

Minutes of the Devon County AA Annual General Meeting at Exeter Harriers Clubhouse on Saturday 24th February 2024 beginning at 10.30am.

Present

Vice Presidents Les Curtis, Janet Phillips, Keith Reed, Chris Maddocks, Janet Rowe.

Officers

Mike Hindle Newton Abbot AC (Chair), Keith Reed Erme Valley Harriers), (Vice Chair), Janet Phillips Exeter Harriers (Hon Secretary), Irene Brown Exeter Harriers (Hon Treasurer)

Executive Committee Members

Keith Reed (Hon Officials Sec, Devon Open Series Sec and Track and Field Championships Sec), Dave Phillips, Exeter H and Graham Berry North Devon AC (Team Managers).)

Club Representatives from Newton Abbot AC (Janice Hindle) Erme Valley H(Jayne Reed) Exmouth H (Jimmy Joy), City of Plymouth AC (Paul Crutchley), Exeter H (Dave Robinson) South Devon AC (John Drennan)

Apologies

President Jo Pavey

Vice Presidents Tom Child, Sue Richards

Devon Schools (Eileen Mander) Marilyn Blair Torrington AC (Team Manager) Sonya Ellis (Team manager) Alan Richards (North Devon AC) Jim Durston (SWRR), Hayley Ratcliff (Fell Running), Axe Valley AC

In the absence of President Jo Pavey, Mike Hindle took the chair.

He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated, and copies were available at the meeting. There were no amendments to the minutes and their acceptance as a true record was proposed by Dave Phillips, seconded by Keith Reed and agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Reports

Hon Secretary's report had been circulated and copies were available at the meeting. It included tributes to two very active members of DCAA who died earlier this year. Dave Shott and Maureen Harris both made major contributions to Athletics in Devon over many years and will be greatly missed.

The report included thanks to Vice President Janet Rowe who is retiring from active participation in athletics after 40 years of timekeeping, providing excellent refreshments for fellow officials and helping behind the scenes in the organisation of competitions.

It also highlighted some of the excellent achievements of Devon athletes during the year.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by Graham Berry seconded by Paul Crutchley and agreed unanimously with thanks to the Hon Secretary.

Financial Report

Hon Treasurer's Complete and detailed Annual Report had been printed and hard copies of the report and the financial statement for 2023 and receipts and payments accounts reviewed and signed by the independent reviewer, Ross Busby, were available at the meeting.

The account showed a balance of £21,678.37 which is £814.21 more than at the end of December 2022. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Les Curtis, seconded by John Drennan and agreed, with thanks to Irene Brown for her excellent and detailed report.

Thanks also to Ross Busby and to Keith Reed for making the arrangements for him to take on the independent review.

Affiliation fees

It was the opinion of the Committee that the fee should remain at £60 for 2025 and this was agreed.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee for 2024/25

Very few nominations have been received therefore it has been assumed that those in post are willing to continue unless they have indicated otherwise and volunteers to take on vacant posts will be accepted.

Current Vice President Janet Rowe has decided to step down from the position. Those present agreed that in view of her services to the County she be elected a Life Vice President.

Chris Maddocks was been invited to become the DCAA Vice President and is happy to do so.

Position	Officers
President	Mrs Jo Pavey
Vice President	Mr Chris Maddocks
Chair	Mike Hindle
Vice Chair	Keith Reed
Hon Secretary	Janet Phillips
Hon Treasurer	Irene Brown
Life Vice Presidents	Chris Maddocks, Tom Child, Les Curtis Janet Rowe
Elected Vice Presidents	Bob Melhuish, Janet Phillips, Keith Reed, Sue Richards Gordon Seward, Joy Spencer, Les Woodger

Position Executive Committee Members

Officials Secretary	Keith Reed
Coaching Secretary	No nominations
Devon Open Series Secretary	Keith Reed
Track and Field Championships Secretary	Keith Reed

Track & Field Team Managers

Senior & U20 Male	Sonya Ellis
Under 17 Male	Sonya Ellis
Under 15 Male & Female	Derek Smith
Senior & U20 Female	Sonya Ellis
Under 17 Female	Sonya Ellis
Cross Country Co-ordinator	Dave Phillips

Cross Country Team Managers

Senior & U20 Male	Graham Berry
Under 17 Male	Graham Berry
Under 15 Male & Female	Derek Smith
Under 13 Male & Female	Derek Smith
Senior & U20 Female	Dave Phillips & Marilyn Blair
Under 17 Female	Dave Phillips & Marilyn Blair
Road Running Co-ordinator	Dave Phillips
Road Race Team Manager	Dave Phillips
Fell Running Co-ordinator	Hayley Ratcliff
Sports Hall Co-ordinator	Keith Reed
Athletes Welfare Co-ordinator	Male Derek Smith Female Hayley Ratcliff

As there is no more than one nominee for each post Keith Reed proposed and John Drennan seconded the election of the Officers and Executive en bloc, and this was agreed.

The position of Coaching Secretary is vacant. Nominations or suggestions would be welcome

Club Reps All affiliated clubs are entitled to be represented by a member at DCAA committee meetings. SWRR have nominated Jim Durston, Exeter Harriers have nominated Dave Robinson

Ross Busby agreed to do the review this year. Irene Brown will make arrangements for a suitably qualified person to take on the position for next year.

Trustees

The President, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer are usually appointed as Trustees of the Association Jo Pavey, Janet Phillips and Irene Brown are willing to be trustees and this was agreed.

Keith Reed gave an Update on Competition in the 2024/25 season

Officials courses in Track Judging, Field Judging, Timekeeping, Photo finish setup and operating and Starting. Theory and practical experience at Exeter Arena on 23rd March. New officials are urgently needed. Contact Keith if interested.

A full season of fixtures are scheduled. The dates listed below are accurate to the best of our knowledge, should be considered provisional and checked.

Most entries are now made and paid for in advance on line using the Roster system.

Sports Hall. The Regional Final takes place at Clennon Valley Sports Centre on 9th March. Athletes selected for the Devon teams have been notified.

The last Devon Sports Hall competition takes place at Plymouth Life Centre on 24th March. The number of clubs and athletes have been disappointing this season. The irregular distribution of competition dates because of limited availability of the facilities and on one occasion a warning about travelling in expected adverse weather conditions on the day have probably contributed this.

Devon Open Series Proposed dates 28th April at Exeter Arena, Entries are already open for this meeting. 26th May at Brickfields Plymouth to include County Pentathlon Championships, 7nd July at Braunton and 4th August at Tavistock. Venues to be confirmed.

Devon County Track and Field Championships 12^h May at Exeter Arena.

10 000m Track Championships Wednesday 19th June at Exeter Arena

Ross Shield Road Race possibly with Tavi 7 – but not yet certain.

Provisional date for Devon Cross Country Championships with December Westward League at Exhibition and Eastern Fields, Exeter.

SW Road Race Championships dates and venues yet to be decided.

Fell Running - details will be on the website.

In closing the meeting Mike Hindle thanked Janet Rowe for all she had done for athletics in Devon over so many years both on the timekeepers stand and behind the scenes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10 am with thanks to those who attended. Date of next Annual General Meeting February 2025. Date, time and venue to be decided by the committee.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.50 pm.

Next AGM Wednesday 16th February 2022 at Exeter Harriers' Clubhouse beginning at 7.15 pm.