**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of**

**Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletic Club**

**Held at**

**Hockey Club, Down Grange on**

**Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 8.00pm**

**Present:**

Jackie Tobin, Jo Breeds, Carol Quinn, Felicity Edwards, Andy Poole, Andy Sleap, Caroline Wegg, Terry Wegg, Nikki Pickering, Colin Henderson, Cheryll Ragan, Andrea S;eap, Sue Scouler-Davison, Chris Blow, Paul Sandford, Sue Pett, Rowan Chaffey, Ken Littlejohn, Wendy Littlejohn, Ian Byett, Alan Law.

**Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from: Reg Eade, Liz Flitcroft, Rafer Joseph, Caius Joseph.

1. **Chairman’s Welcome.**

Paul Sandford welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Paul thanked all coaches, team managers, officials and parent helpers and the committee for running the club smoothly. Nikki Pickering was thanked for taking on the responsibility for sourcing a range of branded kit. Attendees were encouraged to contribute to the meeting and to voice their thoughts and opinions on how the club can be improved.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the AGM on** **22nd February 2017.**

Jackie Tobin proposed acceptance of the minutes and seconded by Cheryll Ragan. The minutes were unanimously approved with no abstentions.

1. **Matters arising from AGM 2017**

No matters were raised.

1. **To receive Treasurers Report and Account for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2016**

Paul Sandford thanked Caroline Wegg for her diligent work as Club Treasurer. Ken Littlejohn and Colin Henderson were also thanked for their work as auditors.

Our Financial Report was available on-line and show our finances are in a strong position. Paul thanked those who have helped to boost club funds through organising events such as The Hampshire Hoppit and Speed Decathlon. It was reported that entries for the Hampshire Hoppit are strong and that participation numbers are up on those of 2017. Andy Sleap pointed out that although the stated cost of club vests look high, the accounts do not show ‘stock on hand’ and therefore our position on club vests is a healthy one.

Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Sue Scouler-Davison and seconded by Jo Breeds ans unanimously accepted by the meeting.

1. **To receive reports from committee members**

Reports were accepted with no questions raised. There were no reports from the committee.

Acceptance of the reports were proposed by Felicity Edwards and seconded by Cheryll Ragan and approved by the meeting.

1. **Life member presentations**

Life membership was awarded to Dave Ragan, who has been a member for 25years, and Junior Life membership awarded to Caius Joseph, a talented athlete who has represented GB this year in the Indoor Heptathlon. Dave’s award was collected by Jo Breeds and Caius will receive his at a presentation at the Club Open Championships in April.

The meeting acknowledged the contribution both recipients are making to the success of the club. Dave Ragan is not only a high performance athlete but is also an inspiration to the young athletes he coaches. Caius has only been involved in athletics for three years but has great talent. As part of Rafer Josephs growing training group of Heptathletes and Decathletes, Cauis is a great young role model.

1. **Election of Officers, Officer Holders and Post Holders to the Committee as well as election of auditors.**

Nominations proposed by the committee:

          Auditors – Colin Henderson & Ken Littlejohns

Seconded by Carol Quinn and accepted by the meeting.

All existing post holders confirmed their intention to remain in post. The Committee proposed acceptance, Ian Byett Seconded, unanimously agreed with no abstentions.

Paul Sandford thanked all individual members of the committee for their contribution.

The following posts remain vacant:

Vice Chairman

Junior Secretary

General Secretary

Youth Development Secretary

Other vacant posts:

Cross Country Secretary  
Public Relations Officer  
Sponsorship Secretary

Paul Sandford raised concerns about the volume of work being undertaken by the committee and encouraged members to contribute to the work of the club in any way they can. Members are being invited (and encouraged) to attend committee meeting in an informal capacity to gain insights into the running of the club and to support committee members and post holders.

Nikki Pickering was again thanked for her support in sourcing branded club kit. This is an example of work being undertaken by a club volunteer which would not otherwise be progressed.

1. **Membership fee changes**

England Athletics registration fee is to increase by £1 to £15.

Caroline Wegg proposed that due to the increase in EA membership, which will be passed on to members, there be no increase in the club membership fee for 2018. This proposal was seconded by Ian Byett.

Paul Sandford invited comments on the value of club membership. In summary, those present expressed the view that our membership fee is less than most other sports clubs and a number of other athletics clubs in the region and offers good value for money. However, the cost of participation in the sport goes beyond membership fees. Parents contribute further through the cost of transport to events and in the case of national and county representation this can be extensive and incur the cost of overnight accommodation. It was felt that our current fees represent a fair balance and that any future increase in fees would need to be considered alongside additional and improved facilities and club subsidy for long distance travel to represent the club.

1. **Kit Update**

Nikki Pickering provided an update on progress made sourcing branded kit.

The biggest challenge is to agree the colour scheme. Our club colours are yellow, black and red. Suppliers can source two colour garments but it is not logistically possible to finance and store branded items manufactured in three colours. Nikki proposes that we offer garments in single colours (red, yellow and black) with a secondary colour trim and allow each member to select according to preference. The club badge would be the unifying theme. There are strong emotional feelings about club colours. Whilst no formal agreement was made on colour schemes, it was acknowledged that Nikki has looked into this more closely than anyone else in the club and that her insights are well informed.

1. **Facilities Update including Persimmon Homes award**

Chris Blow informed the meeting of progress with the development of the Down Grange site. The council are currently looking at a three stage development.

1. Hockey pitch

2. Athletics stand

3. Rugby club

Sue Scouler-Davison gave a presentation on our Persimmon Homes campaign to win £200,000. The focus of the campaign has been:

Mobilising our membership

Mobilising the local athletics community via Hampshire Athletics & local junior leagues

Gaining the support of local running clubs

Gaining support from the wider athletics community (via SAL, BAL, Officials networks etc.)

Gaining support from the local Basingstoke community

Thanks was given to all those who have provided additional support and assistance and especially to Massi Chiosone at Impact for the printing of leaflets and posters.

Voting closes on Friday 16th March at 23.59. The club will be represented at the Gala presentation evening in York on 22nd March.

1. **Fitness & Health**

Given the inclement weather this item was deferred to a later date.

1. **Any Other Business**

There were no other points of business. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of the next meeting to be decided after this meeting.