BERKSHIRE ATHLETICS

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at 1930 on Monday 23 November 2026
At Bracknell A C Clubhouse and online via Googlemeet

1 Present:
In person: 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), Conrad Rowland (Treasurer/Sportshall Sec.), David Priddy (Road Running Sec, DD), Janet Smith (WSEH), Sarah Urwin-Mann (RAC, Cttee), Malcolm Charlish (LVP), Richard Whybrow (Officials), Julian Starkey (T&F Secretary), Bob Broadbridge (Newbury), James Martin (TVT), Jolyon Roe (Reading Joggers), Corinne Callaway (Reading Joggers), Andy Bryant (Reading Joggers), Julie Dew (RAC, Official), John Wright (BAC, Official), Ken Spencer (BAC), Susan Bishop (LVP),
Online: Sam Whalley (Cross Country Sec, RRR) Miles Bennett (MAC), Adam Rennie (RAC) Darren James (Compton Harriers)
Apologies for Absence
Team Kennet, Helen Wilson (Official)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting
There were no questions or comments on the minutes of the 2025 AGM.
The minutes of the 2025 AGM were accepted as being accurate and were signed by the Chairman.

3 Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Accounts

Full year operating income was up marginally at £19,431.66 (2024 - 25 : £19,277.53) before interest and other oncome.
Full year operating expenditure was down at £18,857.98 (2024 - 25 £19,635.55) to generate an operating surplus for the year of £573.68 (loss 2024 - 25 : £358.02).
Cross-country, as in previous years, contributed a surplus for the year of £667.98 from income of £3,448.80 (2024 - 25 : £3,618.65)
Historically a major contributor to the annual revenue and income generation of Berkshire Athletics has been the Track and Field county championships. In 2026 expenditure rose 10.2% to £5,574.72 up from £5,062.49 in 2025, attributable to an increase in general administration expenses and the cost of medals.
Overall revenue from Sportshall increased 5.2% to £7,997.50 (2025 £7,604.00) with increased participation in events run by the county contributing significantly. The county was again represented at and contributed travel costs to attendance at the UK National Final. Sportshall generated income over expenditure of £1,014.18 (2025 £292.96)

True current account balance £24,092.86
- Business Savings account balance £7,173.54
- Total reserves at bank £31,266.40

In recognition of the current balance of cash at bank the recommendation is to hold annual affiliation fee at the current level, £100 for 2027.
The committee and those responsible for delivering the events staged by the county remain committed to ensuring a close control of costs and projected revenue whilst remaining sustainable and accessible to athletes of all ages and abilities eligible to compete for Berkshire.

Motions to accept the Accounts and the Committee's recommendation to keep the affiliation fee for 2026-27 at £100 were passed unanimously.

4 Secretary to present constitutional changes

Full details of the proposed constitutional amendments are outlined in the document available on our website.

Proposal 1
To change the wording of Section 6.) *Annual General Meeting point* v.)
Reasoning:
The current arrangements are too time consuming to administer, there is no specifics as to whether first claim members are those who are EA registered and if it was this would disadvantage clubs whose primary focus is road running. If every club had a representative on the committee and sent a representative to the AGM they would essentially have 2 votes. We wish to encourage more clubs to have a representative on the Berkshire Athletics committee.

Proposal 2
Add an additional point to Section 6.) Annual General Meeting as per England Athletics suggested constitution template.
Reasoning:
These days it is the norm to offer multiple formats to encourage attendance and enable voting at AGMs but as this is a specific point in the EA suggested constitution we feel we should add this to ours to safeguard future AGM arrangements.

There were no questions about either proposal.

Motions to accepted both proposals were passed unanimously.

5 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 U16/U18 Championships; the Southern Inter Counties U14 Championships; the County and Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships; Sportshall events; the County Road Running Championships; Officials; and Schools.
These are available to view on our website.

Chair's Report: The chair thanked everyone who has been involved with Berkshire events over the last year particularly officials who without whom events could not take place. Congratulations also to Berkshire officials and

athletes who were selected to officiate/compete at the European Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Track and Field: The date for next years championship's has been confirmed as 8th/9th May 2027 venue TBC.

Cross Country: SW thanked everyone who has helped her with organising the county championships and inter counties teams during her tenure as cross country secretary. The Chair thanked SW on behalf of the committee for her time as cross country secretary.

Road Running: the championship trophies and medals were awarded to all of the winners prior to the start of the AGM congratulations to them all. DP acknowledged that the numbers of entrants were reduced this year possibly due to event choices which again was the result of Wokingham Half being sold out before Christmas, Maidenhead Easter 10 being cancelled then Tadley 10 cancelling. DP is hopeful that the events selected for next year's championship will see increased entries but has asked clubs to promote participation in the county championships.

Sportshall: CR answered a question about how the age group changes have been implemented and that everything is going smoothly so far including the introduction of U10 age group.

U14 Intercounties: clashes with school holidays and a YDL meet made athlete selection difficult but a team was chosen and represented Berkshire to the best of their abilities at what is a very high standard competition.

U16/18 Intercounties: Selection also hampered by the timing of this competition which unfortunately meant some events had no athletes which makes doing well in terms of a team difficult. Despite this some of our athletes achieved top 3 places and pbs.

Officials: JW explained about the struggles finding officials to support the Berkshire Track and Field Championships, particularly level 3 or 4 officials this year. JW reiterated clubs promoting officiating and supporting county events not just club level events.

Schools: A busy year for Berkshire Schools with teams competing at all levels in cross country, track and field and combined events. Schools also struggle with finding officials to support with events but also with team managers and committee members to run the Schools Association.

The motion to accept these reports were passed unanimously.

6 Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2026-27
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	Vacant
T&F Championships Sec	Julian Starkey
Sports Hall Secretary	Conrad Rowland
General Members	Mark Balchin, Sue Francis, Sarah Urwin-Mann
	[3 vacancies]

A School's representative would be appointed by Berkshire Schools AA currently Stella Bacon.

Ken Spencer (BAC) put himself forward on the night as a general committee member, so the meeting agreed to elect him; **this was passed unanimously.**

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

7 Cross Country Secretary

An email had been received on the evening from Adam Rennie (RAC) putting himself forward as cross country secretary as AR was present in the online meeting he introduced himself and reinforced he would like to take over as cross country secretary. As AR was present the meeting agreed to elect him as cross country secretary; **this was passed unanimously.**
SW, AR and LO will meet to organise the handover process.

8 Any other business
There were no questions or comments either in person or online.
The chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
Meeting closed at 20:58

Signed…… Chairman

Date ……