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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at 1930 on Monday 24 November 2025
At Bracknell A C Clubhouse

Present: David Noble (Chairman), Jill Wright (LVP/President/Vice-Chairman/Officials Sec.), Mark Balchin (Cttee), Stella Bacon (LVP/Schools Rep.), Susan Francis (RAC/Compton, Cttee), Leila Oliver (General Secretary), Sam Whalley (Cross Country Sec, RRR), Conrad Rowland (Treasurer/Sportshall Sec.), David Priddy (Road Running Sec, DD), Conrad Milton (WSEH), Sarah Urwin-Mann (RAC, Cttee), Malcolm Charlish (Track & Field Sec/LVP), Richard Whybrow (Officials), Dave Waterman (MAC), Jon Oliver (MAC), Gavin Marsh (RAC), Matt Kimpton (Wargrave & Twyford), Julian Starkey (Committee), Justin May (RAC), Bob Broadbridge (Newbury)

Apologies for Absence
Michael Twomey (Reading Joggers), Sue Bishop (LVP), John & Benita Scaife (MAC)

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting
The secretary confirmed that the question asked by WSEH in AOB was answered by email on 27th January 2025.
The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted as being accurate and were signed by the Chairman.

2 Officers' and Section Reports
Highlights of the reports were received from the Chairman and from Officers, covering the T&F County Championships; the SEAA Inter Counties U15/U17 Championships; the Southern Inter Counties U13 Championships; the County and Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships; Sportshall events; the County Road Running Championships; Officials; and Schools events.
These are available to view on our website.

Road Running - MAC asked the question why the age groups are misaligned between the genders?
From next year men's and women's age group categories will be aligned to '0s'.
Newbury may be able to help find a 10k in the West Berks area.

Sportshall – George Bunner founder of Sportshall has died, he helped Brian Bacon (LVP) to set up the county Sportshall competition in Berkshire.

SEAA are discussing the future of the U15/17 U20/senior Intercounty competitions due to poor attendance and age group changes.

Officials – JW has been awarded her 40yrs (actually 60yrs) services to officiating paperweight by England Athletics.

Schools – 2025 was the centenary of the English Schools Athletic Association of which Berkshire was one of the founding counties. Berkshire Schools thanked all Berkshire Officials for their support with Berkshire Schools events.
JW confirmed ESAA not changing age groups in 2026 but will align in 2027. This may mean some young athletes are throwing or hurdling different heights when at Schools competitions.
The motions to accept these reports were passed unanimously.

3 Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Accounts
Full year income rose by 7.0% to £19,277.53 (2023 - 24 : £18,016.49)
Full year expenditure £19,635.55, up 28.1%, (2023 - 24 £15,329.58 : 2022 - 23 : £11,598.14) to generate an operating loss for the year of £358.02 (surplus 2023 - 24 : £2,686.91).
This loss is attributable to significant increases in the cost of staging the various championships particularly venue costs, hire of EDM and photo finish.

As venue costs are likely to rise again this year and EA grants no longer available for the use of EDM and photo finish it is foreseen that expenditure could exceed income in 2025/26.

Motions to accept the Accounts and the Committee's recommendation to set the affiliation fee for 2025-26 at £100 were passed unanimously.

4 Track and Field Secretary
The general secretary expressed her concerns that despite many emails to clubs about the lack of a nominee for track and field secretary that she feels clubs have not even discussed the issue.

MC confirmed that he will stand for one more year but supported by Julian Starkey with a view to taking over from the AGM in 2026.

5 Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2024-25
The motion to elect the following was carried:

President	Jill Wright
Chairman	David Noble
Vice Chairman	Jill Wright
General Secretary	Leila Oliver
Treasurer	Conrad Rowland
Officials' Secretary	Jill Wright & Richard Whybrow
Road Running Secretary	David Priddy
Cross-Country Secretary	Sam Whalley *confirmed that 2026 is her last year*
T&F Championships Sec	Malcolm Charlish supported by Julian Starkey
Sports Hall Secretary	Conrad Rowland
General Members	Mark Balchin, Sue Francis, Sarah Urwin-Mann, Julian Starkey

[3 vacancies]

The secretary pointed out that there are no representatives from BAC, WSEH, Newbury or Team Kennet on the committee.
A School's representative would be appointed by Berkshire Schools AA.

[Non-Elected Life Vice-Presidents are Brian Bacon, Stella Bacon, Sue Bishop, Malcolm Charlish, Don Vickers, Carolyn Walker and Jill Wright.]

5 Date of first General Committee meeting in 2026
The first meeting would take place at 7.00 pm on Monday 19 January at the Reading AC clubhouse.

6 Any other business
The loss of Stuart White (MAC and former Berkshire Road Running Secretary) and Fred Allen were reported.

Meeting closed at 21:03

Signed…… Chairman

Date ……