**KENT COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**Annual General Meeting**

**held at 7.30pm on Monday  6 November 2017**

**at the Clubhouse of Dartford Harriers Athletic Club, Dartford, Kent DA1 1JP**

**Attendance** : as per the attendance record (total 19), including :

David Ralph - Chairman

Mick Paul - Treasurer

Alan Bennett - Secretary

**Apologies for Absence**: as per the attendance record (total 6)

Hannah Cordell, Alan Brent and Peter Baigent were remembered for their contributions to athletics in general and to the sport in Kent in particular.

**Welcome** : The Honorary Chairman, David Ralph, welcomed those present. He reported :

* Continued growth of both the Cross-Country and Track & Field Leagues to maximum capacities
* Steady but small growth in numbers at the annual Cross- Country and Track & Field Championships although there is a worrying decline in the numbers of Senior Women
* Although Kent has a pool of gifted Officials, many of whom are much younger than the national average, consideration had had to be given to cancelling meetings. The u13, Masters and Combined Events Championships only took place when volunteers came forward to assist
* There were a positive number of Coaching and Officials’ Workshops and Development Days
* Successful County-representative teams with many local athletes now competing in the national arena

He thanked the County President, the Sub-Committee Secretaries/Co-ordinators and their colleagues, the Executive Committee and his fellow Officers who all provide successful services and support for clubs and athletes in Kent. He reflected that the progress made is because there is not always universal immediate agreement which means that issues have to be discussed in detail, ensuring that the interests of the athletes and clubs are at the forefront of our thinking.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 7 November 2016**

Proposed by the Executive, they were approved unanimously

**Secretary’s Report** :

A résumé of the year’s activities from the Sub-Committee Secretaries’ reports had been circulated before the meeting.

* It was pointed out that Cambridge Harriers do not include ‘Athletics Club’ in their title
* Peter Le Rossignol has left Ashford Leisure Trust and it is not known if he will continue as the County Sportshall Team Manager.

**Financial Statement** :

The Honorary Treasurer, Mick.Paul, presented the annual accounts:

* Promotions Income for the year : £35,972 (LY £35,241)
* Promotions Expenditure for the year : £35,871 (LY £31,119)
* Promotions Profit on Year : £3,101  (LY £4,122)
* Overall Surplus for Year (after all Expenses) : £1,327 (LY £3,140)
* Balance in General Funds :  £46,991 (LY £45,663)
* A late bill for stationery from 2016 had been included in the 2017 Accounts
* Approximately £500 had been spent on additional event radios
* Interest is no longer being received from bank accounts
* Postage, Telephone, Printing and Stationery costs were mainly incurred by the Treasurer
* Increased expenditure for Medals, Medal Centres and Ribbons was to build up stocks for future years
* The payments in advance of £1540 and advanced receipts of £1036 relate to the Annual President’s Dinner
* Recommendations had been made to Event and Championship Committees not to increase entry fees for a further year to encourage greater participation and numbers. The Treasurer recorded a debt of gratitude to the Event Entry Secretaries
* Peter Lenton was thanked for his contribution as Independent Financial Examiner

The Accounts were then adopted unanimously.

Peter Lenton has agreed to continue as the sole Independent Financial Examiner; the Chairman proposed his reappointment which was carried unanimously

Mick Paul was thanked for his work throughout the year and for the presentation.

**Election of the Honorary Officials of the Association** (proposed by Executive and others) :

Re-elected : Chairman Dave Ralph

        Secretary Alan Bennett

        Treasurer Mick Paul.

**Election of the Secretaries/Co-ordinators of Sub-Committees** :

(proposed by the Executive and others)

The following were elected unanimously:

Cross Country : Tony Durey

Track & Field : position vacant for yet another year

Officials : Gill Freeman, who advised that she wished to make this her last year

Coaching/Development : Stella Bandu

Sportshall : Jan Duffin

Road Running/Endurance : Dave Behagg

Walking : Noel Carmody

Fell Running : Ian Marshall

Medals & Trophies : Claire & Lee Capon

Team Selection/Management : James Roberts

Web & Communications : Dawn Hookway

**Election of Members to the Executive Committee:**

Claire Capon, Gary Capon, Tony Durey, Gill Freeman and David Cordell were re-elected unanimously.

  The Chairman thanked the Executive for their contribution in the past year.

**Approval of Members of Sub-Committees**:

The existing Sub-Committees which had been proposed by the Executive and by Cambridge Harriers were approved unanimously

**Election of Vice-President**

The President had indicated that he wished to step down at the AGM in 2018 after his initial three year term of office. The Executive indicated that discussions were in hand to find a Vice-President to take over next year.

**Formal Resolutions**

There were none

**Miscellaneous (not officially part of the AGM)**

The Secretary gave a brief resume on the acrimonious relationship with SEAA

White Horse Tri Club was elected as a member of the Association

The organisational abilities of Petts Wood Road Runners were acknowledged as an example to others – well done!

**2017-2018 AGM** will be on Monday 12 November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.11pm with thanks to those present and especially to Dartford Harriers AC for hosting the event.