



Wolverhampton & Bilston Athletics Club (est. 1967)

Minutes of 53rd Annual General Meeting

held on Thursday 18th November 2021, 8pm at Fordhouses Cricket Club

Present: Ruth Burton (Chair), Colin Thompson, Tracy Cresswell, Nicola Wiggin (Minutes), Harry Cresswell, Claire Bradley, David Perkins, Noel McKakly, Richard Preston Claudio Albanese, Lewis Barlow, Peter Lisseman, Mary Harding, Nina White, Julia Cooper, Dave Norman, Greg Asbury, John Abbiss, Glen Lock, Ross Jones, Nikki Willoughby, Steve Ulfing, Pete Stark, Trudi Lisseman (24 in total).

<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies: None</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Confirm minutes of previous AGM held 21.11.19</p> <p>Due to covid restrictions, no AGM was held in 2020. Therefore, minutes from the last meeting held were distributed and were agreed to be a true and accurate record. Adoption proposed by Claudio Albanese and seconded by Glen Lock.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Presentation from Club Chair (Ruth Burton)</p> <p>Ruth Burton welcomed everyone to the 2021 AGM after what has been a particularly challenging 12-18 months with Covid – 19. The new norm of virtual races (thank you Adam Guy), zoom workouts and challenges that the young athletes and families in Ross Jones’ group took on. Even Duncan Davies’ Monday night Circuit Classes used zoom. These are just a few examples. We can now welcome more than 30 athletes into the stadium and we are gradually welcoming more members back; we have missed you all. Registration is still outside, and this week has seen the track closed due to the Grand Slam of Darts taking place at Aldersley. Although inconvenient, it is a big test for the council and if they get it right then hopefully, we can all meet inside at Aldersley very soon. Also, a huge thanks to Colin Thompson and Fordhouses Cricket Club who have offered the use of the outdoor space. He went above and beyond to ensure that our Road and Cross-Country runners had somewhere to train. He also organized the installation of floodlights that WBAC paid for (£3,700) so the facilities can be used on darker nights for many years. Part of your club membership goes towards our affiliation with FCC, so anyone training here, please stay for a drink.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation from Club Treasurer (Ruth Burton)</p> <p>Finance Statements – these are available for anyone to view. Ruth ran through the income and expenditure sheet report distributed at the meeting and as of 30th September 2021, we had a total of £35,542 available in the bank. We also have an additional £30,000 emergency fund in the bank, and we are looking at the options of where to invest this to give better interest. (This emergency fund is for if ever we have to leave ALV and start afresh). Over the last 3 years we have used a SAGE cloud database with an annual cost of approx. £216 and this has proven to be a worthwhile investment. Our accountant (£150/year) also appreciates the technology we have adopted. Payments to the club can be made online by BACs, by debit/credit card at the stadium as well as cash or cheque. The SumUp card system is a tremendous success. The folder with 2020/21 transactions and the accountants report is available if anyone wants to see it. All audited and signed off.</p> <p>Memberships - A revised list of membership costs was handed out to everyone giving details of current paid members including seniors (over 20), juniors (under 20) and new members. Proposed 2022 membership rates (including £16 registration payable to England Athletics) were voted on. Everybody agreed (24 votes) with no objections. Ruth added that these can be paid in full or three-monthly instalments throughout Jan-March 22 or if people wished to discuss payment options, they could contact Ruth. All the new membership costs will be on the website next week.</p>	<p>All agreed & new membership cost to go on website</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Amendments to Constitution</p> <p>Proposed Change (vote required)</p> <p>3. Committee and Officers</p> <p>3.1. The General Committee who shall meet on a monthly basis, normally the second Thursday of every month, shall manage matters relating to the running of the club.</p> <p>CHANGE TO:</p> <p>3.1. The General Committee, agree to hold a minimum of 10 meetings a year either in person or via video conference with the flexibility to amend the date where a monthly meeting is not possible within 4-weeks; to manage matters relating to the running of the club.</p> <p>Reason: The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted a need to amend this point. VOTE: all 24 agreed no objections.</p>	<p>All agreed and amendment to be made</p>

6.	Elect Honorary Officers for 2021/2022 The list was distributed, discussed, voted on and amended accordingly. However, several positions remain vacant for a Volunteer Co-Ordinator and 3 Committee Members. Interested candidates should speak to anyone from the Committee who can take this forward. A special thanks was made to Wes Champion for all his hard work particularly with the WMYACC and to Trish Morgan for all her work as Membership Secretary.	Votes were agreed and amendments to be made
7.	Date of next AGM: Thursday 17 th November 2022. Venue & time to be advised. Meeting Closed at 20.51pm	