

Avon Athletic Association

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Avon Athletic Association, held on Monday April 3rd 2017, in Room 2B066, Block B, UWE Frenchay Campus, Bristol, starting at 7.35pm.

Those Present: Andrew Ballentine (North Somerset AC), John Deaton (Secretary), Martin Fisher (North Somerset AC), Pam Gooding (President), Ray Gooding (Officials Secretary), Catherine Mills (GWR), Hilary Nash (Treasurer / Bristol & West AC), John Robbins (Chairperson), Andrew Woods (GWR).

Apologies: Mike Down (Life Member / Bristol & West AC), Ian Macintosh (Trustee), James Murphy (Welfare / Westbury Harriers), Jim Strudwick (Avon Schools AA).

NOTE: The attendance at the start of the meeting did not meet the quorum required by the Association's current Constitution (10 members plus the Chairperson and General Secretary). The current Chairperson, John Robbins, (having consulted with the other Officers beforehand about how to react to this possible situation) decided that it would be detrimental to the Association for the present situation to continue. He proposed, and those present agreed, to proceed with the meeting. If the meeting accepted items 11 and 12 on the Agenda, the Officers would consider the attendance numbers stated in those motions to be the new quorum numbers for General Meetings and Committee meetings respectively. If subsequently affiliated clubs, associations or individuals objected to this course of action, then they would have the opportunity to request a Special General Meeting to resolve the situation.

The General Secretary was instructed to notify the Avon AA e-mail circulation list of the situation.

Minutes of Previous AGM (April 4th 2016): accepted.

Matters Arising: Constitutional proposals for disposal of funds in case of dissolution of the Association: this matter will be handled in a proposed update of the Avon AA Constitution, planned to be presented to the 2018 AGM.

Secretary's Report: Circulated in advance (copies available on request).

John Robbins proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his work.

Treasurer's Report: Hilary Nash presented his final version of the Annual Accounts. (copies available on request). The Independent Examiner had approved the Accounts for 2015 but had yet to complete the examination of the 2016 Accounts.

It was agreed that, as in recent years, those Clubs / Associations in attendance at the AGM would be excused their Affiliation Fee for the forthcoming year.

John Robbins proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his work

Election of Officers: The following were re-elected:

President:	Pam Gooding
Chairperson:	John Robbins
Vice-Chairperson :	(no nomination)
Secretary:	John Deaton
Treasurer:	Hilary Nash

Election of other Secretaries / Coordinators:

Officials Secretary (Track and Field)	Ray Gooding	Re-elected
Officials Secretary (Endurance)	Ray Gooding	Re-elected
Cross-Country Coordinator	No nomination	
Road Running Coordinator	No nomination	
Track and Field Coordinator	No nomination	
Sportshall Coordinator	Dave Turner	Re-elected subject to consent
Welfare Officer	James Murphy	Re-elected subject to consent
Webmaster	John Deaton	Re-elected
Coaching Coordinator	Jim Strudwick	Re-elected subject to consent

Election of Team Managers:

Cross-Country (Seniors)	Keith Brackstone (Women) and Chris Elson (Men), subject to acceptance.	
Cross-Country (other age groups)	Neil Miller / Steve Parsons (subject to acceptance)	
Track and Field (Senior and U/20)	Ken Holmes	re-elected
Track and Field (Younger age gps.)	Will be appointed as necessary	
Road Running:	No nominations	

Election of Trustee: Gordon Robbins was re-elected unanimously for a three-year term.

Election of Independent Examiner: Sue Marchant was re-appointed to this post (subject to acceptance).

Motion from Officers: Amend paragraph 5e. of the Constitution, which currently reads:

- 5e. A quorum at the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be ten persons entitled to vote, excluding the chairman and General Secretary.

to read:

- 5e. A quorum at the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be six persons entitled to vote, of whom at least one must be the President, Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, or a Trustee of the Association at the commencement of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Officers: Amend paragraph 5e. of the Constitution, which currently reads:

- 5f. A quorum at an Executive Committee Meeting shall be three persons, excluding the Chairman and the General Secretary.

to read:

- 5f. A quorum at an Executive Committee Meeting shall be four persons, of whom at least one must be the President, Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, or a Trustee of the Association at the commencement of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Any Other Business for which the required notice has been given: None.

Meeting Closed at about 8.20pm.