

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletic Club  
Held at Basingstoke Rugby Club  
Wednesday 29th February 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Lisa Hedderly; Jo Breeds; Andy Cullen; Ken Littlejohns; Wendy Littlejohns; Jackie Tobin; Steve Cawley; Terry Wegg; Cheryll Ragan; Sue Pett; Andy Sleap; Andrea Sleap; Liz Flitcroft; Felicity Edwards; Peter Bolton; Jack Messenger; Carol Quinn; Sue Scouler-Davison;; Deborah Montgomery; Dave Hope; Leigh Henderson; Anna O'Neill.

**Apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from: Ian Byett; Rafer Joseph; Ann Henderson; Ray Gartland; Avi Govind; Catriona Coveney

**President's Welcome.**

Leigh Henderson, Club Chair, welcomed the attendees to the AGM and invited Dave Hope, outgoing President, to say some words.

Dave started by expressing his best wishes to Ann Henderson who was unable to attend. He thanked the Committee for asking him to be President and stated that he has enjoyed every minute. He highlighted the achievements made during the last year in particular the new stand and clubhouse.

Leigh thanked Dave for his contribution as President.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 22nd February 2023.**

The minutes were unanimously approved with no abstentions. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

**2. Matters arising from AGM 2023.**

Leigh Henderson noted that commitment to the installation of a medicine ball throwing wall was made at the last AGM. He explained that progress has been delayed due to problems in agreeing the final location but confirmed that Rafer Joseph has kindly offered to fund and build the wall and that the wall is being progressed.

**3. To receive Chairman's Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.**

Leigh Henderson referred to the Chair report circulated prior to the meeting. He highlighted that it had been a successful year with some fantastic individual and team performances at competitions and across leagues. He noted that turnout within some age groups has not been as high as expected but that data analysis going forward will help understand the reasons why.

He also highlighted the successes of the Hampshire Hoppit and the new Clubhouse and commended Avi Govind in further developing Committee processes as well as the District Council in their spending support for pole vault, high jump and the cage. There were no questions raised by the attendees.

Leigh Henderson referred to the Treasurer report circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised by the attendees.

**4. To receive the Club Secretary Report**

Leigh Henderson referred to the Club Secretary report circulated prior to the meeting. There was a request raised to start Club exclusive user sessions earlier on a Sunday morning to cater for existing session timings. This will be requested.

It was noted that the Cabin lease is still being discussed and that a further £500 grant has been received from Wates. There were no further questions raised by the attendees.

#### **5. To receive Treasurers Report and Account for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The financial report was outlined for the attendees as per the Treasurer Report.

#### **6. Adjustments to the Constitution**

The attendees were asked to approve the wording change for 3k. A slight change was suggested to remove the need for sponsors to be ratified at the AGM and the wording was approved as follows:

3k – The Committee may nominate a company to be awarded the title of Sponsor of the Club. This award is given to an organisation or company that has shown support for the Club by donation, services, or in kind. They should be nominated ~~at an AGM~~ and accepted by a majority of those present. The award should be for a maximum of 12 months if no further donations, services or benefits are received. They will be shown on the Club website, letterheads etc.

It was agreed that Persimmon should be removed as a sponsor due to the length of time since their active involvement.

#### **7. Endorsement of Officers, Office Holders and Post Holders who are willing to continue in their roles.**

It was proposed that all role holders be confirmed in their posts for a further year. This was unanimously agreed with no abstentions.

#### **8. Election as President**

Andy Cullen has been identified as an ideal individual to take up the role of President and has indicated his willingness to accept the role.

The nomination was proposed by Ian Byett and seconded by Ken Littlejohns. The nomination to the post was unanimously confirmed via a show of hands without dissention. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

#### **9. Post Holder - Amendments**

##### **a. Officers**

The position of SAL Secretary needed formal appointment. Carol Quinn has been undertaking this role and confirmed her willingness to continue.

The nomination was proposed by Anna O'Neill and seconded by Jo Breeds. The nomination to the post was unanimously confirmed via a show of hands without dissention. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

##### **b. Post Holders**

Alder Valley Team Managers – Andrea Sleaf and Anna O'Neill have volunteered to take on this role. The nomination was proposed by Terry Wegg and seconded by Carol Quinn. The nomination to the vacant post was unanimously confirmed via a show of hands without dissention. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

Sponsorship Secretary – It was proposed that this post be removed, as this responsibility has been subsumed into the role of Special Projects Officer, agreed at the 2023 AGM. This change was proposed by Felicity Edwards and seconded by Ann Henderson and unanimously confirmed via a show of hands without dissention. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

Social & Refreshments Co-ordinator – It was proposed that this post be split into two; Social Co-ordinator and Refreshments Co-ordinator. The 'Social' element of this post remains with Jo Breeds. This change was proposed by

Jo Breeds and seconded by Ann Henderson and unanimously confirmed via a show of hands without dissent. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

Social Media Co-ordinator – The creation of this new post was proposed by Leigh Henderson and seconded by Anna O'Neill. and unanimously confirmed via a show of hands without dissent. The number of votes cast was a clear majority of those present.

As a consequence, the vacant posts are:

- Refreshments Co-ordinator
- Social Media Co-ordinator

### **10. Membership Fees**

The attendees were asked to agree to the proposed fee increases which was a 10% increase across all membership categories with the exception of 5% for members residing away, non facility users (road) and under 11s. A lengthy discussion followed and the attendees requested a vote on the following options:

- 1) The proposal as set out above
- 2) All categories to be increased by 10% with the exception of members residing away and non facility users (road).
- 3) All categories to be increased by 10%

A vote was taken and counted. Option 1 had 3 votes, option 2 had 9 and option 5 had 5 so option 2 was passed.

It was suggested that a return to the category of social member be considered. Carol Quinn will look into this and report back to the Committee.

Leigh Henderson explained that work is ongoing with the Council to agree what space is available at Down Grange for training.

### **11. Volunteering**

Jackie Tobin presented this part of the agenda. She acknowledged that all present are already volunteers so thanked all present. She requested that all present make a concerted effort to ask others to help across the whole range of roles involved with running the Club.

It was agreed that the volunteering message would be shared at the junior awards meeting.

### **12. Update on Clubhouse**

Felicity Edwards provided an update using a visual photographic chronology of the change.

It was agreed that Champion should be added as a sponsor on the website.

Felicity advised that we are hoping for a donation of tables and chairs from the Methodist Church. Also that Dave and Denise Hope have offered to manage a cleaning rota for the Clubhouse, Ann Henderson has offered to manage the bookings and that a projector and screen (as well as installation) have been donated.

Date of next meeting to be decided