British Airways Athletic Club

Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

Zoom Meeting online: 28th October 2020

Present:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Paul Brandon | Amanda Coombs | Alan Friar |
| Clara Halket | Steve Hillier | Roderick Hoffman |
| Chris Kelly | Steve Newell | Benita Scaife |
| John Scaife | Helen Smith | Janet Smith |
| Steve Taylor | Mike Thorn | Simon Turton |
| Barry Walters |  |  |

Apologies:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Alice Banks | Trish McCabe | Christine Munden |
| Joe Nolan | Gary Rushmer | John Williams |

As the club were unable to host an AGM in the Summer, BAAC instead issued a Committee Annual Report. This report was published to all members and is available to read in the BAAC Weekly digest dated September 14th. [(http://www.barunner.org.uk/News\_Digest\_14092020.shtml)](http://www.barunner.org.uk/News_Digest_14092020.shtml)

To ensure open dialogue with all members, this Zoom AGM was publicised in advance to all members. The following notes reflect any new points discussed but not already covered in the Committee Annual Report.

**1.0 Acting Chairman’s Report: Roderick Hoffman**

Roderick highlighted the consistent turnout by club members throughout Summer 2020, with continuing involvement in club challenges and regular events. The highest turnout achieved for any one event was 82, for the mile walk record attempt in October. Roderick summarised this briefly in a Haiku:

*Club members and friends*

*Join in challenges each week*

*Boosting their wellbeing*

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

Chris took us through the annual accounts, prepared in July, showing that our income exceeded our expenditure by £518 in 2019/20.

In response to questions:

1. Chris and Roderick confirmed that BA Clubs continue to pay for BA Clubs members’ membership at the Bedfont Club. It is possible to join directly with a £10 joining fee plus £10 pa. Effort and funds have been put into significant redecoration of Bedfont this summer.
2. Chris confirmed that £400 of unexplained withdrawals from the BAAC account have been reimbursed by our bank. No new withdrawals had been made and Chris will continue to check.
3. Chris advised that we have paid any 2020 fees already requested, but there has yet to be a request for 2020/21 Cross Country fees.

3.0 Membership Secretary’s Report: Alan Friar

Alan’s report was accepted without any further questions.

4.0 Ladies Captain’s Report: Clara Halket / Amanda Coombs

Clara confirmed that she was standing down after ten years in the role, and was thanked by the committee for her hard work, organisation, leadership and sense of fun. The good news is that Clara has agreed to remain on the committee in a “without portfolio” role.

The committee welcomed Amanda as Captain. Amanda has already been holding the job for the past two months. She is in communication with the Surrey League regarding a possible restart of the Cross-Country season, and with Gary and Steve H concerning a potential BA Cross Country race on November 22nd. The London Borough of Hillingdon are reviewing BAAC’s application and Risk Assessments.

5.0 Men’s Captain’s Report: Gary Rushmer (apologies)

Gary was unable to attend the meeting, but emailed to confirm that news of a possible Surrey League XC event on December 5th. Gary thanked Neil for his support over the past few years in building up the numbers of runners and for helping him with reports.

**6.0 Track & Field Report: Steve Hillier**

Janet continues to compete successfully in throwing events when they are available, and we have several keen members who are finding their way to tracks for interval training. Roderick’s challenges appearing in the Digest, especially the Ross Barkley 5K interval event, will keep us sharp for next summer.

The Vets League have already been in touch hoping to put together a provisional schedule for Summer 2021.

Steve wished Neil Frediani a happy retirement in the North East. Neil and Steve took on this role as “joint, acting” captains when Eddie Giles moved away several years ago. Steve would be very happy to pass over the lead responsibility for Track and Field to a volunteer, if someone is willing to come forward.

1. **Election of new committee**

The following members were elected to the committee unopposed:

Acting Chairman Roderick Hoffman

Acting Deputy Chairman Steve Hillier

Honorary Secretary Steve Hillier

Honorary Treasurer Chris Kelly

Ladies Captain Amanda Coombs

Men’s Captain Gary Rushmer

Membership Secretary Alan Friar

Communications & Events Secretary Roderick Hoffman

Statistics Secretary Paul Brandon

Acting Track & Field Captain Steve Hillier

Committee Members(without portfolio) Steve Taylor

Clara Halket

Trish McCabe

Simon Turton

Applications for the vacant posts will continue to be welcomed.

1. **Open Forum**

***Five Mile Handicap:***

Steve Newell is the organiser of this winter series. It takes place at Bedfont on Wednesday evenings. Steve raised the possibility of moving it to lunchtime, as many runners are now retired. Roderick proposed that we survey the views of the members, and discuss at the next committee meeting on December 2nd.

***London Marathon places***:

Simon queried how many places might be available for club members in 2021. Steve Hillier speculated that because so many runners had deferred their places to 2021, the number of places available to give out to volunteer organisations might be reduced in 2021.

***Club digest:***

Simon thanked Roderick for the work he had put into the digest during the past year, and how it had helped to keep the club together and highly motivated. All present supported Simon’s words.

***Quiz:***

Steve T asked if a Zoom quiz could be staged. Steve H to propose a date.

BAAC AGM 2020 minutes.doc Steve Hillier