

Avon Athletic Association

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Avon Athletic Association, held on Monday March 8th, by Zoom, starting at 7.05pm.

Those Present: Debbie Brooks (North Somerset AC), Mike Down (Bristol & West AC / Life Member), John Deaton (General Secretary), Dean Garrett (Bristol & West AC), Pam Gooding (President), Ray Gooding (Officials Secretary), Ken Holmes (Avon Schools AA), Penny Mannings (North Somerset AC), Neil Miller (Westbury Harriers), Hilary Nash (Treasurer / Bristol & West AC), Arthur Renshaw (Thornbury RC), John Robbins (Chairperson), Jim Strudwick (Avon Schools AA), Matthew Viner (Yate & District AC), Benedict Westhenry (Bristol & West AC).

Apologies: Andy Heyes (Clevedon AC), Ian Macintosh (Life Member), James Murphy (Welfare / Westbury Harriers), Mike Strange (Bristol & West AC / Life Member), Diana Viles (Team Bath AC), Sandra Woodman (Yate & District AC), Stuart Woodman (Yate & District AC),

Minutes of Previous AGM (March 25th 2019): accepted.

Matters Arising: None.

Note Regarding 2020 AGM: The 2020 AGM of the Avon AA was scheduled for Monday March 30th. On Monday March 9th the General Secretary sent out notification of the date, venue, and Agenda for the meeting, with the Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Annual Accounts following on March 16th. On March 17th, England Athletics sent out a ruling that all Committee and similar face-to-face meetings should cease for the time being. The Officers recommended to the membership that the AGM and subsequent Committee Meeting should be postponed until a date could be reliably set for us to meet in person, and that the existing Officers and other office holders should remain in post until such a meeting could be scheduled. No objections to this course of action were received, nor were there any adverse comments received about the Secretary's Report or Annual Accounts.

There was no easing of the Covid-19 situation which would have allowed a conventional AGM, and we needed to remember that a number of our activists fall into the age range where they may be more vulnerable to Covid-19. On October 6th the General Secretary sent out a reminder about the position, but received no requests for a meeting or suggestions for items to be discussed at such a meeting.

Chairperson's Remarks: (distributed in advance; full version available on request): The 2019 season around Avon was disappointing because of the delayed refurbishment of the Yate track and the issues over the Kip Keino track. 2020 was even worse, with so many meetings cancelled. So in 2021 the Association will need to give attention to its financial position if it is to be able to provide coach / officials support grants etc,

The Chair expressed his thanks to his fellow-officers, particularly to General Secretary John Deaton, for their work.

Secretary's Reports 2019-20 and 2020-21: (distributed in advance; copies available on request): Accepted

Treasurer's Report for 2019 and 2020: (distributed in advance; copies available on request): No-one had raised any questions in advance or at the meeting; however Hilary was willing to answer any queries by e-mail after the meeting. Accounts for both years accepted.

Election of Officers: in the unusual circumstances, the Officers had requested that anyone seeking nomination to any office with a post-holder in place should submit their nomination by Friday March 5th. However no such nominations were received.

The holders of the following posts were elected unopposed:

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| President: | Pam Gooding |
| Chairperson: | John Robbins |
| Secretary: | John Deaton |
| Treasurer: | Hilary Nash |

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

Proposed: Avon AA Officers: Seconded Matt Viner.

Election of Trustees: Gordon Robbins was due for re-election at the 2020 AGM if it had taken place, so it was agreed that he would serve until the 2023 AGM. Mike Strange was due for re-election in 2021, and he was unanimously re-elected until the 2024 AGM.

Election of Independent Examiner: No volunteer had emerged for this post. Hilary Nash was anxious that the accounts had not been examined for some time, and asked those present to canvass their clubs and other contacts to find a volunteer.

Meeting Closed at about 7.25pm, with thanks to Benedict Westhenry for acting as Zoom Host.