

Minutes of NMAC AGM on Saturday 29th April 2023 at 10:30am by Zoom

Members present: Caroline Marler, Jason Newell, Alex Rowe, Jon Clarke, Phil Lee, Carol Holt, Steve Doxey, Kevin Dillon, Sue Cordingley, Geoff Pearson, Lisa Meadows, Graham White (12)

- 1. Apologies:** Beth Lishman
- 2. Minutes of AGM 21st November 2021** The minutes were read, proposed, seconded and approved by a show of hands as a true record by the committee.
- 3. Presidents Report** was read on screen and noted, our thanks to **Caroline** for her report.
- 4. Report from the Chair** was read on screen and noted, our thanks to **Phil** for his report. **Jason** explained that the website is down due to the host losing our data and that of other clients. A new website will be developed and work is in hand to choose a new provider.
- 5. Treasurers Report** the Finances are in a good health but we need to find an auditor to approve the accounts.
- 6. Secretary's Report , Amanda** is stepping down as Honorary Secretary and the position will be filled by **Graham White**. The committee would like to thank Amanda for her contribution.
- 7. Membership Secretary Report, Carol** reported that membership numbers have fallen due to an increase in lapsed memberships but it is hoped more will rejoin as the outdoor competition season progresses. Only 5 first claim members are yet to renew. A reminder will be sent out to second claim members in May.
- 8. Appointment of Auditors, Carol** is checking with auditors at work to see if they can help, any member who volunteers will be considered if they are qualified to audit the accounts.
- 9. Report from Social Media Secretary, Jason** said that the Facebook Group has been very successful in promoting the club's activities, with regular postings from **Carol** and **Caroline** and there are over 1000 members with 4 or 5 new members each week, so it's reach is well beyond the membership alone. Not much activity on Twitter. **Jason** will stand down as Social Media Secretary this year but will stay on the committee. We would like to thank **Jason** for his superb work in the role.
- 10. Subscriptions** it was proposed that subscriptions for the coming year should be £31 for first claim members, £14 for second claim members and £9 for social members. The increase was due to an increase in the fees payable to England Athletics. The proposal was seconded and approved by a show of hands from the committee.
- 11. Constitution, Sue** proposed that the Constitution, updated at April 2023, be accepted as the present Constitution for NMAC, replacing any previous Constitutions. The main changes were to bring it in line with England Athletics, tidy up anomalies and clarify rules regarding the AGM, Financial Management, Quorums and the Chair's casting vote. Proposal was Seconded and approved by the committee by a show of hands.
- 12. Election of Committee Caroline Marler** was re-elected president, **Phil Lee** was elected chair, **Graham White** was elected Honorary Secretary, **Carol Holt** was elected Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, **Alex Rowe** was elected as BMAF/EMAA officer, **Jason Newell** will continue to help with Endurance and Track and Field fixtures with Sue to take over Endurance fixtures next year, when consideration will be given to splitting the role between Track and Field and Endurance. **Beth Lishman** is assumed to continue with Welfare.

The posts of Social Media Secretary and Track and Field Secretary remain to be filled. **Sue Cordingley, Kevin Dillon, Lisa Meadows, Jason Newell**, are ordinary committee members and **Jon Clarke** will also join the committee following a positive show of hands.

13. Any other Business

Jason Newell advised that there will be a 5000m Track and Field championship race on 16 August and a 5K Road championship race likely in November or December. Plans for a 10K Road race hosted by Spenborough in September are also being looked into.

Jon Clarke highlighted the financial difficulties experienced by UK Athletics and possibly also England Athletics as something we should be aware of.

Graham White asked if there was any progress in persuading clubs to host NMAC meetings for us next year. **Caroline** said she had emailed numerous clubs to no avail, problems of a lack of officials being the main concern. **Jason** mentioned that we had contacts with clubs through the club advocate scheme.

Caroline Marler said she will attend the Run, Jump, Throw meeting at Sheffield on May 3rd where she will set up the new 'feather' design banner and she will take details of the event and age of competitors for selection of the awards for best age graded performances. Helpers are still needed at these meetings. She suggests we also take the new banner to the Joe Moran memorial meeting. **Caroline** will not be at the Track and Field Championships at Leigh in July and will pass on medals and the banner to one of the committee members who is attending.

Next committee meeting 21 May 2023 (Sunday) 10.15 at Colne and by Zoom.

meeting closed at 11:30