

**MINUTES OF SWANSEA HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
23 January 2025 from 8.00pm at the Club Café,
Ashleigh Road**

Present: Ian Griffiths, Andrew Jenkins, John Griffiths, Tony Clements, Dawn Holley, Ann Owen, Anthony Quick, Brian Fox, Lynne Brier, Catherine Collins, Susan Griffiths, Richard Harris, Nigel Jones, Kevin Tobin, Julie Hartley-Green, Dave Lewis, Neal Merry, Daphne Marler, Rod Davies, Ieuan Hosgood, Melissa Thomas, Islwyn Rees, Christine McCoubrey, Lee Wheatley, Nigel Jones

Apologies: Barrie Owen, Caroline Wade, Rob Beresford, Megan Stratton Thomas, Ifan Lloyd, Andrew Cleverley, Richard Harris

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 thanked all the volunteers who are so crucial to the running of the club and highlighted that we are again Welsh Athletics' Club of the Year which demonstrates the continued effort of everyone to make the club such a success.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 25 January 2024

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Swansea Harriers Annual Report 2024.

Tony Clements introduced the report which continues to incorporate each Team Manager's report into one document.

Catherine Collins also gave a verbal report highlighting how the junior arm of the club has developed and performed during 2024. Kevin Tobin also recognised the achievements of our road running athletes.

John Griffiths commented on the continued lack of a Welsh senior track and field league structure. Lynne Brier explained she would share these concerns with the Track and Field Committee of Welsh Athletics.

Hon. Treasurer's Report for Financial Year ending 30 September 2024

Dawn Holley introduced the audited accounts.

Dawn explained that Welsh Athletics have increased both the WA component of the membership fee together with a significant increase in the club's affiliation fee to the governing body. The fee has changed from a flat rate amount to one directly linked to the number of members (a pound levy for each club member). Given that Swansea continues to have the highest number of members across Welsh clubs, this change has a particular impact on us.

The Financial Report was unanimously approved with Ian Griffiths proposing and Neal Merry seconding the report.

Election of Officers and Officials

The proposed Trustees for re-election in 2024 were unanimously approved. The re-elected Trustees are Brian Fox, Catherine Collins, Dawn Holley and Nigel Jones.

The Trustees that will continue in 2025 who do not require to be re-elected are Barrie Owen, Ian Griffiths, Tony Clements, Christine McCoubrey, Lynne Brier, Rob Beresford and Caroline Wade.

This gives a full complement of Trustees and the AGM approved the proposal for the Trustees to co-opt Trustees during the year to fill any vacancies that may arise and in doing so to look to fulfill our commitment to greater diversity within the group.

President

Barrie Owen was re-elected as President

b) Elected Vice President

Catherine Collins was confirmed as Senior Vice President

Kevin Tobin 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

Dawn Holley was elected as Honorary Treasurer.

g) Membership Secretary

Chris McCoubrey was elected as Membership Secretary

Auditors

Peter Hughes was approved as auditor for the coming year

Announcements and Coming Events

Lynne Brier highlighted that our Senior Awards night is on 28 March.

Brian Fox mentioned that the next John Collins Gwent league fixture is the home match at Margam on 8 February and it is hoped the club will provide enough volunteers to make the match a success.

The Neal Merry Open meeting will be on 5 April.

It was highlighted that the club has a number of home fixtures in the coming track season and will need all hands on deck especially for officiating.

The meeting closed at 20:48