British Airways Athletics Club

Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

Bedfont & Feltham Football & Social Club 11th August 2021

Present:

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| Julie Barclay | David Barnard | Fiona Bishop |
| Paul Brandon | Mike Dennison | Denis Foxley |
| Alan Friar | Clara Halket | Steve Hillier |
| Roderick Hoffman | Maria Jovani | Chris Kelly |
| Jacqui Musselwhite | Steve Newell | Benita Scaife |
| John Scaife | Francesca Stenham | Jakob Stenham |
| Laura Stenham | Maarten Stenham | Graham Taylor |
| Jane Taylor | John Taylor | Mum Taylor |
| Steve Taylor | Barry Walters | Paul Watt |

Apologies:

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| Tony Barnwell | Amanda Coombs | Piers Keenleyside |
| Andy Rayner | Helen Smith | Janet Smith |
| Mark Taylor | Simon Turton | Harry Wild |
| John Williams |  |  |

**1.0 Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting (Zoom)**

The minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were read and agreed.

**2.0 President’s Address: John Williams (apologies)**

John was unable to be present, the meeting clashing with a long-planned trip to Cambridge. He sent his apologies, saying that it would be strange having to miss the AGM at Bedfont. He thanked the committee for the hard work they had put in during a difficult year. He congratulated the award winners, and members for keeping the spirit of the club alive during lockdown.

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

We are here. I'm not going to talk about the last 18months, the memories are still too fresh. In five years' time we can perhaps look back and remember the year that wasn't. But not now. But we are here, we have come through it. The British Airways Athletics Club has roughly the same number of members, and I'm hoping the same bank status, as it had 18 months ago. Some of us have battle scars, all of us are at least two years older, and most wiser too. We have lost friends, as much due to age as due to other factors. Tom Rowley has left us after a good, but still too short, innings of 94 years. Other members are no longer replying to their emails. We may get a better idea of who is still with us on the 22nd September when we will be celebrating the club being 40 years old. 40 years - this club was founded in the same year that Charles married Diana, NASA launched the first Space Shuttle Mission and Post It notes were invented. But that is for next month, for today we are simply celebrating still being here. The committee is relatively unchanged. Last year Amanda Coombs stepped into the role of Ladies Captain. Don’t be confused if she looks identical to the previous ladies captain. Amanda can’t be with us today and Clara is speaking on her behalf. All the other faces are the same…albeit two years older.

And, as is customary at this meeting, please be aware that anyone who wants to step up onto the committee, "without portfolio" or even to take over as Chairman, will be most welcome. But I won't say it stronger than that because we haven't been allowed to bar the exit door behind you (joke).

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

***Accumulated Fund***

This year, our income exceeded our expenses by £1038, resulting in a Bank Balance at year end of £9,613. The main reasons were lack of spending on events and their corresponding costs.

We also managed to obtain refunds for the Vitality 10K Coach transports from 2018 and 2019 (£700), and settled the outstanding 2019 Awards engravings (£200).

NB. The summary at the bottom of the table inverts the historical (-=+) representation of ins/outs/accumulated fund to correspond to our Bank Balance representation (+=+).

***Income***

£804 Subs were received from 92 members (5 honorary) with 39 affiliating to England Athletics at £15 (which stayed the same for 2020 instead of rising to £16). The Club Affiliation of £150 accounts for most of the £147 cost, though one member paid for two years, and some members regular payments were £1 short.

In spite of that, as usual, I encourage Members to setup a yearly payment for 1st April. It can always be cancelled, or corrected, but otherwise ensures prompt, yearly, low-maintenance affiliation.

In 2020 we received £250 for marshalling at the Big Half, just before lockdown, and Clara was able to track down the Coach expense refunds for 2019 and 2018. Otherwise all Marshalling events were cancelled, with a corresponding loss of club income, so we were pleased on both counts to return to the Great City Race in July 2021, and look forward to their continuing revival.

***Equipment and Sales***

We spent £44 refilling our First aid kits, £25 on clock transportation (from 2019), and £21 on Street-O Maps for one of the club events. We didn’t rent out the race clock in 2020, or replenish its batteries, and there was no WARR to subsidise.

***Events***

There was no plan to hold the Concorde 5M in 2020, and the intended Speedbird 5K was cancelled due to Covid-19. There were some entries/refunds, and via the various entry sources – ATW and Run Britain – there resulted in £34 and £5.50 to be donated to charity. This total of £39.50 was decided to be split three ways between our usual charities, BHF, White Lodge, and also Feltham Food Bank.

We sent the £171 donation to White Lodge as raised in 2019, but there was no in-person Quiz this year. We agreed that, in lieu of food for members, we could afford to support some charitable donations and therefore sent £50 in April to both Feltham Food Bank (FFB) and British Heart Foundation (BHF). We also paid the donated refunds (£13.17) from the cancelled Speedbird 5K, to the FFB and BHF, but held back the White Lodge in case we raised further funds during the year, which we did not, so we do still have the remaining £13.17 to donate to White Lodge in 2021.

As mentioned last year, we entered the annual Green Belt Relay, in 2020, but it was not held, so our entry was carried forward to 2021, but that also did not take place, so the fee has been rolled forward to 2022…

We were not asked to affiliate to the Men’s or Women’s Cross-Country Leagues, as they were not held, nor the Rosenheim or Southern Counties Veterans AC Track Leagues, but we did settle some outstanding Track refunds of £20.

***Spending***

There were no First Aider or Coaching training costs again this year.

Our Affiliation fees to Middlesex and Surrey Athletic Associations were waived for 2020.

We had no shared Annual Awards ceremony, but did settle the bill for Trophies (£200) from 2019.

We spent a very small amount (£4) on printing, and were pleased to see no unexpected withdrawals from our account. Removing our Bank Details from our website may have helped this - but of course just ask if you would like to setup a yearly April 1st Subs payment 😊!

Unfortunately, Covid had other plans for our hopes of regular meetings at the Bedfont Clubhouse, but we have not incurred any costs as a result. We look forward to returning there, and enjoying more regular socialising in the near future.

*See attached report for full details.*

1. Membership Secretary’s Report: Alan Friar

We have 90 paid up members similar to the previous year. We have 2 new honorary members, David Barnard and Alan Anderson.

Of the 90 members, 39 are affiliated to England Athletics.

The number of members was roughly stable due the Club keeping in touch with members, promoting virtual runs and publishing their times. Because of Covid and the lack of marathons and other races, we were down on the number of new members.

The gender split is 2 males for every female athlete.

*See attached report for further details.*

6.0 Ladies Captain’s Report: Clara Halket on behalf of Amanda Coombs

Amanda had committed to a trip before the announcement of the AGM, but previous captain Clara kindly stepped in.

It had been a quiet year for inter-club matches, with no Surrey League cross countries taking place. However, the club successfully staged the Speedbird 5K in May, in Cranford Park. The race was won by Maria Jovani, closely followed home by Emma Moreton and Julie Barclay.

At the Surrey League AGM, it was agreed to merge the men’s and women’s’ Cross country committees. A working party has been set up to look at venues going forward. It may be possible to run junior, women’s and men’s races at the same venue on the same day.

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

Cross country.

Proposed league dates for next season are:

16 Oct Richmond Park

13 Nov Wimbledon Common

15 Jan Mitcham Common

19 Feb Effingham Common

1. **Track & Field Report: Steve Hillier**

It has been more than two years since we were able to get together in person, so please forgive me if I start with some more distant memories.

The 2019 Summer season was successful, and closed with some exciting in-house competitions at Uxbridge track. The highlight must have been the final Grand Prix event in September, featuring the long jump and 100m. Club age group records tumbled that evening, with Tony Barnwell claiming the V75 marks, and Harry Wild making the V85 records his own.

Sadly, both Tony and Harry have been unwell this year, and our best wishes go out to both of them.

2020 was a quiet summer, without any BA competitions. Nevertheless, some stalwarts continued their lone training, sprinting up and down hills, running shuttles in the park, or throwing a basketball tied to a piece of string.

We are back and competing in 2021! The Veterans and Rosenheim League are both operating in modified forms, and we started the season with a big group at Uxbridge, and some new faces in the team. We moved on to matches at Battersea, Perivale and Sutton, and there are two more events to come this season. Please come and join in the fun.

More club records tumbled throughout the season. Julie and Paul were always present and always strong in the middle distances. Jacqui and Michael sprinted brilliantly. Fiona joined the club and swept the board in her age group. Roderick demonstrated his walking speed at Battersea. Janet threw miles early in the season, then went off to swim with the triathletes in Tokyo.

One massive hole in our season came when we lost our coach. Tom Rowley has been the rock who we’ve trained around for years, and we will miss him.

We look forward to a successful ending to this Olympic season.

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

The Speedbird Ladies 5K event was a big success this year, as we gradually escaped from lockdown, with 27 runners taking part in the event. Thank you to everyone who helped in Cranford Park in May. We restricted entries to online bookings in advance, to help with COVID restrictions. This helped keep us safe, and reduced administration on the day of the event. Perhaps we’ll aim to encourage more advance bookings in 2022.

1. **In-house events report: Steve Newell**

Our 10K Spring and 5K Autumn Equinox events were the victim of lockdown. We were also unable to organise a group mile for last year’s Zoom AGM, but thankfully the traditional AGM mile returned to the track at Feltham this evening. Thirteen runners took part, with three others joining us “virtually”.

Last winter’s five-mile handicap featured four outings, and a full programme is planned for this coming winter. We will stick to the newly designed 2 x 2.5-mile circuit at Bedfont, which reduces the risk of new competitors getting lost and provides mid-race encouragement from the timekeeper.

This Autumn’s Equinox 5K will take place at Bedfont Lakes.

1. **London Marathon report: Simon Turton (apologies)**

The Vitality 10K was held at Hatfield Park on July 11th. Numbers were down this year, and we did not provide marshals this time.

The Standard Chartered City Race was held in the City of London on July 20th. It was the first race on closed roads in London since lockdown. Numbers of runners were down to 1600. Despite BAAC losing five marshals at the last minute through no fault of their own to COVID pings, we had enough people to manage a crossing in Finsbury Square. London Marathon Events were happy with our contribution, and will be sending us a donation for £200.

The Big Half is planned for Sun 22nd August, and BAAC has committed to supply 15 marshals. We are still one short. Trent Park Runners will not be joining us this year, but London Marathon will seek further volunteers to support our team. London Marathon will donate £250 to BAAC.

London Marathon, October 3rd. At the moment, 80 of last year’s 148 marshals will return.

We have been asked to be involved with Sector walks and briefings in London before race day.

Following a review of the allocation of guaranteed places to volunteer organisations, and as so many runners have deferred their places from 2020 to 2022, BAAC’s allocation of places for 2022 will be lower than in previous years.

1. **Election of new committee**

The following members were elected to the committee unopposed:

Chairman Roderick Hoffman

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

Track & Field Captain Steve Hillier

Committee Members(without portfolio) Steve Taylor

 Clara Halket

Paul Brandon and Trish McCabe have stood down from the committee. They were thanked for their dedicated service to the club.

1. **Presentation of Awards**

Mrs Taylor was presented with a 90th birthday cake, followed by tuneful singing.

The following awards were presented (2020 award unless otherwise stated):

Chairman’s Award John and Benita Scaife

Speedbird Ladies 5K 2021 Maria Jovani

Brian Forrester 10K Trophy Chris Kelly

Alamo Trophy 2019 Clara Halket and Trish McCabe.

Round The Block Trophy Roderick Hoffman.

Men’s Cross Country Challenge Trophy Mike Dennison.

Ladies Cross Country Challenge Trophy Julie Barclay.

BA Cross Country Championship Julie Barclay & Gary Rushmer

Most Improved Athlete Mike Dennison

Female Athlete of the Year Clara Halket.

Male Athlete of the Year Maarten Stenham.

The following awards will be presented at a later date, when the winners are available:

Five Mile Handicap Trophy for 2019/20

Veteran’s trophy

These awards were not presented for 2020 due to lack of competitions:

Ladies’ and Men’s Track and Field Grand Prix

The Club parkrun Trophy

1. **Open Forum**

Roderick was thanked for his work on the weekly digest, which has been a major factor in keeping the club together and active during the pandemic.

Subscriptions will be unchanged during the coming year.

We will be holding a 40th anniversary celebration later in the year, with food and drinks generously subsidised by a club member.

We hope to stage a Round The Park event in the Autumn, possibly combining this with hopes to hold a joint event with Woking AC to celebrate the life of Tom Rowley.

BAAC AGM2021 minutes.doc Steve Hillier

**Athletics - Annual General Meeting - Treasurer’s Report for 2020/21**

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|   | Year to 31 March 2021 | Year to 31 March 2020 |
|   | Income | Spending | Total | Income | Spending | Total |
| **Income** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Subscriptions (92 Members) | -£804 |  | -£804 | -£918 |  | -£918 |
| England Athletics Affiliation (39) | -£618 | £765 | £147 | -£603 | £690 | £87 |
| Event Marshalling & Coach Hires | -£990 |  | -£990 | -£1,880 | £350 | -£1,530 |
| **Equipment & Sales** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sale of Kit |   |  |   | -£91 |  | -£91 |
| WARR T-Shirts / Tax |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| Equipment / Clock Rentals |   | £90 | £90 | -£200 | £62 | -£138 |
| **Events** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Concorde 5M (no events) |   |  |   |   | £89 | £89 |
| Ladies 5K (no event 2020) | -£28 | £25 | -£3 | -£454 | £360 | -£93 |
| GBR (no event 2020) |   |  |   | -£222 | £401 | £180 |
| XC |   |  |   |   | £175 | £175 |
| Track & Field |   | £20 | £20 |   | £245 | £245 |
| RTP, Watersplash, RTB, Quiz |   | £297 | £297 | -£171 | £683 | £512 |
| **Spending** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Training Courses |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| County Affiliation Fees |   |  |   |   | £65 | £65 |
| Trophies & Prizes |   | £200 | £200 |   |  |   |
| Cards, Flowers & Stationery |   | £4 | £4 |   | £36 | £36 |
| Bank Errors |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| Catering |   |  |   |   | £864 | £864 |
| Grand Total | -£2,440 | £1,402 | -£1,038 | -£4,538 | £4,020 | -£518 |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Float | £50 |  |  | £50 |  |  |
| Stock Balance at year-end | £464 |  |  | £613 |  |  |
| **Bank Balance 31-Mar-20** | **£8,575** |  |   | **£8,057** |  |   |
| Change during the year | £1,038 |  |  | £518 |  |  |
| Balance | £9,613 |  |  | £8,575 |  |  |
| **Bank Balance 31-Mar-21** | **£9,613** |  |  | **£8,575** |  |  |
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| Basic Facilities from BA Clubs | £0 |  |  | £0 |  |  |

Chris Kelly Athletics Club Treasurer 10th August 2021

BAAC AGM Membership Report 2020/21

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| **Members** | Life |  | New | Renewed | Paid-up | UnpaUnpaid | Resigned |
|  | 3 |  |  3 | 84 | 90 | 21 | 4 |
| **England Athletics** | Affiliated | Unaffiliated |  |  |  |
|  | 39 | 51 |  |  |  |
| **Gender Mix** | Ladies | Men |  |  |  |
|  | 31 | 59 |  |  |  |
| **BA Clubs Members** | Life | Current | Non BA Clubs |  |  |
|  | 2 | 30 | 58 |  |
| **Age Range** |  |  |  |  |
| 19-29 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 30-39 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 40-49 | 9 |  |  |  |  |
| 50-59 | 34 |  |  |  |  |
| 60-69 | 31 |  |  |  |  |
| 70-79 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| 80-90 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 91-100 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|   | 90 |  |  |  |  |
| **First Claim Club** |  |  |  |  |
| BA | 73 |  |  |  |  |
| Ealing Eagles | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Hillingdon | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Horsham Joggers | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Maidenhead AC | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Runnymede Runners | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Stockport Harriers | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Stroud District Athletic Club | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Thames Valley | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Windsor,Slough,Eton & Hounslow | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Woking AC | 4 |  |  |  |  |
|   | 90 |  |  |  |  |

***Alan Friar Membership Secretary August 2021***