

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Blackpool Cricket Club

### 1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2018 AGM of BWF AC.

It seems to me looking back over the last twelve months that the club has gone from strength to strength. Much of this is due to the many people within the club who give up a great deal of their time in coaching, preparing and developing all the young and not so young athletes who perform so admirably for our club.

My thanks to them and to all the members of the Committee for their hard work during the year. Because of the difficulties involved in putting on road races these days due in part to the commercialisation of running events one of our main sources of income has effectively been cut off. Luckily, we have Dave Needham who has made up for this loss by his hard work with our Open Meetings.

Our public image has been prominent during the year due to the magnificent work of David Wood with his excellent photos and reports in the local Press. Kit sales I do not believe have ever been so high and I must say it is a great joy to see so many people wearing our colours with such pride. Thank you, Tracy, for your many hours of hard work during the past year.

Thanks too must also re-vaping our website and for helping to bring the club together through our social media pages. My phone never stops pinging these days somewhat to the annoyance of my Pilates instructor, "is that your phone again Roberto?" It always is! I cannot bring myself to turn it off.

The club does of course have issues and difficulties as we are all too aware of. I will not go in to them here but some may come up later during the reports.

We do need many more people to get involved with the running of the club through the Committee and if you have a couple of hours a month to spare it would be much appreciated.

### 2 Apologies for Absence and Attendance

Bev Wright, Neil Salanki, George James & Kirsty Holland sent their apologies.

Members Present: Nick Hume, Kevin Davies, Karen Dunford, Andrea Smith, Bob Massey, Anthony Blight, Derek Newton, David Wood, Tracy Smith, Sam Rogers, Alan Smart, Stan Taylor, Howard Henshaw, Margaret Crompton

### 3 The Minutes of the AGM held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were proposed by Anthony Blight and seconded by Howard Henshaw.

### 4 Secretary's Report

#### Welcome

This year I feel more upbeat about the club than I have done for a number of years as there is a much more positive air around the club with the introduction of new coaches taking the younger end of the club forward. There has been a new influx of Seniors especially from Bob's successful Couch to 5k Courses over the last 15 months.

There has been success for the U11 Girls, U17M, Senior Women and M50 men in the Mid Lancs Cross Country League. What was especially pleasing was the spirit and enthusiasm shown by the U11 Girls whilst the U17 Men were a revelation dominating the League in what has been for many years an age category we have struggled with. Once again, the Senior Women showed their class in retaining the Division 1 title whilst the M50 Men showed that age is no barrier to great performances.

On the Track & Field there were individual successes for Katy Wyper at National Level and the Pole Vaulters continued to bring home the Medals for the coach and club and also themselves.

Fresh ideas, a new look Website and Face Book Pages are driving the Club forward thanks to the efforts of Michelle Tickle, who took over from Tony Croft who had stepped back in to keep the old site ticking over. The coverage in the Gazette has been exceptional this year and thanks go to David Wood for his reporting of events and recording just about every run, throw and jump there has ever been.

With the influx of new members, coaches and hopefully officials the club is now in a position to start moving forward again and that has to mean that athletes and parents are willing to support the club in the various competitions throughout the year, thereby ensuring that BWF AC has full teams competing.

At the recent Blackpool Sports Awards it was pleasing to see Katy Wyper receive Coach of the Year whilst Derek Newton and Stan Taylor were honoured with Long Service Recognition Awards. Finally BWF AC were voted the Community Club of the Year for our impact within the local area.

During this last year many people have played a role in the life of the club – the Committee, the Coaches, the Team Managers, the Officials and the Volunteers. My thanks go out to all of you and I hope you will continue to support the club in 2018 whilst at the same time welcoming new volunteers into the BWF AC Volunteer Community. The more volunteers we have the less time required from you. Therefore, in the coming year I would like to see more new Volunteers coming forward to take on roles such as “Welcommers”, “Happiness Volunteers”, “Refreshment Volunteers”, “Feel Good Volunteers” as the roles are endless. These are important as we need to ensure there is a welcoming and appreciative atmosphere within the club as it continues to grow and welcome new athletes and members as you do not have to be competitive to become a member. If you would like to become more involved please come and speak to me at any time.

The introduction of the new GDPR has an impact for the club and the way personal data is handled and stored. A new Club Privacy Policy is about to be launched and will be available on the Club Website whilst the Membership Form has been amended based on advice and guidance from England Athletics. The Club recognises that it is important how we handle and store your data to ensure no breaches occur.

Finally, I would like to conclude by thanking you for making the time to attend the AGM and supporting the club as it continues to grow and develop. It is vital that we all work together toward a common goal and put personal differences behind us accepting that whilst we might not always see eye to eye, we are usually putting the best interests of the club forward

## **5 Treasurer’s Report 1/4/17 – 31/3/18**

Andrea presented the Annual Accounts which had been audited by Peter Gibson.

As there were no issues or questions arising the Chair thanked Andrea for her work over the year.

## 6 Election of Officers

The following members the Committee were elected:

Confirmation of President	Howard Henshaw
Officers:	
Chairman	Bob Massey
Vice Chairman	Alan Smart
Treasurer	Andrea Smith
General Secretary	Nick Hume
Membership & Subscription Secretary	Nick Hume
Welfare Officer	Sue Ball
Equipment Officer	Dave Needham
Kit Officer	Tracy Smith
Director of Coaching	Sam Rogers
Athletes Rep: Male	Vacancy
Athletes Rep: Female	Karen Dunford
Schools Liaison Officer	Sam Rogers
Track & Field Secretary	Stan Taylor
Sportshall Secretary	Neil Salanki
Publicity Officer	Dave Wood
Confirmation of Club Auditor	Peter Gibson
Other Posts:	
Parents SC	Vacancy
Social Secretary	Sue Ball
General Reps	Bev Wright, Charlie Garrett, Anthony Blight
Hon Medical Officer	Dr Martyn Lucking

Derek newton stepped down from the Committee after many years of service and thanks were extended to him for all he has done for the club.

**7 Special Motions/Items**

To confirm or not the Committee's decision to affiliate to Northern Athletics from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at a cost of £2.00 per EA Registered Athlete.

The Motion was passed 13 votes for to 1 against.

**8 Any Other Business**

No AoB had been formally raised prior to the Meeting. However, the following points were discussed:

- i) The idea of organising an Athletic Street Event in Blackpool with a number of athletic events being demonstrated and a come and try it approach.
- ii) Blackpool Sports Centre were considering how athletes pay for Track Passes and whose responsibility it was for ensuring that athletes paid to use the track.

**Meeting Closed 20.45**

Nick Hume

BWF AC Secretary