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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at 1930 on Monday 24 November 2014 At Bracknell A C Clubhouse

Present: David Noble (Chairman), Jill Wright (President/Vice-Chairman/Officials Sec), Mark Balchin (Secretary), Carolyn Walker (Treasurer), Sue Bishop (LVP), Malcolm Charlish (Co. Championship Sec.), Andy Tuttle (Cross-Country Sec.), Dave Weston (Cttee), Conrad Rowland (Sports Hall Sec.), John Bayley (Reading AC), Phil Chastney (Cttee), Dennis Tucker (Cttee), Linda Rayman (Bracknell Forest R) Sue Francis (Compton H/Reading AC).

1 Apologies for Absence

Brian Bacon, Stella Bacon & Peter Virgo. DN asked for the meeting's best wishes to be sent to PV and to Julie Deadman.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were accepted as being accurate and were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

None.

4 Officers' and Section Reports

i Chairman

DN extended a warm welcome to everyone, without whose support athletics in the County would not be at the high level that it was. He offered his special thanks to all post holders and discipline secretaries, and thanked former members of the Committee who had retired in the last year. He paid tribute to all athletes and clubs in the County who had performed especially well in 2014, and looked forward to a positive 2015.

ii County Championships

MC's report covering the County Championships showed entries slightly up compared with 2013, although there were fewer female entrants. There were 19 Championship Best Performances, across the age groups, 6 of which were the result of UKA rule changes. The entries for the U13 Championships were slightly up on 2013, and 7 Championship Best Performances were recorded. It was reported that the 2015 events would take place on 25 May and 15 July. In response to a query from SF, it was agreed that, if sensible and practical, age groups could be combined for the longer races in 2015.

iii Cross Country

AT reported that the County Championships were held at Swinley Forest, hosted by Bracknell AC. He thanked Simon Walker, Julian Starkey and their team, who managed and marshalled the build-up and the day exceptionally well. Numbers were slightly up on recent years, with 234 finishers. Reading AC won most golds (11 out of 23) and overall (24 out of 69) medals.

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Berkshire won two team and two individual medals at the Inter Counties, with Grace Goddard (BAC) and her U15 team winning silvers, and Harry Digby (BAC) finishing 3rd in the U13 event, with his team also runners-up. Thanks went to the athletes, coaches and parents, who helped with the teams and supported the athletes.

The General Committee proposed selection criteria for the teams to represent Berkshire in future Inter Counties Cross County Championships. The motion to accept these criteria was carried.

iv Combined Events

The County competition had been held as part of the SEAA Championships in July. Zoe Forte (TK) won the County gold in the U15 girls' competition, Nadya Wisham (WSEH) was awarded a similar medal in the U17 event, while Luke Batup (BAC) took the County gold in his U17 event.

v Representative Events

SEAA U20/U15 – The U15 Boys finished 2nd, the U20 women 4th and the U15 girls & U20 men both 6th. There were individual wins for Lukesha Morris (WSEH), Danielle Opara (RAC), Amy Holder (RAC), Ben Harris (SJAC), Jude Compton-Stewart (WSEH), Bayley Campbell (WSEH), Nathan Gillis (TK), Luke Angell (TK) and Taylor Campbell (WSEH). The latter broke his own CBP.

SEAA Inter Counties U13 – The boys team finished 8th, while the girls ended up a very creditable 3rd. There were wins for Khumo Karas (WSEH), Diketso Karas (WSEH) and Kira Angell (TK).

UK Inter Counties – The August date again meant that selecting a team was difficult, and the turnout was poor. Although Berkshire had no individual winners, the men's team finished 9th in division 1, while the women, with a team of only 5, finished 2nd in division 2.

DN thanked all team managers for their hard work.

vi Officials

JW reported that all Berkshire events were well supported by County officials, and the County is well represented at regional and national level in all disciplines. Some new officials had emerged during the year. Ben Russell was part of a pilot scheme for young officials to work alongside technical officials at the ESAA Championships. He performed extremely well. JW thanked all officials for their contributions, and for their efforts in encouraging and mentoring others.

vii Road Running

PC reported on the category winners, who had been presented with their trophies at the beginning of the evening, having competed in the Maidenhead 10, Wargrave 10K, the Purple Patch Half-marathon [in place of the cancelled Wokingham event] and the Abingdon Marathon. 79 runners registered for the County Championships, with 64 competing in at least one of the events. The improvements to the entry system have removed many problems.



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viii Sports Hall

CR reported on another year of increased participation, both locally and nationally. There had been three county league matches, with strong performances particularly from Reading AC and Slough Junior AC. Those two teams also dominated the U13 and U15 County Championships, while Slough Junior AC prevailed in the U11 event. At regional level, the U11 boys finished 2nd and the U11 girls were 3rd. Both boys and girls U13 teams were 3rd, while the U15 boys finished 2nd and the U15 girls were 4th. CR thanked all involved in this form of the sport, who should feel extremely proud of their achievements.

ix Schools

StB reported that following the County Cross-Country Championships, Berkshire had its best ever results at the Inter Counties, with 3 individual and 3 team victories. At the English Schools Cross-Country, the girls' team won the team cup for B counties, following which 3 athletes were selected to run for England in the Home Internationals event.

The County Track and Field Championships yielded many CBPs and, again, the selectors had the difficult task of picking a team of 35 [from 61] for the ESAA Championships. Berkshire claimed 3 trophies, for the Junior and Inter Boys, together with the overall aggregate for the B counties.

In the Combined Events Championships, the Junior boys team reached the final, winning silver, while 3 individuals also reached that stage of the competition. The County Cup resulted in progression of a number of teams to the regional round, with the Intermediate team from Windsor Boys reaching the final. StB thanked all officials who had helped at events over the year.

The motion to accept the above Officers' and Section reports was carried.

5 Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Accounts

CW thanked PV for his help when she took over the role, and reported that the backlog of accounts, together with those covering 2013-14, had been audited by Terry Williams. There was an outstanding first aid bill that had still not been received. The community account had been reduced from £10,584 to £6,084, as a result of planned purchases. Expenditure over income for the year was £4,453, compared with income over expenditure of £2,064 in 2012-13. The General Committee had proposed an affiliation fee of £50 for all clubs for 2014-15.

The motions to accept the Treasurer's report and the affiliation fee of £50 were both carried.

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6 Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2015

The motion to elect the following was carried:

Chairman	David Noble
Vice Chairman	Jill Wright
General Secretary	Mark Balchin
Treasurer	Carolyn Walker
Officials' Secretary	Jill Wright
Road Running Secretary	Phil Chastney
Cross-Country Secretary	Andy Tuttle
T&F Championships Sec	Malcolm Charlish
Sports Hall Secretary	Conrad Rowland
General Members	Dave Weston Dennis Tucker <i>[5 vacancies]</i>

Peter Virgo was elected as a Life Vice-President.

A School's representative would be appointed by Berkshire Schools AA.
Previously elected Life Vice-Presidents are Brian Bacon, Sue Bishop, Mick Marlow, Don Vickers and Jill Wright.

7 Date of first General Committee meeting in 2015

The first meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 12 January at the Reading AC clubhouse.

Signed..... Chairman

Date