



ASHFORD ATHLETIC CLUB

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27th January 2024 at 7.00p.m.

Sandyacres Sports & Social Club

AGENDA

Paul Maxted, club chairman welcomed everyone to the 59th AGM, next year will be the 60th year for AAC and it is hoped to celebrate this in some form. The number of people attending tonight is testament to the club growing. The committee members were asked to identify themselves.

1 Apologies for absence

Marsh family, Wilcox family, Benson family

2. To confirm the minutes of the 2023 A.G.M.

Jacqi Snare proposed and Pete Le Rossignol seconded – there were no matters arising.

3. To receive Reports

- Chairperson's Report by Paul Maxted
- Financial report by Stuart Whorlow AAC Accountant
- Membership Report by Kate Dickinson

Chairperson's Report:

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 59th Ashford AC Annual General Meeting.

This is now the second year since we have managed to hold this meeting face to face. Last year we only had 57 attendees in attendance but numbers look good tonight so THANK YOU all for joining us.

So we can identify who the committee members are, can I please invite you all to say Hi and introduce yourselves please.

Financial Report:

The Club is in a good position going forward due to increasing membership. We have had

more outgoing expenses mostly due to athlete awards evenings/AGM and coach and athlete support and awards, but this is all seen as going back into the club in a positive way.

Membership Report:

2023 has been a busy year for membership with 68 new members enrolled and a renewal rate of approximately 182. Our membership base has changed over the years and we currently, for this coming year have a very strong U13/16 age group. Which has been fed by a successful U11 age group from last year. We also have a strong senior and vets group and the figures make interesting reading.

Currently:

<i>12 Under 11</i>	<i>40 Under 13</i>	<i>49 Under 15</i>	<i>38 Under 17</i>
<i>15 under 20</i>	<i>39 Seniors</i>	<i>47 Masters</i>	

We lose some members who are students away at Uni, but they can apply as a student membership and pay just the affiliation fee in the January following their September start at Uni so they don't have to miss out on competing for us, maybe on a weekend home visit or in the holidays.

For those of you who have not yet renewed for this year, don't forget you receive a £5 discount if you are paid up by Feb 28th/29th.

Our AAC Membership system gives you access to your own portal as account holder where you can top up your training fees so that on the nights that you train these are then deducted when the register for the night is uploaded. Your training account is visible online for you to check when membership was paid and fees topped up and taken off. You are also able to change details such as your address etc.

Once you have joined as a new member of Ashford AC, I register you with England Athletics to generate your Athlete URN. This number follows you throughout your athletic career. You will receive an email from England Athletics with a welcome pack and details of how to go onto your own England Athletics Portal where you can also update any details etc.

The long overdue website revamp is shortly going to be made live. We were hoping to accomplish this last year, but unfortunately due to various illnesses and pressures of time, we have been somewhat delayed. It has been a mammoth task collecting the correct variety of information, to make a public facing site for the world to view. There will be many people who are not familiar with the club, and new to the area. Many of us already 'in the know' use the Facebook and Instagram sites to communicate everyday things within the club, so with this new website we have tried to align this alongside the social media platform, to fit neatly as a shop window advertising Ashford Athletic Club for all the key aspects of our club. It will be a very visual site with plenty of colour and pictures linking it to our membership system and allowing access to various other important links, promoting what we do within the club. So keep your eyes open for www.ashfordac.org.uk

4. Election of Officers –

President
Life Vice-Presidents

Support Team

Schools Liaison Officer
Team Mangers Southern League
Team Managers YDL
Team Managers Kent League
Team manager Cross-Country
Team Manager Masters
Race Walking Manager
Fund Raising Manager
Website Support
Grant Support
Meeting Manager
10k Organising Team

Executive Committee

Membership Secretary
Hon. Secretary
Coach Liaison
Athlete Welfare Officers x2
One Team Managers Representative
Five ordinary members. 11 in total

Club Support Team Continued

President Mr. Derek Laws. Proposed by Exec Committee for the 2nd year

Life Vice Presidents ::	Mr D J Fox	
	Mrs M Seamon	
	Lesley Hall	
Vice-Presidents:	Mr & Mrs D Russell	Mr Ray Firth
	Mrs L Stuart Smith	Mrs M Hambrook
	Mr J Hobbs	Mrs H Willicott
	Mrs P Missing	Mr J Hughes
		Mr P Woods

Seconded by Paul en bloc

There are vacancies on the committee if anyone is interested.

Any Questions: none

Meeting closed at 1922hrs