

# ISLE OF MAN VETERAN ATHLETES CLUB

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Creg ny Baa on Thursday 21 January 2010.

### Members present:

Colin Watterson	Maureen Kelly	Lesley Christian	Christine Bathgate
Gill Churcher	Marie Jackson	Rob Gillanders	Peter Cooper
Vinny Lynch	Alan Postlethwaite	Jock Waddington	Brenda Charlton
Henry de Silva	Lisa Motley	Neil Cushing	Arnie Jacobs

### Apologies for absence received from:

Mike Gellion	Bethany Clague	Enid Watson	Tadhg Mahony
Adrian Cowin	Robbie Lambie	Alan Bagley	Barbara Bagley
Martin Bell	Terry Bates	Carol Bates	Jackie Moore
Barry Moore	Doug Allan	Moira Hall	Geoff Hall
Margy Killey	Sarah Goldsmith	Dot Watterson	

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Trevor Christian, the Sports Development Officer for Athletics.

### 1 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were accepted, approved and signed.

Proposed: Alan Postlethwaite

Seconded: Lesley Christian.

### 2. Executive Committee Report

The Chairman, Colin Watterson, gave his report:

- Another successful year for the club and its members.
- Our flagship event, the marathon had a record number of entrants. Christine Bathgate was thanked for her hard work and financial management.
- The End-to-End walk was also successful. Thanks given to the organisers and helpers.
- Syd Quirk was enjoyed by all despite atrocious weather.
- Spring & Autumn handicaps had exciting finishes.
- The club will be asked to contribute towards the cost of Sports Development for Athletics.
- The International Cross Country event due to be held at Pulrose in November 2009 was cancelled by the BMAF and several letters of complaint were written before we were reimbursed for costs.
- There was hope that another 100 mile / 24 hour walk could be held in 2010 but, due to several difficulties, it has been decided not to go ahead.
- Several members were mentioned for their individual achievements:  
Jock Waddington, Vinny Lynch, Rob Sellors, Marie Jackson, Bethany Clague, Michael George, Andy Fox, Richard Radcliffe and Gail Griffiths were all congratulated.
- The Chairman concluded with thanks to all the committee, especially Christine Bathgate for the Marathon, Marie Jackson for being an excellent race secretary, Maureen Kelly for secretarial skills and Gill Churcher as a very able treasurer.

**3. Financial Statement for the past year**

The treasurer advised that the auditor has been ill and that a replacement is needed and asked for nominations. The accounts have not been signed off but there were few queries:

- a. The marathon made a much smaller profit than the previous year – Christine explained that this was because re-useable equipment had been purchased and £500.00 had been returned to the sponsor.
- b. The affiliation fees were a lot higher than the previous year – Gill explained that this was because of the late payment of the fees for the previous year
- c. The difference of £30.00 on the balance sheet was because of an expenses claim paid while the accounts were being prepared.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Maureen Kelly

Seconded: Christine Bathgate.

**4. Officers**

The officers and committee, other than the Auditor Ian Turnbull, were proposed en bloc and elected unanimously as follows:

President:	Dursley Stott
Chairman:	Colin Watterson
Hon. Treasurer:	Gill Churcher
Hon. Secretary	Maureen Kelly

Committee:	Christine Bathgate	Lesley Christian	Mike Gellion
	Marie Jackson	Enid Watson	Vinny Lynch
	Rob Gillanders	Bethany Clague	

Proposed: Henry de Silva

Seconded: Alan Postlethwaite

One new member was welcomed to the committee: Lisa Motley

Proposed: Marie Jackson

Seconded: Vinny Lynch.

Hon. Auditor: To be appointed

**5. Affiliations**

Peter Cooper gave information regarding the differences in being affiliated to UK Athletics or ARC (Association of Running Clubs). The main considerations were that there are no London Marathon places available with ARC and members competing in the UK would have to pay unattached fees, but there is much less paperwork as ARC does not need member details. After a discussion, it was suggested that the club be affiliated to both associations with a minimum membership, and the situation reviewed at the next AGM.

There was an unanimous vote agreeing to the suggestion.

Therefore affiliation will continue with UK Athletics and commence with A.R.C. at the start of their next year ie 1 April 2010.

There was also a discussion on insurance cover for marshals, whether club members or not. This followed letters received regarding an incident at the End-to-End walk in September 2009. The Secretary is to contact UK Athletics to get confirmation that marshals are covered.

## **6. Membership Fees.**

Peter Cooper reported club members are as follows:

First claim:	129
Second claim:	48
Social Members:	9
Honorary Members:	6

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

First Claim: £15, Second Claim £8, Social Members £3  
Proposed: Peter Cooper                      Seconded: Alan Postlethwaite.

## **7. Event Marshalling**

There was discussion on how to encourage members to assist with marshalling and/or drink stations. It was agreed that members must have marshalled at an event before being considered for a London Marathon place.

It was also agreed that this years membership form will ask members to specify any races they will be able to marshal.

## **8. Trophies**

### **Sam Robinson Memorial Trophy (10 mile race)**

It was decided that this will alternate between the Northern 10 and the Western 10 races.

This year the trophy will use the results from the Northern 10 race.

Proposed: Vinny Lynch    Seconded: Alan Postlethwaite

### **Parish Walk**

It was decided that two new trophies are to be presented to the leading man and the leading lady to reach and stop at Peel in the Parish Walk. Henry de Silva donated the trophy for the leading lady and the Chairman advised that Ned Kennaugh would like to donate the trophy for the leading man. The Committee will oversee the purchase of the trophies.

## **9. Other Business**

### **Walking Records**

Henry de Silva asked if there were records available for all the different ages. The committee will check and advise.

### **Veterans Shield**

Alan Postlethwaite advised that there is still a shortage of events. Currently the results from two off-island events of 10 miles or over are counted. Alan suggested that this was amended to include 10K distances. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Physiotherapists**

It was suggested that Steve Brierley or Johnny Barton be approached to ascertain if they would provide sports massages at a reduced rate to our members. The Secretary to write to the physiotherapists to ask.

### **Constitution**

It was unanimously agreed that Clause 7 of the Constitution be amended to show that membership is open to all men over the age of 35 years (previously 40 years).

**Bagley Trophy**

Lesley advised that the IOM AA is looking for nominations for this trophy awarded for "good deeds in athletics". All nominations need to be in by 15 March 2010. Nominees do not need to be club members.

**No rest for the Wicked Race series**

There was a short discussion regarding the races and it was decided that no action was needed.

**Fell Running**

The chairman advised that Ian Callister has suggested a trophy for the leading member in the Fell Running league using the league results. The Fell Runners committee have been contacted and they have no objections.

**Marshalls**

Trevor Christian suggested that perhaps the sponsors of our different events may like to be involved with the marshalling, and could perhaps provide some of their staff to help out.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm after everyone had enjoyed a tasty chip bap.

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

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