing in 26th place.

There was also a remarkable individual performance from Dave Dixon with a V50 stage 5 record.

***LONDON MARATHON***

The London marathon had 14 BAAC finishers this year according to the official VLM results,

so well done to all.

Not sure what happened to the 21

Special mention must go to Jagjit Singh who had completed 12 marathons in 12 days from

13/04/2019 to 24/04/2019 than had 3 days rest before running the VLM for his 364th marathon,

then had the cheek to say he enjoyed it (what) and in a time of 5.07.14

Also thank you to all of the marshals & officials for all the hard work on the day.

I would like to thank the committee for their support during the past year and to the men`s

team for their great effort.

I'd liked to say a big thank you to Neil for all the reports he sends to the digest and for the Recruitment's he's managed to get to get in this year.

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

This is now our third summer without a full time Track & Field captain, following the departure of Eddie Giles. The post is still open for a volunteer to take over. Come and talk to us if you think it is for you.

In the meantime, Neil Frediani and I continue share out the duties. Most joint captains would tend to separate the task out into sprints and middle distance, or by splitting running from field events. We’ve taken a more cunning approach, with Neil concentrating on Wednesdays while I look after Mondays.

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.

Don’t forget that several members train closer to their homes. The Woking track, with its star coach Tom Rowley, and the Eton track, with its great throwing facilities, continue to support our team.

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

*The good attendances at the end of last season and the beginning of this promised a lot. In fact after the first meeting, at a new venue all the way over in Sutton, we were in the heady heights of 4th and 5th places in the men’s and ladies divisions. We actually had a surfeit of sprinters for the first time that I can remember, thanks to the addition of Michael Ball and to Danny Treherne, both completing all 5 events. In fact including Steve Hillier and Neil Frediani, 4 of us completed all 5. Disappointingly, the ladies team petered out after 2 events due to injuries, holidays, shifts and other calendar conflicts.*

*Thanks to Kay Trinder, Julie Barclay, Jacqui Musselwhite,  Michael Ball, Kenny Ball, Danny Treherne, Steve Hillier, Paul Watt, Steve Newell and Neil Frediani for competing and helping us volunteer at some of the events, and  to supporter Tom Rowley. Sorry if I missed anyone.*

*The competition is low key and is mostly about challenging yourself rather than the opposition. At least 4 of us got pbs and in some cases multiple pbs, so if you fancy a go next year then make sure that you let Neil Frediani or Steve Hillier know.*

Our Vets League team this year has been small, but the performances have been outstanding. We started with a big team performance at Battersea in early May, and we haven’t looked back. Nine athletes represented BA through the summer, and we had great support from Tom, and encouragement from Harry when he wasn’t covering his official duties at the finish line.

Jacqui and Julie again performed very well on the track. Janet Smith dominated the infield, with comfortable wins in hammer and discus. Christine Munden starred in several track & field disciplines, with a determined 2000m walk and a great split time in the 4 x 400m relay.

The men were just as keen to do well. New sprint find Michael Ball improved from meeting to meeting. Ian Haylock and Paul Watt picked up good times running in huge middle-distance fields. Steve Hillier happily tackled anything which didn’t involve running too far, while Steve Newell continued to close in on Harry’s age group records.

A remarkable feature of the summer was the weather at the Uxbridge match in June. Cold winds and torrential rain turned the throwing circle into a paddling pool, the track into a river and the long jump pit into a beach with the tide coming in. It was the coldest track night we can remember. It was a one-off.

The Vets League remains a fun competition, and it’s open to virtually every member of our club, i.e. everyone over 35. Come and join us next summer.

Last but not least, we continued with our Monday night sessions at Uxbridge track. Illness and work commitments have disrupted some weeks, but we continue to train, and stage our in-house “Grand Prix” competitions. This year’s highlight must have been the competitive Wellie Wanging, Triple Jump and “wrong handed shot” evening, featuring regular Simon, with welcome cameos from Roderick and Eddie. We look forward to Tony returning to fitness and to training soon.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to an exciting year, and hopefully we will see some of you at our remaining Grand Prix evenings at Uxbridge.

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

My role has been events entries and results processing for the two main open events that the BAAC hosts, the Concorde 5 Mile and Speedbird Ladies 5K. With no Concorde 5M this year there was just the Speedbird Ladies 5K event. It’s interesting to note that in 2015 there were 20 runners, 2016 and 2017 around 40 runners, 2018 60 runners and this year 72 runners, helped somewhat by what looked like a flash mob run from Shepperton Running Group. Entries were taken in advance from Active Training World and Run Britain as well as on the day and the event was enjoyed by all who took part. Rod must have emptied all of the local Tesco stores of the roses which are nice finishers memento, thanks to Rod for his role in organising the event. Results were produced without any issues this year so another successful run and an event that is increasing in popularity.

1. **Election of new committee**

The following members were elected to the committee unopposed:

Acting Chair Roderick Hoffman

Deputy Chair Steve Hillier

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

Acting Track & Field Captains Steve Hillier & Neil Frediani

Committee Members (without portfolio) Steve Taylor

Trish McCabe

Nominations for the acting posts will continue to be welcomed.

1. **Open Forum**

***100km relay, September 26th***

Clara has published, within BA, some draft communications regarding a 100 x 1km event at Waterside. It will be open to anyone, but is expected to attract largely BA associated participants. Runners will be invited to earn money for their own charity. The proposed date is 26th Sept, which is National Fitness Day. There will be opportunities for club members to get involved, as runners or helpers.

***Members’ Questionnaire***

Roderick recently circulated a questionnaire to all members, and a useful number of replies was received. Issues included:

**What should we do with Wednesday nights?** On event weeks with food we have a double figure turn-out at Bedfont, but on the intervening weeks it tends to be between one and five. Is it time for a change? Perhaps a move to fortnightly, timetabled gatherings?

**Training events**. Eighteen members said that more are needed. We have led training sessions at the Concorde Centre, and Couch to 5K events at Waterside. Joe has offered to organise training sessions at Bedfont. It was suggested that one of the fortnightly sessions in the month could be used for training. The committee will review these suggestions.

**Runs of the Month**. The events are popular on paper, but turnouts have sometimes been disappointing. It was agreed that we should look for proposals and ownership of future events from members, via social media and the digest.

**Triathlons**: Some interest was expressed. There are some local opportunities to get involved in sprint events, including through Thames Turbos and Hillingdon TriStars.

**Team Relays:** Again, interest was raised through the questionnaire, but when it comes to raising a team it can prove more difficult. The Green Belt Relay numbers have been tight, and we have failed to field a team at the Bridges Relays and at the Runnymede Relays. We remain open to competing in these events if we can raise teams.

BAAC AGM 2019 minutes.doc Steve Hillier

**Athletics - Annual General Meeting - Treasurer’s Report for 2018/19**

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|  | Year to 31 March 2019 | | | Year to 31 March 2018 | | |
|  | Income | Spending | Total | Income | Spending | Total |
| **Income** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subscriptions (96) | -£875 |  | -£875 | -£819 |  | -£819 |
| England Athletics Affiliation (36) | -£595 | £610 | £15 | -£616 | £716 | £100 |
| Event Marshalling & Coach Hires | -£1,705 | £650 | -£1,055 | -£2,730 | £370 | -£2,360 |
| **Equipment & Sales** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sale of Kit | -£113 | £323 | £210 | -£117 |  | -£117 |
| WARR T-Shirts / Tax |  | £91 | £91 |  | £69 | £69 |
| Equipment / Clock Rentals | -£281 | £104 | -£177 | -£159 |  | -£159 |
| **Events** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concorde 5M (2018) | -£669 | £1,087 | £417 | -£1,207 | £1,382 | £175 |
| Ladies 5K (2018) | -£196 | £124 | -£72 | -£362 | £163 | -£199 |
| GBR (2018/19) | -£387 | £622 | £235 | -£50 |  | -£50 |
| XC |  | £75 | £75 |  | £130 | £130 |
| Track & Field |  | £51 | £51 |  | £125 | £125 |
| RTP, Watersplash, RTB, Quiz | -£176 |  | -£176 | -£507 | £167 | -£340 |
| **Spending** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Training Courses |  | £564 | £564 |  | £140 | £140 |
| County Affiliation Fees |  | £45 | £45 |  | £45 | £45 |
| Trophies & Prizes |  | £246 | £246 |  | £215 | £215 |
| Cards, Flowers & Stationery |  | £104 | £104 |  | £47 | £47 |
| Accommodation (Meeting Rooms) |  | £876 | £876 |  | £25 | £25 |
| Catering |  | £689 | £689 |  | £1,551 | £1,551 |
| Grand Total | -£4,997 | £6,260 | £1,263 | -£6,566 | £5,144 | -£1,423 |
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| Float | £50 |  |  |  |  | £50 |
| Stock Balance at year-end | £704 |  |  |  |  | £955 |
| **Bank Balance 31-Mar-18 (+ve)** | **£9,363** |  |  |  |  | -£8,547 |
| Loss during the year (-ve) | -£1,263 |  |  |  |  | -£1,423 |
| Outstanding Accommodation costs |  |  |  |  |  | £594 |
| Balance (+ve) | £8,100 |  |  |  |  | -£9,375 |
| **Bank Balance 31-Mar-19 (+ve)** | **£8,057** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Late banked 2017 items | £24 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early banked 2018 items | £67 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance+Late-Early | £8,057 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Basic Facilities from BA Clubs | £0 |  |  |  |  | £0 |

***Chris Kelly Hon Treasurer July 2019***

BAAC AGM Membership Report 2018/19

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| **Membership 2018/19 2017/18** |
| Honorary 7 6 |
| Joiners 13 10 |
| Renewed 80 87 |
| Left 17 28 |
| **Total Members 100 103** |
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| **Competitive** |
| Affiliated to England Athletics 37 44 |
| Affiliated through another club 15 10 |
| Non competitive 48 49 |
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| **BA Clubs Membership** |
| Life Members of BAAC 8 6 |
| Members of BA Clubs 33 37 |
| Non Members of BA Clubs 59 60 |
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| **Age Group** |
| 19-29 4 1 |
| 30-39 2 2 |
| 40-49 15 18 |
| 50-59 32 36 |
| 60-69 26 23 |
| 70-79 11 14 |
| 80-90 10 9 |
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| **Gender** |
| F 33 34 |
| M 67 69 |

***Alan Friar Membership Secretary July 2019***