

## **BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH AC**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

#### **HELD AT LADYBIRD INN, BROMSGROVE.**

Attendees L. Quartly, P. Gerner, R. Beacham, J. Frost, E. Nicholls, R. Brownlie, I. Nicholls, C. Scoltock, Y. Al Daftary, H. Russell, P. Woodyatt, K. Walton, M. Walton, C. Brown, D. Cleverley, J. Gerner, J. Dineen, A. Freeman, T. Woodward, B. Hartigan, P. Anderson, G. Moorhead.

Apologies J. Wakelam, A. Beacham, P. Hawcroft, S. James, D. Carney, Y. Priestman, S. Cater, A. Stuart, J. Atkins.

#### Minutes of last meeting

The AGM was not asked to propose and second approval of the 2007 AGM minutes. There were no objections raised and therefore the minutes were accepted as a true record.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the Committee, coaches and P. Anderson for his help with the website. Also, he thanked I. Keyte for organizing the Midweek 10km race, M. Hanson for managing the Welsh Castles Relay team and C. Brown for managing the Cotswold Hilly 100 relay team.

The organizing committee of the Multi Terrain 8 race were thanked for their efforts over the last 20 years and the race will take place again next year with a new committee.

B&R AC now has a club room at the Abbey Stadium, and in the on-going talks about development of the Stadium the issue of a better club room has been noted.

The Ryland Centre is still being developed and a full report of this can be seen in the B&R AC club room.

R. Brownlie was honoured by Redditch Council. She was awarded coach of the year for 2007.

A link has been forged with Chadsgrove School which is a special school for disabled children. B&RAC will look forward to making this a stronger link in the future.

Coaches and team managers were thanked and the club is still looking for new coaches and helpers for the young athletes.

The chairman ended his report with a vote of thanks to all B&RAC members.

### Treasurer's Report

J. Wakelam was thanked for all her work in this position.

No vote was taken on the report because a query arose about the apparent loss made by the Multi Terrain 8. In the absence of the Treasurer, it was decided that the Club Committee would look at this query and make their findings available to Club members.

### Membership Report

Irene Nicholls was thanked for all her work, as this involved new registration methods with English Athletics.

Irene thanked J. Wakelam for her help with all the payments.

There was a query about members who still do not have registration cards. Irene would follow this up with members and English Athletics.

The report was accepted as a true record. (Proposed by Y. Al Daftary and seconded by A.Freeman).

### Team Manager's Reports

All these reports were presented and put on file. It was noted that Jo Frost was now a team manager for the Women's Track and Field League. Jo was thanked for her work in her first year in this post.

### Election of Officers etc

These were reelected *en bloc* with the following inclusions:

Schools Liaison: This role to be split between Bromsgrove (Phil Woodyatt) and Redditch (name to be supplied by Rita Brownlie).

Midland Counties Track and Field delegates and team managers: Andy Freeman and Jo Frost (proposed by J. Dineen, seconded by B. Hartigan).

Heart of England Track & Field Manager. Phil Woodyat.

Gloucester League Cross Country Manager. The position still to be resolved.

### Club Funds

The Chairman pointed out that the Club's funds held at the bank had remained at a steady level for a number of years and was not therefore keeping pace with inflation ie it had lost value. He proposed that the meeting held an open discussion and invited suggestions for use of club funds. Suggestions included:

- Pole vault coaching
- Club sign for X/C, Road and Track fixtures
- Marquee(s)/tent(s) for use at these fixtures
- Lap top plus race results equipment
- Rewards for young athletes
- Endeavour awards
- Reflective training vests
- Club sweat shirts
- Club track suits
- Reduce subscriptions
- Buy/hire mini bus
- Sponsorship
- Trophies for local competitions (schools district).

It was agreed after a proposal by Y. Al Daftary and seconded by J. Frost that these and other ideas should be discussed at committee level, followed by an open discussion with club members in January 2009.

During the discussion, views were expressed that the Club needed a development plan, be more clearly structured, and should provide a greater Club identity and pride for B&R AC athletes.

**Meeting closed at 10.05 pm**