**SOLIHULL AND SMALL HEATH ATHLETIC CLUB**

**Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Solihull, on Thursday 16th March 2023, commencing at 8pm**

The Chairman, Robert Pinton, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 12 members present, their names are listed in the AGM Attendance Register.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Daniel Evans, Paul Novak, Steve Howes

1. **MINUTES OF THE 42nd AGM HELD ON THURSDAY 15th MARCH 2021**

The minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held on 24thMarch 2022, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken ‘as read’. The Minutes were duly adopted as an accurate record of the proceedings – carried unanimously. They will be signed by the Chairman, Robert Pinton. There were no matters arising.

1. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT**

A copy of the written report prepared by the Chairman, Robert Pinton, and read to the members present, is included as Appendix 1.

It was carried unanimously that the Chairman’s Report be adopted as presented.

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Honorary Treasurer, Robert Davies, presented a summary of the Club’s accounts for the years ending 31st January 2023.

Accounts are prepared on a monthly basis for the committee to review to ensure that the financial position is understood and that decisions on expenditure are made knowing that they are affordable.

The accounts have been independently reviewed by David Paulin and provide an accurate summary of income and expenditure.

The cash balances at the end of the year, 31/01/2023, were £797.04 in the current account and £12,746.32 in the deposit account, giving a total cash balance of £13,543.36

Robert pointed out that the Club does not exist to make profits and is on an even keel.

There has been an outlay for the purchase of marathon vests which are being sold at cost price to club runners.

Presentation evening returned in 2022 for the first time since COVID and is a large expense for the club £1,052.51. It is a great evening to celebrate the athletes and is well supported by members. Ticket sales go a long way to covering the cost of the event.

The Treasurer’s Report and Statement of Accounts was carried unanimously, and the Accounts adopted.

1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers and Team Managers were elected for 2023/2024, all of whom are entitled to attend Committee Meetings

**PRESIDENT** Lynne Moody

**PRESIDENT ELECT** Annette Brown

**CHAIRMAN/FIXTURES SECRETARY** Robert Pinton

**TREASURER** Robert Davies

**HONORARY SECRETARY** Steve Webb

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** Emma McLeod

**MINUTES SECRETARY** Rachael Easton

**COACH & ATHLETE CO-ORDINATOR** Lynne Moody

**FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR/** Annette Brown

**PROMOTIONS SECRETARY/**

**OFFICIALS SECRETARY**

**WEBSITE MANAGER** Steve Howes

**SOCIAL SECRETARY** Rachael Easton

**SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER** Richard McIlwraith

**CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS** Robert Davies, Lynne Moody

**WEBCOLLECT OPERATORS** Robert Davies, Robert Pinton, Steve Webb, Emma McLeod

**ADDITIONAL MEMBERS** Malcolm Payne, Becky Freeman, Simon Easton

**TEAM MANAGERS**

**CROSS COUNTRY & ROAD RELAYS**

**Senior Men** Steve Howes

**Senior Women** Becky Freeman

**Young Athletes**  Stuart Albutt & Robert Pinton

**TRACK & FIELD**

**Midland League** Robert Pinton, Becky Freeman & Mike Bracken

**YDL U13/U15** Lynne Moody

**YDL U17/U20** Sharon Jacks

**H of E (female)** Sue Taylor

**H of E (male)** Sue Taylor

**Sports Hall** Lynne Moody & Phil McDonald

Proposed by Committee and carried unanimously.

1. **ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS**

Graham Lawrence

A suggestion made by Peter Bacon and supported by Steve Howes is to propose Graham Lawrence for Honorary Life Vice-Presidency membership. Graham has been competing for us for over 43 years. As far as can be established the first race Graham did for the club was in the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross Country League on 3rd November 1979 at Michelin in Stoke, Graham finished 90th out of 162 finishers in a time of 40mins 56 seconds. Graham is now 75 years old & he is still competing, he finished 12th counter for us in the most recent cross country league race, and he has suggested that this could be his last cross country race as he is finding it hard going now!!! The committee agrees it would be a fitting tribute to recognise Graham & his service to the club over so many years & this certificate confirms you are now an Honorary Life Vice-President of Solihull & Small Heath AC.

1. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION**

None

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Chris Lawrence confirmed as Honorary Life Membership

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting to be over at 20:45 hours.

**Signed by Chairman……………………………………………………………………….**

**Date………………………**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2023 AGM**

I’m sure we are all relieved that the sport returned to normality during the last year after the restrictions & problems we’ve encountered as a result of the pandemic. Indeed, in some respects, it was a special year for us.

Stuart Albutt & Lynne Moody were nominated anonymously for Solihull Civic Honours but what came from that was for the Club to receive a Civic Honours Award in the Sports Category. We are very grateful to those who nominated Lynne & Stuart & they definitely deserve it.

I was fortunate & delighted to receive an England Athletics Volunteer award for Lifetime Service to the sport & I very much thank those who nominated me & supported it.

After missing 2 years, because of covid, it was great to have our usual Presentation Evening for our athletes which was a splendid success thanks to those who organised it & to Chris Lawrence for persuading Beth Dobbin to be our Guest Speaker. She was perfect in the role. During the proceedings, my wife, daughter & son-in-law arrived which was a complete shock as I knew nothing about this & wondered why. I was then honoured to receive a “Jacques” present from the Club for my 40 years of enjoyment. In addition, an award in my name is to be presented annually to our volunteer of the year & I was delighted that the first recipient was Steve Webb. All of this is very much appreciated.

Moving on to competitions, we just missed out on retaining a position in the YDL LAG Midland Premier finishing 4th in the N/E division & also 4th in the Area Promotion match. We were only 3.5 pts behind Coventry Godiva who were promoted. This year we are in N/E division 1B with all matches being double headers with div 1C.

We finished 2nd behind Tipton in the Midland N/E division of the YDL UAG. However, it was decided not to accept the opportunity to compete in the Premier promotion match because of a shortage of athletes mainly due to holidays. We, therefore, remain in a regional division 1 with all matches being double headers with another similar division. Why isn’t it all one division? This is the same issue as in the LAG.

In the Midland League, we were 3rd just 1 league point behind 2nd place. Only the top club is promoted to div 3 which was Leamington. This year our division will only have 5 clubs because Corby has resigned due to a shortage of officials, & athletes wishing to compete in the league.

We were 3rd overall out of 8 clubs in division 1 of the HOE league behind Stratford and R&N. This league provides the opportunity for more of our athletes to compete for our club & to feel part of the team.

At the Warwickshire T&F Champs, we had considerable success winning 15 medals. 7 of those were gold, Harriet Moss U15G HJ, Ben Duncan U15B 800m, Maddy Whapples U20W 100m & 200m, Lily Saxon U20 800m, Erin Troop U20 HJ & Ellen Crockett Senior women TJ.

Nuneaton hosted both the Midland Champs events. In June Gold medals were won by Lily Saxon JW 800m & Maddy Whapples JW 100m. In the same age group, Erin Troop took Silver for the HJ. The younger age groups were in August when Dan Scott became Midland champion in the U17 400m with a personal best of 49.93 secs. Harvey Nelson won Silver in the U15B 200m.

We had 4 athletes selected for the English Schools T&F Champs. They were Daisy Burton who was 6th in JG HJ clearing 1.56, Harvey Nelson 4th in the JB 200m heat in 23.53 secs, Dan Scott was 8th in the IB 400m final having clocked 50.11 in his heat, and Erin Troop was 10th in the Senior girls’ HJ with 1.58m.

Turning to cross country & the Warwickshire championships, our U15 Boys team was 2nd to gain the Silver awards being only 1 point off Gold. The team comprised Peter Mitchell 4th, Ben Duncan 6th & William Wort 7th. The under 17 Men’s team of Dan Wort, Tomas Maidment & Matthew Bate took the Bronze awards with Dan finishing 2nd to win the individual Silver medal.

There were excellent results for us in the B’ham CC league. Our A team was 4th out of 14 clubs just 1 place off promotion. Ben Holmes was 1st in the last match & 3rd overall. Jenson Williams was joint 1st for the Junior Men.

Solihull finished 8th overall in the WMYACCL out of 21 clubs. Our best age group team performance was the under 15 Boys who were 4th with Ben Duncan our highest placed male individual in 6th & for the girls it was Freya Mustin being 5th out of 167 under 11s.

The following athletes were selected to represent Warwickshire in the British Champs/CAU Inter-Counties. Their finishing positions are shown & their Warwickshire position if they scored for the County: Under 15 Boys Ben Duncan 108 & 3rd & Peter Mitchell 187, under 15 Girls Dollie owney Fellows 140 & 2nd, Lola Barker 212, under 17 Boys Daniel Wort 137 & 4th, under 17 Girls Amira Hamilton 190 & Senior Men Jenson Williams 105 & 4th.

For the English Schools CC Champs at Nottingham on 18/3, the following will represent the West Midlands: Junior Boys William Wort, Junior Girls Dollie owney Fellows & Lola Barker, Inter Boys Ben Duncan, Peter Mitchell, Daniel Wort and Senior Boys Thomas Dainty.

The B’ham Sports Hall League restarted in January after nearly 3 years. We have already done exceptionally winning all age groups & clear winners overall in the first 2 matches. Many of our athletes will be selected to represent the league in a Regional competition on the 18th March.

All these competitions & achievements would not have happened without a large number of committed volunteers. You cannot be thanked enough for all you do but we all know we need more help on a regular basis & more people obtaining qualifications for coaching & officiating. We have made some progress in certain areas but much more is needed. **It isn’t just promises we need, but actions.**

Thank you

Robert Pinton