

DONCASTER ATHLETIC CLUB

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm

Apologies:

Jude Allam
Les Grant

Attendees:

Rebecca Henry-Brown	Claire Macleod
Tracey Christison	Angie Clarke
Janet Powell	Janet Hampson
Lilly Hampson	Luke Osbon
Arif Munir	Martin James
Alison Howard	Julie Kealey
Jenny Jones	Sarah Monteith
Glynn Jones	Adam Jones
Leah Watson	Dave Andrews
Dawn Fletcher	Eddie Fletcher
Fi Greenwood-Mitchell	Jez Greenwood-Mitchell
Aallsa Watson	Dave Watson
Jennifer Monteith	Angus Jones
Barry Barnes	Julie Cull
Louise Marie Taylor	Ian Monteith
Peter Badger	Pam Smith
Kevin Lincoln	

Agenda:

Introduction:

Kev opened the meeting with the history of The Club. How we had overcome the Pandemic in the last 18 months. We had become a limited company, had become a one-million-pound site and had gone on to win the prestigious Athletic Club Of The Year Award in 2019. Unfortunately, due to the Pandemic there had been no meetings held, therefore no minutes to refer to.

We looked at what the future held for the Club. Not only we needed to take the Club forward since the Pandemic, with new ideas etc., and reminded us that we needed younger volunteers to carry on the good work that had been undertaken, and Kev would welcome people who were interested in the financial and administration side of the Club as well as other volunteers For Operational Roles.

Kev went on to give detailed Chairman's responsibilities, showing over the years how this had grown. He was looking for someone to take over some of these responsibilities and this position would be advertised. John Purchase who supported many of the physical duties was a great help to him, but still needed other support.

Financial Overview:

Our average yearly turnover up to 2020 was £120,000. Our nett loss 2020/2021 financial year will be £60,000. e.g., 450 competing members 11yrs or over = £54,000, 80 under 11 members = £8,400.00, Tuck Shop Takings = £9,000 after stock, Club Gear = £10,000, Site Bookings = £8,000, Road Race Profit x 3 = £9,000, Open Meeting May = £2,400, Track Grand Pre (Autumn) x 3 = £7,000 and Club Lottery = £1,200 which is still held monthly but require more subscribers.

The anticipated Expenditure for 2022 which includes maintenance of the Club, insurance and accountants' fees = £96,050. An anticipated profit for 2021 of £13,000.

Proposed changes to Constitution, Club Rules and Membership Fees:

Membership Fees:

It was agreed that the Saturday Club Membership Fee should remain the same £100 for just 1 hour per week for new members, and £90 for renewals was fair. When going up to Tuesday and Thursday nights there will be an increase of £10

The general Membership Fees for £2022 were discussed as follows:

Second Claim new member = £122 (standard member less comp. fee).

Under 11's Standard member new = £130 and Renewal £110,

Under 13,15,17 new = £140 and renewal £120,

Competing Road Runner Under 17. Sen/vet. Off-site training = £45.

Standard member 17 or over, senior, veteran.

£185 and renewal £140 Full track access with Key)

University members. £60, must be attending university not sixth form.

Track usage: £3 per session for members, £5 per session non-members.

However, there will be a new lock with new keys in the New Year, issued on payment of Membership

Members agreed to remind those people who feel this sum is too much, that it works out at less than £3 per week for two hours training with professional coaches. Those athletes wishing to pay in instalments – 3 separate instalments, but will only receive their registration and UKA licence, at the completion of the final payment. We also offer Family Packages, and weekly payments for those people in difficulty. There is also a space on the Membership Form for voluntary donations.

Club Life Members:

In 2007 when Doncaster AC moved to the Keepmoat site, there was an unwritten agreement that any member achieving international level in athletics or associated sport, representing England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales, would qualify for free life membership. The only payment being the annual competing licence fee. Since then, several youngsters reached English Schools Athletic Event and were deemed to qualify for Free Life Membership. But this qualification is now not deemed high enough to qualify for a Free Life Membership. Then there was no change to the Club Constitution and the matter was never raised at an Annual General Meeting nor Club Directors Meeting. Since then, several members are still paying only the competing licence fee of £16 at significant loss to the Club. This issue was recently raised at the Club Directors Meeting, when it was agreed this issue should be raised at the next AGM (today) to gauge members views.

- To amend the arrangement, with immediate effect, that only members achieving internal status in line with the original agreement, will receive free life membership, and confirm reaching English Schools events, is no longer an acceptable qualification
- This is to be retrospective starting 2022
- That the outcome of the decision be included in the Club Constitution.
- Any Member may appeal, in writing, to the Club Directors, up to 31st December 2021.

Company Board of Directors:

Still as follows:

Kev Lincoln - Chairperson – Leadership/Management/Facility Management

Les Grant – Vice Chairperson – Responsible for Coach Development

Company Treasurer - Tabularious Accounts Ltd.

Company Secretary – Pam Smith

Welfare and safeguarding – Janet Hampson/Kev Lincoln/Lea Watson/Nicky Harding

Club Track and Field Development – Vacancy

Club Website – Martin James

Community Member – Vacancy

Road Running Development – Janet Hampson

Vacancies for junior members: Jenn Monteith, Aalisa Watson, Angus Jones

- The Junior Members recommended greater schools' liaison and more coaches attending events.

Club Officers:

Club Membership Secretary – Yvonne Barnes

Social Secretary – Dawn Fletcher, Angie Clarke

Club Road Running Secretary – Marie-Louise Taylor

Club Cross Country Section -Martin James/Barry Barnes

Team Managers:

Northern League – Peter Badger and Shaz Wood

South Yorkshire Leagues – Jude Allam/Pam Smith/Dawn Barnes

YDL Upper – Karen Wilkinson/ Jude Allam

YDL Lower - Vacant

Non-Constitutional Officers

Club Captains – Peter Badger/Shaz Wood

Coach Co-ordinator – Les Grant

Volunteer Co-ordinator/and Chairperson of the New Events Committee =

Fi Greenwood-Mitchell

This new Events Committee, recently set up, is producing excellent ideas on how the Club needs to go forward. Questionnaires are being sent to out Pacers, Athletes and Parents with positive replies on events, Awards nights etc. A big challenge ahead for the Club and The Events Committee, But a very positive Committee.

Child Protection Officers: - Les Grant/Kev Lincoln/ Janet Hampson/ Leah Watson

Lottery Co-ordinator – Pam Smith

Club Welfare Officers – Les Grant **plus one vacancy**

Team Managers =

New Roles:

Track and Field Ranking Updates - vacancy

Social Media Administration - Magazine produced by Barry's son monthly
We also need to contact schools/colleges re
Students.

Officials Co-ordinator **Vacancy**

Report Writing for Website and social media - vacancy

New Event Committee – Fi Greenwood-Mitchell

FOB System:

We now have a Fob System which will identify athletes coming through the Main Gate. If an athlete loses a Fob, then it is £10 to replace it. An athlete who has been given a Fob and forgets the Fob will not be allowed through the gate. However, there are still fobs to be pick up either at the main gate or from the Cabin.

Any Other Business:

None

Next Meeting Date to be forwarded later in the year.

Pam Smith

Company Secretary

PS:

The Directors are seeking to form a Welfare Support Group, which includes Safeguarding, Mental Welfare and First Aid. Relevant courses will be arranged in the new year.