

## North of England Track and Field League

### Minutes of The Annual General Meeting

**on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 starting at 13:15  
at Longford Stadium, Trafford**

**Attendance:** Terry Bailey (Chairman), Alan Johnson (Secretary), Mike Welford (Finance Officer and Altrincham), Malcolm Fletcher (Barnsley), Colin Daniels (Bingley), George Davies and Tony Wood (Blackburn), Margaret Crompton (Blackpool), Ken Taylor (Border), Jean Simpson and Ken Smith (Bury), Linda Rushworth (City of Sheffield), Bernard and Denise Harris (Deeside), Terry Winmill (Doncaster), John Murphy (East Cheshire), Tim Cook (Holmfirth), Peter Acland (Kendal), Pat Schofield and Steve Linell (Leeds City), Steve Jamson (Leigh), Arwel Williams (Liverpool Harriers), Dave Brown (Liverpool PS), Andy Ward (Middlesbrough AC), Andy Parker and Bob Welfare (Preston), Jack Frost, A. Hampson and Doretta Maynard (Sale), Jennifer Crowther (Salford), Gordon Agar (Skyrac), Mike Harris and Bill Murphy (Trafford), Margaret Grayston (Wigan), Norman Waterson (Wirral), Dave Edwards (Wrexham) and Philip Ormkoara (Middlesbrough Sports Academy AC)

28 Clubs Attended

**Apologies:** Barnsley (Keith Binney), Chesterfield (Frank Gorman), Gateshead (Chris Betts), Tynedale (Greg Unwin) and Wakefield (Sally Holmes)

1. The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and their vote in favour of the motion at the EGM
2. The minutes of the 2015 AGM were signed as a true record of the meeting
3. There were no matters arising from those minutes.
4. Secretary's Report. AJ presented his report which had been circulated in advance. His only addition was to thank his chairman and finance officer for their help over the year. Special thanks went to all the divisional secretaries for their work, work which made TB and his work easier.
5. Finance Officers. MW explained some of the figures in the accounts. There were 80 clubs paying £325 in league fees. Interest on the deposit account came from 1.5% interest from the Cambridge BS. Track Hire costs were not claimed by b4 clubs (£400). Track hire claims are due in within a month of hosting although the FO had been lenient in several cases. Any non-claimant is treated as a donation to the league.

Under the expenses, the cost of numbers had remained the same. AJ deals with Pymmwenn Printing and we get a very competitive price. Divisional Secretaries receive £60 for the work they do (£15 per match). The surplus last year was £3136.69

Following on from the EGM, the league needs to get its balances back up to ensure one year's operating costs. After the £18K has been paid to NA, we will be left with a balance of £23K. The balance needed to meet a year's costs is £24K. For this to happen we propose to raise the league fee to £375 (an increase of £50). In 2017 there will be no increase in the hosting fee of £400. It is proposed that in 2018 the hosting fee will then go up to £450. This means for one year only an increase of £50 on the league fee and a freeze on the hosting fee).

Proposal to increase league fees to £375

FOR	24
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	2

Proposal for the hosting fee to remain at £400 for 2017 but to rise to £450 in 2018

FOR	25
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	1

This year's budget shows a surplus in 2017 of just over £4K.

The first payment to NA will reduce our cash position to £32K. The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £9K will be made late March 2017.

6. Officers. The three officers, Chairman (Terry Bailey), Secretary (Alan Johnson) and Finance Officer (Mike Welford) being the only nominees were reelected with no vote required.

7. Proposals

There was one proposal from the management committee, which wasn't really a rule change, just extra clarification.

We propose that rule 3b) be amended as follows;

#### Participating Clubs

All participating clubs, including the host club (in addition to providing the chief officials listed under 3 a) above), shall provide.....

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AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	1

8. 2017 league Season

AJ explained the league had lost several teams in 2017. Barrow, who only sent a minimal team to one match last year) having not been in touch are deemed to have left the league. Grimsby and Wombwell, which was a composite in 2017 have withdrawn as have Stockport Harriers and Middlesbrough and Cleveland AC. Chorley Triathlon and AC have become a composite with Horwich. One club has joined the league, Harrogate Harriers with one more possibility. Middlesbrough Sports Academy AC. The latter are currently awaiting clearance from England Athletics.

3W and 3WC had been restructured to take into account mileage to a fixture at Whitehaven. Two teams who travelled to Whitehaven last season will not be asked to be in the division which included the Whitehaven fixture.

4W and 4WC say a reduction of numbers. Originally Bradford were moved to 4WC from 4EC to make the distribution of teams fairer. When Stockport resigned from the league it was agreed to move Bradford back to 4EC and create one 8 team division 4W.

AJ explained venues need to be confirmed and where it says TBC venues need to be booked. These details are needed before the permit is granted. The downside of waiting is that some tracks require copy of the permit before accepting a booking.

9. In AOB Longwood asked whether the eligibility was manual or computerized. TB explained it is both. He manually inputs the date into the checker but then that part afterwards is automatic.

The meeting closed at 14:35 with a vote of thanks from the chairman for all attending.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_