

BEDFORD AND COUNTY ATHLETIC CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18th May

Present: Bob Thompson [BT], Howard Darbon [DB], Craig Emmerson [CE], Martyn Blackwell [MB], Dennis Johnson [DJ], Allen Adamson [AA], Paul Gooding [PG], Euan Wilson [EW], Alex Stanton [AS], Rosemary Stanton [RS] Penny Butcher [PB], Ian Roberts [IR]

1	Apologies: Pete Carpenter, Peter Webster, Courtney Gunn
2	Nomination of President. Nominated Bob Thompson. Proposed by PB, Seconded DJ
3	Election of Chair. Proposer DJ Seconded CE. Paul Gooding elected unanimously. PG took the Chair and thanked MB for his work as chair over the difficult years of COVID.
4	Election of Officers Office Vice chair - Penny Butcher Treasurer - Pete Carpenter Assistant Treasurer - Courtney Gunn Secretary - Allen Adamson Membership Secretary - Martyn Blackwell The above were unanimously voted in en bloc, there being no other nominations.
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting 2022. It was noted that the minutes were written much later than the meeting, but the meeting accepted their accuracy. IR pointed out that he had attended but was not listed as present. 13 members listed as attending the meeting therefore quorate.
6	Matters Arising from AGM 2022. It was noted that we do not need to have our accounts audited, but that they should be presented at executive and general meetings. In addition they must be reviewed by someone independent and qualified. It has been established that the executive committee can set the membership fees, with consultation of the members, and that no EGM is required to set the fees. Matters Arising from EGM 4/10/22. Changes to articles and rules will be sent for review to the EA solicitors. Confirm full name of the reviewer of our accounts, Mike ??? We will submit our accounts to Companies House by the required date.
7	Outgoing Chair's Report. Copy held. Thanks again to MB.
8	Treasurer's Report. Copies held of report and accounts. Chair to follow up the following with the treasurer; Chiltern League net cost. HD not sure that the Wheelchair section holds £7000. HD asked if the membership fees for wheelchair athletes be included in their stand alone account. Our account is in a solid position. MB suggested we hire out the EDMs.

9	Changes to the Club's Articles and Rules. Copies held. BT took the meeting through the changes. The majority were passed without a vote. 41.1 concerning the calling of general meetings was the subject to discussion. It was suggested that there should be separate sections for the calling and adjourning AGM and EGM meetings, rather than considered under general meetings. DJ proposed an amendment to calling EGMs, that 15 members can call an EGM. A vote was held between it being a 15% of voting members or 15 members. The meeting voted 11 to 1 in favour of 15% of members to call an EGM. The executive committee will look into rewriting 41.1 and 43.2. 41.2 take out posting general meeting agenda on notice boards. Changes to Rules. Rule 7 take out reference to 'cheque books' All changes approved by the meeting. Thanks to BT for the work he has done in revising the Articles and Rules.
	Meeting Closed 8.45 pm