

# **Southern Athletics League Annual General Meeting minutes**

**Online via Teams**

**19:35pm on Friday 13th December 2024**

## **Agenda**

### **1 Welcome from the Chair**

Please wish Winchester & District all the very best in the National League and welcome Marshall Milton Keynes back to the SAL . Also note that Colchester Harriers and Braintree are forming a composite team called COBRA .

### **2 Apologies**

(Clubs – AFD, Sutton, Bournemouth, Team Dorset, West Norfolk, Radley, Crawley, Orion, Basingstoke, Blackheath, Kent AC, Horsham Blue Star)

Attendees (51) Nicola Barberis Negra, Vespa Ellis , Alan James (WGEL), Faye Young, Alan MacDonald, Michael Illing (Hillingdon) ,Graeme Packman(Bedford) , Alison Parker , Sue - Thurrock Harriers AC , Matthew Kiernan , Brighton ,Linda Bassill ,Doug Christie ,Martin Howard ,Mick.Bromilow, Elaine Larkins, Rebecca Tuff ,Nate (Bracknell) ,Martin Howard ,Carl Beech , John Falvey ,Frank Womelsdorf (Serpentine) ,steve knight ,Richard Parles, SLH Jill Lula & Phil Hartnett ,Elegbede, Ade (Contractor),Denis Costello , Fraser ,Wendy Powell ,Stuart Flack ,Josh Hawkins ,Brighton ,Liz Bignell - PWAC , Brian ,Steven Green,Fraser Watts ,Sheila White ,Southwark AC ,Keith Scofield, John Gates ,Ben McIntyre, Josh Hawkins - Brighton ,St. Mary's Richmond AC , Steve Green (C&C) ,Holly BBHAC ,Paul Green WSEH ,Andy Holme (Salisbury) , Sofia Contino , Timothy Popkin,Martin Norman ,Ade ,Sheila White , Martin Norman (Walton AC) ,Josh Hawkins - Brighton ,Phil York , Caitlyn Harvey, Mr N Standing ,Martin Norman [Walton AC] ,Ray 442083731957 , Tom Evison - Andover AC ,Jerry Odlin ,Ben McIntyre 2 ,David C ,Josh Hawkins - Brighton , Toby ,Colleen Fuller ,

### **3 Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting**

### **4 Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

### **5 Secretary's Report**

## **SAL Secretary's report for 2024**

94 teams participated in the league this year, which ran smoothly. However, the officials were an issue again in the lower divisions.

60 matches were scheduled but only 58 occurred this year, with no clubs using the September date. Div 3 has 6 leagues as clubs prefer local competition instead of travelling far for matches.

Simon Fennell's portal system was used for declaring teams, Non scorers and officials this year, which were then downloaded into the old SAL software Excel sheets. The portal went down on two occasions causing a huge amount of disruption to team declarations and then the results software and Simon had to work to fix the issues.

Composite clubs have been submitted for the 2024 season, we have 12 clubs now and a link to the document has been added to the league website so everyone can see this under the documents tab.

### **Divisional Winners**

- Division 1: TVH
- Division 2 North East: Havering
- Division 2 South & West: Epsom & Ewell
- Division 3 West: Bournemouth
- Division 3 North London: Watford
- Division 3 South: Havant
- Division 3 South London: Maidenhead AC
- Division 3 North: Luton AC
- Division 3 East: Basildon AC

### **New League Records:**

- Hammer 71.33m Charlotte Payne Reading
- 1500m 3:48.54 Jack Kavanagh Holland Sports

#### Division 2 records

- 4\*400m 3:22.3 St Alban's
- 400m Phoebe Gill St Alban's 53.3
- Hammer 71.33m Charlotte Payne
- 400m Brook Cronin Walton AC 46.64

#### Division 3 records

- 1500m 3:48.54 Jack Kavanagh Holland Sports

## **6 Treasurer's Report**

### **2024 Treasurer's Report**

Prepared by Nicola Barberis Negra (SAL Treasurer)

31 matches used photo-finish in 2024 (24 in 2023, 34 in 2022, 29 in 2021, 31 in 2019 and 2018 – there were fewer matches in the last couple of years and photo-finish was used in about 53% of the matches in 2024, which has increased since the approximately 37-39% in previous years). The current subsidy for a match involving photo-finish is £200 and 30 matches have been refunded (pending refunds are awaiting for confirmation of bank details). I would recommend to keep the refund to the same for 2025, but mandate the SAL committee to review the amount for 2026 onwards, should be number of matches with photo-finish decrease to levels before 2024.

At 6 th November, 54 clubs (out of 94) have paid their membership fees for 2025. Enrolment to the next season is ongoing.

In 2021, we received a fund of £3,000 from EA to pay for L1 and L2 official courses for SAL clubs (maximum two L1 officials and one L2 per club) – This year, we have not refund any course, so we still have just over £1,250 available for official courses going forward.

There has been a profit of £1,390.00 this year, which is about £800 less than the previous year: this is in line with the increase of matches with photofinish and the subsequent increase in refunds. In light of this, I would recommend to keep the membership fee at £75 for the 2025 as well.

Overall, we have a healthy balance, which should help the league running for the next few years.

*Balance sheet between 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024*

<b>Balance at 16/11/2023</b>			<b>£9,033.72</b>
<b>Restricted funds - Officials courses</b>			<b>£1,270.00</b>
<b>Income</b>			
A1	Subscriptions	2024	£ 4,015.00
A2	EA Officials funding		£ -
A3	Subscriptions	2023	£ 150.00
A4	Subscriptions	2025	£ 3,825.00
<b>Total income</b>			<b>£ 7,990.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
B1	AGM	2024	£ -
B2	Trophies/Medals	2024	£ -
B3	Photofinish	2023	-£ 400.00
B4	Photofinish	2024	-£ 6,000.00
B5	EA Affiliation fee	2024	-£ 200.00
B6	Refund official courses	2024	£ -
B7	Website renewal	2024	£ -
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>-£ 6,600.00</b>
<b>Profit</b>			<b>£ 1,390.00</b>
<b>Balance at 31/10/24</b>			<b>£ 10,423.72</b>
<b>Restricted funds - Officials courses</b>			<b>£ 1,270.00</b>

## 7 Election of Officers

- Chair = Ray Gibbins
- Secretary = (open position)
- Treasurer = Nicola Barberis
- Fixtures' Secretary = Ray Gibbins
- Management Committee - Mick Bromilow, John Falvey, Tim Hall, Mark Purser, Kay Reynolds and Brian Slaughter

## 8 To approve the structure of the League for 2025

## Division 1 2025

V THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS	C CHELMSFORD	S SOUTHAMPTON
W WINDSOR SE&H	H HARROW	K Bracknell
R BRIGHTON & HOVE	M MEDWAY & MAIDSTONE	H HAVERING - promoted
N NORWICH	Z WYCOMBE and CHILTERN (c)	L LONDON HEATHSIDE - promoted
I IPSWICH and COLCHESTER & TENDRING (c)	B BLACKHEATH & BROMLEY	R EPSOM & EWELL - promoted
G WOKING	A BASINGSTOKE & MID-HANTS	D READING - promoted

## Division 2

### Division 2 South & West 2025

H HERCULES WIMBLEDON (Relegated)	N NEWBURY	A ALDERSHOT F&D
G GUILDFORD & GODALMING	R RADLEY	S SOUTH LONDON
W SWINDON	P PORTSMOUTH	Y CRAWLEY
F ASHFORD	K KINGSTON & POLYTECHNIC	V HAVANT - promoted
C CROYDON	B SALISBURY	M MAIDENHEAD - promoted
T WALTON	E EASTBOURNE	U BOURNEMOUTH - promoted

### Division 2 North & East 2025

A DARTFORD - relegated	T THURROCK	I ILFORD
E CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS - relegated	S STEVENAGE and HAWCS (c)	X HARLOW
D DACORUM	N PETERBOROUGH and NENE VALLEY	V VICTORIA PARK & TOWER HAMLETS
W WOODFORD GREEN with ESSEX LADIES	C CAMBRIDGE & COLERIDGE	U LUTON -promoted
Q ST ALBANS	K KENT	W WATFORD - promoted
P HERTS PHOENIX	B BEXLEY	L BASILDON - promoted

## Division 3

TBC

## 9 Dates for 2025

The League Management Committee proposes that the dates for 2025 should be any five from:

- Saturday 17th May
- Sunday 22nd June
- Sunday 13th July
- Saturday 30th August

## **10 Motions**

### **Motion 1**

**No motions this year.**

## **11, AOB**

**1**, the women's steeplechase to be brought ahead of both the relays as it is unfair to have it just before the 4 x 400m relay as many competitors do both races. Perhaps it can be moved to before the 1500m.

Voted for a timetable change, swapping the women's and men's steeplechase around.

For = 20

Against = 17

Abstain = 6

## **2, Match points discussion Mick Bromlow**

Mick explained his changes and why the current points system isn't fair and happened in the Div 2 north east league.



Microsoft Word  
Document

Alan explained his Points system changes.

Document below

Transcript of discussion during Alan's point.



Microsoft Word  
Document

3, RAY all the fixtures have been agreed div 3 south one match to be agreed.