MINUTES OF SWANSEA HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**21 January 2021 from 7.45pm held Via Video**

**Conferencing**

1. **Present:**

Catherine Collins, Wendy Slade, Lynne Brier, Ian Griffiths, Sue Griffiths, Christine McCoubrey, Brian Fox, Ann Owen, Barrie Owen, Daphne Marler, Roderick Davies, Nathan Phillips, Lynne Brier, Nigel Jones, Islwyn Rees, Jane Hosgood, Dai Dix, Jo Wood, Andrew Jenkins, Imelda Morrisson, Tony Clements

1. **Apologies**: Colin and Marilyn Davies

It was agreed that Lynne Brier would chair the AGM

# President's Welcome

Barrie Owen opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the club’s first virtual meeting, especially members who were attending their first AGM, namely Nigel Jones and Islwyn Rees.

Barrie gave thanks to everyone at the club who has battled through the impact of the pandemic and highlighted the work of the newly established Covid Officers and Training fee collectors who have helped ensure training has taken place whenever possible. Barrie also thanked those who have contributed to the annual report.

# Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record

# Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

# Swansea Harriers Annual Report 2020-21

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.

Brian Fox highlighted the work of the Endurance Group especially the seniors and masters in motivating athletes to renew their membership and to keep training.

Lynne Brier described the report as excellent and pointed out some good work that has taken place because of the pandemic, with the development of a cashless training fee payment system and thanked those who have had to learn new skills in setting this up.

Barrie Owen commended the report which was approved.

# Hon. Treasurer's Report for Financial Year 1 October 2019- 30 September 1920

Sue Griffiths presented the audited financial report and sought any questions on its content.

John Griffiths expressed his concern regarding the drop in membership income and asked if the club was doing everything possible to counter this.

Andrew Jenkins explained that because of the pandemic, 353 athletes did not renew their membership with the impact felt across all age groups. He also highlighted the current loss of 17 coaches from training and getting most of these back will be key when training is allowed to renew again. Ann Owen felt that it will be especially difficult getting some of the older coaches back.

It was acknowledged that some plans are already in place for competitions this summer though there remains some uncertainty that these will take place.

The formal approval of the Finance report was proposed by John Griffiths and seconded by Catherine Collins.

# Election of Trustees and Officers

The proposed Trustees for 2019-20 were unanimously approved. The Trustees approved for re-election are Barrie Owen, Ian Griffiths, Sue Griffiths, and Christine McCoubrey.

The proposal to keep two places vacant to allow co-optees during the year was also fully supported.

The Trustees that will continue in 2021 who did not require re-election are Lynne Brier, Wendy Slade, Brian Fox, Imelda Morrisson, Catherine Collins, Nathan Phillips, Dai Dix and Tony Clements

1. **President**

Barrie Owen was re-elected as President

# b) Elected Vice President

Colin Davies was confirmed as Senior Vice President

Catherine Collins was elected as Junior Vice President- proposed by Barrie Owen and seconded by Tony Clements.

# 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

# h) Vice President

# The proposal that Nigel Jones is a Vice President of the club was fully supported and approved.

# i)Auditors

Peter Hughes was approved as auditor for the coming year

1. **Proposed Changes to Membership Fees**

In considering the proposed £5 membership fee reduction for a year because of the impact of Covid, a further amendment was proposed by Andrew Jenkins to make this reduction £10. This amendment was supported by Catherine Collins and seconded by Lynne Brier and was approved.

It was highlighted that this reduction was for one year only and that the fee would revert to £40 for seniors and £35 for juniors for 2022.

**Announcements and Coming Events**

Catherine Collins highlighted the virtual vents being organized by Welsh Athletics.

It was agreed that the next AGM would take place on **20 January 2022 from 8pm**

Daphne Marler highlighted the difficulties for athletes training alone to access the University facilities when training is again permitted. Everyone recignised the extremely uncertain times for everyone and the need to ensure that Welsh Government guidelines recognized the importance of staying fit and healthy.

# Close

President Barrie Owen thanked everyone for attending and paid tribute to all those who have worked behind the scenes to sustain the club during what has been a very difficult year.

John Griffiths thanked the Trustees and Officers on behalf of the club members.

**The meeting closed at 9.10 pm**

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