

**MINUTES OF SWANSEA HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS CAFÉ
January 23rd 2020 from 7.45pm**

Present:

Ian Griffiths, David Jones, Brian Fox, Ann Owen, Daphne Marler, Roderick Davies, Sue Griffiths, Nathan Phillips, Colin Davies, Lynne Brier, Marilyn Davies, Tony Clements, Barrie Owen, Karen Evans,

Apologies: Jo Wood, Neal Merry, Wendy Slade, Christine McCoubrey, John Griffiths, Imelda Morrisson

It was agreed that Lynne Brier would chair the AGM

President's Welcome

Barrie Owen opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Barrie paid particular tribute to Colin Davies, who after 35 years of being on the Committee was this year standing down. Barrie highlighted that Colin has been Chair or Vice Chair throughout this time and has made a huge contribution to the club.

Barrie thanked everyone who has been involved with the club throughout the past year, highlighting in particular the work undertaken by our officials and our catering staff. He also reminded members that we are always looking for more officials.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Minutes of the Special General Meeting 10 October 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Swansea Harriers Annual report 2018-19

Tony Clements introduced the report which continued to incorporate each Team Managers report into one document. Tony highlighted the reports from Caroline Hurley on the Senior Women's Team, David Jones' report on the Senior Men's Team, George Edwards' Off Track report, Jo Woods' Track and Field report including the Junior Team's performances, Brian Fox's Cross-Country report, and a Coaching report from Andrew Jenkins.

Tony also pointed out some further club developments including the Coach and Athlete Development pathway, plans to appoint a Fundraising and Volunteer Recruitment Officer and the work underway to modernise the website.

Roderick Davies welcomed the acknowledgement of the masters activity and pointed out that the Club's Men's Team won the Welsh Masters Track and Field competition in 2019.

David Jones highlighted that there continue to be concerns with Welsh Athletics regarding fixture clashes which affect our team's performances in the British League. Whilst it was welcome that there was no clash with the BUCS Championships this year, the clash with the U20s Championships impacted on the club's performance.

Barrie Owen commended the report which was approved by Brian Fox and seconded by David Jones.

Hon. Treasurer's Report for Financial Year ending 31 March 2019

Sue Griffiths presented the audited financial report, which is showing an improving financial position for the club.

David Jones queried two items relating to athlete travel expenses and YDL expenses. Sue Griffiths assured David that she would check these figures and get back to David to clarify the amounts.

Daphne Marler questioned whether the club was getting value for money from the contribution to Welsh Athletics from the membership fee paid. David Jones felt that there was too little focus from WA on senior athletes with too great a focus on juniors.

The Meeting approved the Treasurer's report subject to any amendments required regarding the specific queries raised.

Election of Officers and Officials

The proposed Trustees for 2019-20 were unanimously approved. The Trustees are Barrie Owen, Lynne Brier, Sue Griffiths, Tony Clements, Christine McCoubrey, Wendy Slade, Imelda Morrisson, Ian Griffiths, Brian Fox, Catherine Collins and Nathan Phillips.

David Jones queried whether further Trustees could be nominated at the AGM and it was explained that the Trustees were proposing that the three remaining vacancies remain to enable further co-optees during the year when the need for specific expertise and interest may arise.

This approach was fully supported by the AGM.

a) President

Barrie Owen was re-elected as President

b) Elected Vice President

Imelda Morrisson was confirmed as Senior Vice President

Colin Davies was elected as Junior Vice President

c) Chairperson

Lynne Brier was elected as Chairperson

d) Vice Chairperson

Ian Griffiths was elected as Vice Chairperson

e) Honorary Secretary

Tony Clements was elected as Honorary Secretary

f) Honorary Treasurer

Sue Griffiths was elected as Honorary Treasurer

g) Membership Secretary

Chris McCoubrey was elected as Membership Secretary

Life Members

Marilyn Davies, Ann Owen, Jo Wood, Lynne Brier and Christine McCoubrey's nomination was received for Life Membership which was fully supported and approved by meeting Members.

It was clarified that Life membership is not confined to members that have been athletes with the club.

Auditors

Peter Hughes was approved as auditor for the coming year

Proposed Changes to Membership Fees

It was explained that Welsh Athletics will be raising the WA component of the membership fee by £1 each year for the next five years, and we are looking to just make one change during this time

by increasing our component by £5 this year. It was highlighted that this remains competitive with other sports.

The proposed changes to the Club's membership fees were approved by the AGM.

Announcements and Coming Events

The Annual Awards Evening is on 27 March 2020 which will take place at the Uplands Rugby Club.

Close

President Barrie Owen thanked everyone for attending

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm