MINUTES OF SWANSEA HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**26 January 2023 from 8.00pm at the Club Café, Ashleigh**

**Present:**

Catherine Collins, Neal Merry, Sue Griffiths, Julie Hartley-Green, Dawn Holley, Andrew Jenkins, Ian Griffiths, Rod Davies, Paul Flynn, Daphne Marler, Lynne Brier, Nigel Jones, Stacey Bevan, Ann Owen, Christine McCoubrey, Richard Harris, Dave Lewis, Patrick Hacchie, Islwyn Rees, Rob Beresford, Tony Clements

**Apologies**: Barrie Owen, Brian Fox, Jo Wood, David Jones, Dai Dix, Jane Hosgood

It was agreed that Lynne Brier would chair the AGM

# President's Welcome

Lynne Brier introduced the President’s report in Barrie Owen’s absence and wished him well.

Lynne highlighted how lovely it was to have a face to face meeting after the need for a video conferencing meeting in 2022 because of covid. She was also encouraged to see such a good turnout at the AGM.

Lynne thanks all the volunteers who are so crucial to the running of the club many of whom were present tonight.

# Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record. It was acknowledged there were a couple of typing errors which will be rectified.

# Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

# Swansea Harriers Annual Report 2022.

Tony Clements introduced the report which continued to incorporate each Team Managers report into one document. Tony highlighted the reports from Lynne Brier on the Senior Women's Team, David Jones' report on the Senior Men's Team, George Edwards' Off Track report, Brian Fox’s Cross-Country report, Rod Davies’ Masters repport and a Coaching Report from Andrew Jenkins. Tony welcomed the addition of a Masters report from Rod Davies this year.

Tony pointed out some of the challenges and developments highlighted in his report including the need to build our junior base especially in relation to our U13 and U 15 boys; the need to ensure access to the club from across the Swansea area; and the continued development and growth of our volunteer base in terms of managers, officials, coaches and other helpers in the café and for payments on club nights.

The lack of a definite Welsh senior and junior leagues for the coming track season was highlighted as a concern and Lynne Brier explained that a junior Welsh League structure was in the pipleline and would hopefully be taken forward. The decisions by NAL not to go with a Regional structure in 2023 was acknowledged as good news.

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

Sue Griffiths explained that the Financial report had been posted on the website with the other papers and copies available at the AGM. The financial report was approved by all AGM Members.

# Election of Officers and Officials

The proposed Trustees for re-election in 2023 were unanimously approved. The re-elected Trustees are Catherine Collins and Dai Dix. Nathan Phillips decided not to stand for re-election and thanks was given toNathan for his contribution as a Trustee. .

The AGM also approved the proposal to keep three places vacant to allow co-optees during the year where the need for specific expertise ot interest may arise.

The Trustees that will continue in 2022 without requiring re-election are Barrie Owen, Ian Griffiths, Sie Griffiths, Christine McCoubrey, Tony Clements, Lynne Brier, Brian Fox, Dawn Holley, and Nigel Jones.

**President**

Barrie Owen was re-elected as President

# b) Elected Vice President

Dai Dix was confirmed as Senior Vice President

Christine McCoubrey 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

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# Auditors

Peter Hughes was approved as auditor for the coming year

**Announcements and Coming Events**

The next John Collins Gwent League match was noted as being on 11 February at Margam Park, which is an home fixture.

The dates for the YDL matches in 2023 are now available.

# Close

Club Chairperson Lynne Brier reiterated the Club’s thanks to everyone for their attendance and the ongoing commitment shown by everyone involved with the Club.

The next AGM will be on 25 January 2024 at 8pm

**The meeting closed at 20.24**

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