

	Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club Minutes of AGM Held on 01/11/2023 at 7:30pm Venue: HAAC Clubhouse	
Those Present	<u>Committee</u> Daz Murphy (Acting Chair), Emma Wilson, Ian Brown, Diane McLaughlin, Becky Parry, Alan Oliver, Lucy Impey, Debbie Savage, Nicky Bridges, <u>Members</u> Gordon King, Nora Morocza, Sybil Kennedy, Kathryn Sobers, Jill Rooney, Mathew Scott, Sarah Blandy, Claire Heasman, Julie McCall, Willie Valentine, Sophie Montieth, Jan Fellows, Linda Wright, Alan Reeve.	
Apologies	Ian Williams, Laura Johnstone, Julia McAfee, Michael Sweeney, Lorna Douglas, Kerriann Watt, Pamela Groat, Beverley Murphy	
Item	Discussion	Action
Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 21st March 2023	Apologies had been received from Laura Johnstone, President. To allow the AGM to proceed it was agreed that Daz Murphy, Junior Secretary, would Chair the meeting. Daz confirmed that sufficient members were present to ensure the meeting was quorate. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 21 st March 23 were proposed by Lucy Impey and seconded by Alan Oliver.	
President's Report	In the absence of Laura, Ian B (Treasurer) gave a brief report. Ian started by thanking the Committee and Coaching team for giving freely of their time throughout the year. A special mention was extended to Debbie Savage, Laura Johnstone and Daz Murphy for organising the 10Km, Hel'n'back and the Highland Games Athletics/Hill Race, all of which are extremely important to the Club. Thanks also to Nicky Bridges, who joined the committee in March 23 as the Clubhouse Manager, for ensuring building compliance and organising the clubhouse 'spring clean' in July. Three Trustees are standing down at this AGM - Laura Johnstone (President), Becky Parry (Membership Secretary) and Lucy Impey (Secretary). All have been committee members for many years and their contribution has been very much appreciated.	

<p>Junior Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Daz gave an overview of the Junior section of the Club, noting that membership had recently increased to 93 following an intake of 15 new members to the RJT group.</p> <p>Highlights included: the primary school's cross country jointly organised by HAAC junior coaches and Live Argyll, with SA presenting medals; the Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games events in June also involved the coaches looking after the track events - an extremely challenging day; helping at water stations at the Balloch to Clydebank race; and supporting the water station and finish line at the Helensburgh 10Km.</p> <p>Competition remains an important element of the Junior Section and over the Summer HAAC participated in the Youth Development League (YDL) finishing in 5th place, and Central Scotland League (CSSAL) finishing in 6th place.</p> <p>The junior Club Championships were held at Linwood in September and medals and trophies will be presented at the awards night on 1 Dec 23. Numbers competing in cross country have not fully recovered but coaches continually stress the importance of competition.</p> <p>Daz formally thanked Gareth Wilson and Chris Baillie who are standing down as coaches after 7 and 10 years with the club, respectively.</p> <p>The junior coaching team now comprises of 6 adults plus 1 young coach, providing 9 sessions/week over the summer and 7 sessions over the winter, literally thousands of volunteer hours per year. New coaches are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining the coaching team should contact Daz or speak to any of the coaches.</p> <p>It was highlighted that we no longer have a waiting list for new athletes and have the capacity to take more. Those 11 or above can expect to be invited within a few weeks, those 9-10 will start at the next RJT group which begins each April and October.</p>	
<p>Facilities Update</p>	<p>Quotes were received in April this year for the jump/throw facility at Hermitage Academy. Unfortunately, these quotes, obtained by A&B/Mitie, were much higher than expected (circa. £150K).</p> <p>Scottish Athletics are now involved and have requested a quotation from their affiliated contractor, although nothing received yet.</p> <p>Separately, Lomond School has been approached to open discussions on developing an athletics facility in conjunction with them, but again limited progress.</p>	

Treasurer's Report	Financial commentary and summary report had been circulated at the start of the meeting. Treasurer highlighted the main points and answered questions arising.	
Annual Subscription	<p>The committee recommendation is to maintain the Junior and Senior subscriptions at the current level for 2024/2025.</p> <p>Junior membership has been paid through Team App/Stripe this membership year for the first time. This has proved to be extremely successful although there is a 4% fee on each transaction.</p> <p>While the Club has paid this charge in the first year, it was always intended to pass this on to members in subsequent years. It was unanimously agreed that the subscriptions should be maintained at their current level for 2024/2025 but the Team App/Stripe charge should be passed on to members starting next year.</p>	
Election of Trustees	<p>The following committee members indicated their willingness to stand for election as Trustees of HAAC in the coming year:</p> <p>Debbie Savage Ian Brown Daz Murphy Ian Williams Emma Wilson Dianne McLaughlan Alan Oliver Nicky Bridges</p> <p>In addition, Claire Heasman and Jill Rooney put themselves forward for election as Trustees.</p> <p>The meeting unanimously elected the above group as Trustees for the Club in the coming year.</p>	
Changes to the HAAC Constitution	<p>The Committee had proposed the following changes to the HAAC Constitution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Clause 16 – Remove the requirement for new members to be approved by the Board of Trustees at a Board Meeting</i> b. <i>Clause 33/37/130 and other relevant clauses – Allow members to attend EGMs and AGMs virtually where arrangements have been made by the Board of Trustees</i> c. <i>Clauses 91/93/130 and other relevant clauses - allow Trustees to attend Board meetings virtually where arrangements have been made</i> 	

	<p><i>d. Clause 20 and other relevant clauses throughout – replace 'he/she' with 'they'</i></p> <p>Becky explained the rationale for the proposed changes to the HAAC Constitution prior to a vote being taken.</p> <p>These changes were unanimously approved with no objections.</p>	
AOCB	<p>None.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:30pm.</p>	