**AGM minutes 30th November 2020 (virtual meeting)**

Attendees:

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| **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Name** | **Affiliation** |
| Ken Burkett | KSAA | John Harley | Secretary of Cross Country sub-committee |
| Paul Byfield | Blackheath & Bromley Harriers | Phil Pape | Secretary of Team management sub-committee / Cambridge Harriers |
| Claire Capon | President | Mick Paul | Treasurer |
| Gary Capon | Exec Committee | David Ralph | Chair |
| Brian Charlton | Medway & Maidstone | Julie Roe | Exec Committee |
| Janet Duffin | Secretary of Sportshall sub-committee | James Taylor | Tonbridge AC |
| Mick Duffin | Paddock Wood AC | Sian Thomas | Secretary |
| Tony Durey | Exec Committee |  |  |
| Gill Freeman | Officials Secretary |  |  |
| John Freeman | Bexley AC |  |  |

David welcomed participants to the first virtual AGM. The meeting was started with a minutes silence to remember colleagues who had died during the year : John Neal (Officials Secretary), Mary Davidson (Track Judge / Ashford AC), Richard Dunn (KSAA Treasurer), Ray Gladman (Starter / Invicta East Kent)

This was followed by sign-off of the minutes (there were no amendments from the version circulated in advance).

David went on to pay tribute to those volunteers who had contributed to the County Association during the year – including the work that is currently going into the planning for a Cross Country event, and people who had picked up activities to facilitate virtual meetings etc

Mick (Treasurer) took those present through the accounts. He highlighted the surplus from the 2019 Cross Country and the small deficit from the other events that were scheduled and then cancelled throughout the year.

He concluded by explaining that the Exec Committee did not plan to charge affiliation fees to clubs in 2021 to provide some financial help. He also noted that with agreement of the Officers on the Exec, no cash or cheque payments would be accepted in future to minimise the spread of coronovirus.

There was a discussion about payments for official clothing and it was agreed that this should be done through bank transfer in future.

Cross Country

John explained that it had been intended to do something in January or late January by way of a Cross Country Championships. The current situation with the county covering areas in Tier 2 and Tier 3 meant that restrictions make this unlikely but that options are still being considered including doing something at a private venue as late as March. Research with other Counties has been conducted and at the moment there are no events confirmed. However, it was noted that there was a desire not to push this back until after the field season.

Ken and Tony explained the frustration within the Cross Country committee and the desire to have meaningful competition. Phil also asked that other, more innovative formats be considered.

Sportshall

Jan explained that it was unlikely that there would be an event before October 2021. This was because of issues with a venue, moving equipment and also the covid situation.

It was noted that the EA advice on indoor competition needed to be adhered to for insurance purposes.

Phil suggested that the White Oak Hall in Swanley might be an alternative suitable venue.

Track and Field

It was highlighted that there is unlikely to be a TriCounties Indoor Championship because of the Covid situation and that the county is only aware of 4 indoor events throughout the Lee Valley season. Further EA guidance on indoor competition is expected in mid December and T&F committee plan to consider in January. The TriCounties is scheduled for 20/21 March.

David also highlighted the Kent Champs is scheduled for 8/9 May 2021. This is planned for Julie Rose although it was noted that there is limited indoor space because the Stour Centre is closed and the gym equipment is in the main Julie Rose indoor space.

David noted that whilst he is acting as the Track and Field secretary anyone who would like to take up the role was welcome to take over.

Officials

Gill updated those present on officials matters. This included that some people had attended virtual training in the county and that they would be welcomed into the county structures once competitions resumed next year. There was a question about upgrading and Gill explained that 2020 was not going to count for time provided to get reports for those wishing to move from Level 3 to Level 4. She added that the county would support officials wanting to progress and that there were fewer barriers to those wanting to move up at levels 1/2/3.

AOB

David noted that the Presidents dinner had been pushed back to next year. The assigned date was 5th November and although this coincided with Bonfire night it was noted that this had happened previously and no one recommended a different date.

David confirmed that the next AGM would be on 22nd November 2021. Participants were invited to vote on whether a virtual meeting would be appropriate – this received at least 9 votes for and so the motion was carried. Subsequently, the constitution will be updated to allow virtual attendance at AGMs (even if this is held in person).

David thanked attendees and closed the meeting.