



## Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club

Minutes of AGM

Held on 21/03/2023 at 7:30pm

Venue: HAAC Clubhouse

### Those Present

#### Committee

Laura Johnstone (Chair), Emma Wilson, Daz Murphy, Ian Brown, Kenny Flett, Diane Mclaughlin, Becky Parry, Ian Williams, Alan Oliver, Lucy Impey

#### Members

Gordon King, Mathew Scott, Gareth Wilson, Stephen Humphries, Emma Cummings, Sarah Blandy, Nicky Bridges, Craig Binnie, Richard O'Grady, Michael Sweeney

### Apologies

Katie Flett, Debbie Savage, Vicki Nankivel, Carole Barrie, Sybil Kennedy, Gordon Andrew

### Item

#### Discussion

#### Action

### President's Report

Laura opened the meeting and confirmed that the AGM had sufficient members in attendance to be quorate.

#### Report

Since the last AGM, membership numbers have recovered well with 78 senior members and 81 junior members being recorded.

Following the lifting of the COVID restrictions, club activities have returned to normal with full training sessions for both juniors and Seniors throughout the last year. Senior turnout has been consistently good for both Tuesday night speed sessions and Thursday night trail runs.

Junior members continue to benefit from the work of our skilled and dedicated volunteer coaches which, under the guidance of our professional coach, provides an improvement pathway for young athletes.

An update on the races organised by the Club was given. While these races are important to the club finances, they also promote the club within the athletic and wider community.

The mid-week 10k, part of the Babcock Series, was back to pre-COVID numbers. While the Hel'n'Back trail race numbers were down on previous years, it was still an extremely successful event.

Many notable performances over the year were noted, from Christopher O'Grady's Bronze Medal at the recent national Cross Country to Debbie Savage and Jan Fellows marathons in Antarctica. Trail, Ultra and Cross Country running continue to be extremely popular within the club with members supporting many local events.

	<p>Laura reminded the meeting that the Club has been operating for several years as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and outlined the benefits, both legal and financial. The election of Trustees later in the meeting will be in accordance with this.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer (Ian B) started by clarifying that his report related to Financial Year 2021/2022 when COVID restrictions continued to be in place.</p> <p>As such, no income from HAAC organised races had been received in this period, which had a significant impact on Club finances. This, along with reduced membership income, had contributed to a deficit of £6543 for the full year. A summary of the profit and loss statement is contained in the Trustees report which has been submitted to OSCR (charities regulator) and can be found on the HAAC website <a href="http://www.helensburghaac.com">www.helensburghaac.com</a></p> <p>Treasurer noted that the increased membership numbers and race income in the <u>current year</u> has significantly improved the financial position of the Club but a deficit of around £2.5K is forecast.</p>	
Membership Fees	<p>Daz outlined the Committee's proposal on increasing membership fees for Junior members.</p> <p>Junior fees have not increased for a number of years and it is felt that, even with a 20% increase from £100 to £120, it still represents good value. A reduction for additional children in the same family would be available: £100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Child and £80 for 3<sup>rd</sup> child. It was noted that this was an annual fee, paid as a single amount with no ongoing fees. This was carried unanimously by the meeting.</p> <p>On senior fees, the Committee's proposal was to return the fees to pre-COVID levels. This would increase the Senior fees from £45 to £50 per annum, with Student rates remaining at £28 and over 60s increasing to £32 per annum. This was carried unanimously by the meeting.</p>	
Facilities Update	<p>The capital investment planned at Hermitage Academy to construct a 3-lane long jump runway and javelin/shotput throw area has been delayed due to COVID and due to the multiple parties involved. Initial quotes for this work (from early 2020) were in the £60 -£70K region but are in the process of being updated.</p> <p>A meeting between Argyll and Bute Council, Mitie and Hermitage Academy will take place later this month and a follow up involving HAAC and Scottish Athletics is planned for mid April.</p> <p>This will be a Zoom meeting and Daz, Ian W and Ian B will attend.</p>	
Trustee Election	<p>Kenny and Katie Flett had both advised that they did not intend to stand for re-election at this AGM. Laura thanked Kenny and Katie for their contribution to the club over the years.</p> <p>Laura asked for a volunteer to take on the role of Clubhouse maintenance. This would include activities such as boiler maintenance and fire extinguishers etc. Nicky Bridges kindly volunteered to take on this role and indicated she would also be happy to stand for election as</p>	

	<p>a Trustee.</p> <p>The following members indicated their willingness to stand for election as Trustees of HAAC in the coming year:</p> <p>Laura Johnstone  Debbie Savage  Ian Brown  Daz Murphy  Ian Williams  Emma Wilson  Becky Parry  Dianne McLaughlan  Alan Oliver  Lucy Impey  Nicky Bridges</p> <p>The meeting unanimously elected the above group as Trustees for the Club in the coming year.</p> <p>Ian B proposed the auditor for the 2022/2023 accounts should remain as Linda Hunter Accounting and Consultancy Services, Helensburgh.</p> <p>This was agreed.</p>	
AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Trail Race – Laura outlined a new trail race that she was considering organising next year. It would be based at Helensburgh Rugby Club and follow a challenging 10Km route onto the paths behind Duchess Wood. To avoid conflict with other events it was felt a March date would be best.</li> <li>2. Junior Hel'n'Back – Gareth asked if there would be a junior version of Hel'n'back this year as this had previously been popular. Laura said we would explore options for this.</li> <li>3. Monthly Meeting Schedule – It was felt that the dates of monthly Trustee meetings should agreed in advance. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month was agreed, and a timetable would be issued.</li> </ol> <p>The meeting closed at 20:35.</p>	