

ISLE OF MAN VETERAN ATHLETES CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at The Creg-Ny-Baa on Wednesday 25 January 2012.

Attendees:

Club members:

Colin Watterson	Maureen Kelly	Gill Churcher	Dursley Stott
Christine Bathgate	Mike Gellion	Marie Jackson	Lisa Motley
Alison Corlett	Jock Waddington	Brenda Charlton	Sarah Goldsmith
Carolyn Magee	Caroline Myers	Alan Postlethwaite	Robert Webb
Mandine Wilson	Andy Fox	Colin S Moore	Alan Bagley
Barbara Bagley	Kevin Deakes	Krystina Twizell	Robbie Lambie
Rob Gillanders	Geoff Hall	Moira Hall	Gail Griffiths
Sue Ackroyd	Lesley Christian	Bethany de Legh-Runciman	

Non club-members

Richard Corlett	Amy Corlett	Sylvia Podmore	Dawn Maddrell
David Pryke (IOMAA)			

Apologies for absence received from:

Adrian Cowin	Peter Cooper	Richard Radcliffe	Peter Lees
Doug Sandle	Vinny Lynch	Martin Bell	Colin Bowen
Terry Bates	Carol Bates	Richard Gerrard	Neil Cushing
Wendy Sharkey	Dougie Allan		

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for their attendance, especially David Pryke, Chairman of the Isle of Man Athletics Association.

Before following the Agenda, the Chairman asked for a short silence in memory of John Lelant who died recently.

1 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were accepted and signed:
Proposed: Moira Hall Seconded: Dursley Stott.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Colin Watterson, gave his report:

- Membership continues to grow: there's close to 150 full members plus 8 social and 5 life members. 109 of the full members are first claim,
- The club main events were all successful and all helpers were thanked,
- Ramsey Marathon, again sponsored by Salclear, was won by club member Rob Sellors who secured his first marathon victory and the Manx Championship. A total of 103 took part in the marathon and a record 298 in the half,
- The Spring and Autumn handicap runs and walks could have been much better supported but, as usual, as the handicaps unfolded the excitement rose and the finishes usually very close,
- The Syd Quirk was held a bit later this year to avoid problems with the trains at the Ballasalla crossing. Haldane Fisher were again the sponsors and it was appropriate that, at the 9th attempt, victory came in the run for Mike Garrett. 84 runners completed the run and 49 walkers completed their event which was a great battle between Michael George and Jock Waddington with Michael edging ahead to win by 47 seconds.
- The Ramsey Bakery sponsored End-to-End walk was all set for a record number of starters with an entry of 454 but on the day there were more non starters than usual. Club member, Richard Gerrard was the fifth different winner in 5 years.

- The club was very well represented in the Parish Walk with some fine performances and none better than Jock Waddington who claimed his 4th consecutive victory. He was pushed all the way by a much improved Vinny Lynch for a club one two.
- While we have many performing well at the younger end of our members it was good to see a few of our long time members keeping themselves fit and active. Robbie Lambie broke the old over 55 800m record . Juan Callow completed the Mountain Marathon, as well as a fine walk in the End-to-End, where there were 68 finishing behind him.
- Michael George won the IOM 20K race walking championship but for my money one of the very best results was when 5 times parish walk winner and 5 times marathon winner Robbie Callister became the first foreigner for 20 years to win South Africa's oldest and Cape Town's biggest annual sporting event. He completed the 80K course in a new record time of 8Hrs 54Mins
- The committee decided to take out insurance cover with better coverage for our marshals and helpers at events which are run by the club, than that provided by UK athletics through our affiliation. Steps were also taken to protect the personal assets of committee members through another smaller policy. This is I believe in line with other clubs but as with all things there is a price to pay but it's in the best interest of all that we provide this protection.
- This past year I have found all the committee members a pleasure to work with and I couldn't fault any one of them for their efforts on your behalf. I am sorry to lose Marie and Lisa this year Thanks also to all club members and partners who have helped out as marshals or in other ways during the past year.

3. Financial Statement for the past year

The treasurer pointed out that the large increase for the insurance costs was because of the insurance policy which had been taken out to provide better cover for the club's road events. It was also pointed out that the club subsidises the cost of the club polo shirts and running vests.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Lesley Christian Seconded: Mo Kelly

4. Officers

Marie Jackson, Lisa Motley and Vinny Lynch stood down from the committee.

The remainder of the officers and committee were willing to continue and as there were no other nominations, the officers remain in the same posts ie:

President:	Dursley Stott
Chairman:	Colin Watterson
Hon.Treasuer:	Gill Churcher
Hon. Secretary	Maureen Kelly
Hon. Auditor:	Janet Corkish

Committee:	Christine Bathgate	Lesley Christian	Mike Gellion
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Two new members joined the committee:

Carolyn Magee		
Proposed:	Mo Kelly	Seconded: Marie Jackson

Mandine Wilson		
Proposed:	Christine Bathgate	Seconded: Gill Churcher

5. Club Affiliations and Membership Fees.

The club is affiliated to UK Athletics (UKA) and the Association of Running Clubs (ARC).

A summary of the advantages and disadvantages of both associations was provided.

Many members expressed concern at the prospect of losing the club places in the London Marathon if the club did not affiliate to UKA.

Members were also worried that any records set under a race permit issued by ARC may not be recognised by UKA.

Concern was expressed that competitors may be deterred from entering the Marathon and Half-Marathon if the event was held under an ARC race permit.

Members were made aware that affiliation to ARC is a lot cheaper than UKA, that it was felt that ARC provided better insurance cover and also that ARC does not require members personal details.

After a lively debate, it was proposed and agreed for the club to “keep a foot in both camps” and continue to be affiliated to both associations.

Proposed: Christine Bathgate Seconded: Barbara Bagley

There was no proposal regarding under which Association to apply for race permits.

It was also agreed that the committee write to UKA, through the IOMAA, expressing the club’s dissatisfaction and concerns. David Pryke suggested that an official complaint from the IOMAA on behalf of all the island clubs would carry more weight.

There was a suggestion that the club become a limited company. Dursley Stott volunteered to look into what that would involve and what the cost would be.

It was agreed to continue with the £1,000.00 per annum insurance policy as the profits from the events covered would meet the cost.

Membership Fees:

It was agreed for the fees to remain the same as last year, ie:

First Claim: £15.00 Second Claim £8.00 Social Members £3.00

Proposed: Alan Postlethwaite Seconded: Rob Gillanders

6. Athletics Development Officer

It was readily agreed that Trevor Christian as Isle of Man Athletics Development Officer (ADO) was doing a splendid job with the islands youngsters.

Trevor’s salary is covered by the annual donations from the island’s clubs, with the UKA providing £5,000.00 and the Isle of Man Government paying the rest. The IOM VAC commitment for three years at £1,000.00 per annum ends November 2012.

The government has not committed to continue their support – it is to be reviewed sometime this year.

David Pryke, on behalf of IOMAA, asked the club to maintain the level of support for a further 3 years.

There were two proposals:

Proposal 1:

The club commit to 1 Years support of £1,000.00, to be reviewed at next years AGM.

Proposed: Rob Gillanders Seconded: Christine Bathgate

Proposal 2:

The club commit to 3 years support to a maximum of £1,000.00 per annum.

Proposed: Lisa Motley Seconded: Sue Ackroyd

There was a vote by a show of hands – proposal 2 won.

7. Any other Business

Newsletter – Sarah Goldsmith was thanked for her continued work with the excellent newsletter which the Chairman described as “the cement that links the club together”.

Website – Adrian Cowin was also thanked for his work with the website.

Ramsey Half-Marathon – there was a suggestion that the walkers are not recognised and it was asked if it would be possible to provide a separate prize for the walk winner. It was explained that this would entail additional work in the organisation of the event, and would involve a separate race walk permit, race numbers, judges etc. It was agreed that it would not be possible this year and that the proposal would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm and was followed by chip butties and the Prize Presentation.

Signed.....Mr Colin Watterson (Chairman)

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