



Amber Valley
& Erewash
Athletic Club

Amber Valley and Erewash Athletic Club Annual General Meeting

The Marquis of Ormonde, Codnor Denby Lane, Codnor
Monday February 25th 2019 @ 7.30pm

Minutes of the AGM

Present at the meeting (in order of signing on arrival)

Karl Ponty, Janine Bonser, Jennifer Whittaker, Karen Yates, Stefan Joyce, Andrea Collings, Chris Kirby, James Peacock, Jane Coope, Damian Banks, Tim Bennett, James Franco, Antoinette Franco, Joe McColgan, Nicola Tatham, Jayesh Dave, Tony McGraw, Keith Else, John Turner, Sue Turner, Bob Boyd, Richard Woodward

1) Apologies for Absence

Sarah Joyce, Steve Tilsley

2) Minutes of the last year's AGM (12th March 2018)

– the chair stated that unless there were any objections the minutes be taken as an accurate portrayal of the previous AGM.

3) Chair's Annual Report – attached appendices

4) Treasurer's Report

- **Accounts for 2018-19** – attached in appendices

John Turner talked through the accounts and added that the club had approximately £1600 in savings account that was not indicated on the accounts. John pointed out that the training income graph had a slight error but it was shown that training income had dropped slightly this year.

John explained that the club had spent less on equipment, clothing and coach education than predicted. John explained that clothing

expenditure is always more than income due to expenditure including the free t-shirts given to new club members.

Transport costs were higher than expected due to YDL coaches that had not been budgeted for.

John explained that despite fluctuations in different budgets the actual expenditure was very close to that forecasted.

A question was asked regarding facility costs that were higher than budgeted. John stated that he had slightly underestimated price rises. Bob Boyd stated that the new facility providers (Legacy Leisure) would only be adding normal increment to this year's prices as part of their agreement in taking over from Erewash Borough Council.

Clarification was sought that looking at the bottom line the club is spending more than it is getting. John confirmed that this was the second year we had made a loss but that was partly due to the change in having to pay for facilities in advance coming in last year.

Clarification was sought as to what was spent in the miscellaneous category. John explain that fundraising raffles were included in both the income and expenditure of the Miscellaneous budget heading. The other amounts were just for thing that didn't seem to fit in other budget headings.

Karl Ponty pointed out that the presentation evening made a significant loss of £2000 but was less than last year which cost £3000. John confirmed that this was correct.

Training session income was £3000 less than last year. Karl stated that he felt the Tuesday to Wednesday summer change had a major effect on the monies taken by the club. The question was asked if membership numbers had declined. Andrea Collings explained that numbers of the Tuesdays in the summer had been around 120 but this year the number on the Wednesdays was around 70.

Karl suggested that athletes that used to do Tuesdays as Foundation group in the summer saw and joined Tuesday groups that trained in the winter but that with the change last year that link had now gone. Karl explained that this was the reason that we had moved the foundation group from Wednesday in the first place and last year's change had reversed it. Joe McColgan asked if the there was a trend in declining

numbers on Wednesday and Andrea stated there was and a reduction in membership and volunteers as some people used to only come to train on Tuesdays in the summer as they couldn't do Wednesday. Joe stated that he was surprised that the numbers had gone down that much.

Karl offered an explanation that sibling issues may also come into it; where older athletes trained on a Tuesday, their younger siblings used to be able to also train making it a family activity evening. That opportunity for families to encourage younger siblings to get involved by having all age groups together had now gone and parents would need to make additional trips to the facility for different children on different nights or to introduce younger ones to the sport. This can make things much more difficult for a family and less likely that all family members would take part in athletics.

- **Budget for 2019-20** – attached in appendices

John stated that he had budgeted for subs income and membership to be similar to last year. John had added to forecast expenditure of facility and equipment. John suggested closer management of the actual monies raised at each training session to consider individual session costs as he felt we are barely breaking even on Tuesday and Thursday.

There was a discussion about how different clubs pay their fees and what they receive for it.

5) Amendments to the Club Constitution

The changes to the constitution were to add a second Welfare Officer; change the financial year end date to the end of September and to move the AGM to October/November. These we all approved in accordance with the wording suggestions and are listed below.

- 1) Add a second Welfare Officer position to meet England Athletics guidelines (one male, one female).**

5 Management Committee

"The club will be managed through a management committee consisting of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Officials Secretary, Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer(M), Welfare Officer(F), Facilities Officer, Social Events Officer, General Committee Members (5), Recreation Group Coordinator and Foundation Group Coordinator. Only these posts have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee."

2) Change the timing of the AGM and change the Club financial year end in accordance.

7 Annual General Meeting

*The AGM shall be held between **15th October and 15th November.***

6 Finance

*The club is operated as non-profit organisation. All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club and used for club purposes only. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for administrating the finances of the club. The financial year will end on **30th September.***

6) Election of Club Management Committee

There were no contested positions. There was a show of hands in support of the proposed committee members. It was asked if there were any objections to anyone holding any of the posts. No objections were forthcoming.

Chair	Bob Boyd
Vice Chair	Stefan Joyce
Secretary	Karl Ponty
Treasurer	Karl Ponty (Acting)
Membership Secretary	Andrea Collins
Officials Secretary	(Vacant)
Facilities / Equipment Officer	Tim Bennett
Welfare Officers	Joe McColgan, Sarah Joyce
Social Event Officer	Nicola Tatham
Coaching Coordinator Foundation	(Vacant)
Coaching Coordinator Recreation	(Vacant)
General Committee Members (5)	Damian Banks
	Jayesh Dave
	Karen Yates
	Richard Woodward
	(1 Vacant)

7) Questions from the Floor

There were a number of questions from the floor regarding club issues in general.

These included:

Paying fees and memberships online.

Paying fees in blocks of periods of time (ie quarterly).

Considering fees for families and those training most frequently.

Erewhash Health Scheme and Membership Subs.

Problems with older athletes not attending competitions. Sportshall was given as an example with low numbers of U15. How do we encourage U15s to attend ? Should we ?

U11s number very low at Cross Country. Can we improve session pathways and ensure diverse opportunity and experience to all younger athletes ?

Social groups with the club are responsible for many athletes attending sporthalls competitions in numbers.

Was the club becoming too reliant of Facebook ? Should we be using more of the other forms of media to get information out to members ?

Are some athletes specialising too early and therefore not feeling obliged to take part in the team competitions or separated from the "social groups" which help athletes/parents support a team.

8) Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 8:38