

# **MIDLAND COUNTIES**



## **ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**TO BE HELD AT  
BACK STRAIGHT STAND  
ALEXANDER STADIUM  
WALSALL ROAD  
PERRY BARR  
BIRMINGHAM B42 2LR**

**COMMENCING AT 12 noon**

Notice of Meeting, Agenda and Minutes

**To be followed by the  
Track & Field League AGM at 2 pm**

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

W. Adcocks	J. Andrews	E. Barton
L. Barnett	Mrs T. Barnett	R. Beddows
T. Bentley ISO	Miss N. Blaine MBE	Miss E. Bowie*
Mrs R. Brownlie	Mrs M. Bullen	K. Bull
Mrs R. Chrimes	D.C. Davies OBE	G. Durbin
M. Doyle*	D. Evans	K. Evans*
M. Farrell	Mrs J. Febery	W. Ferguson *
R. Float	C. Fox	B. Heatley *
G. Heeley	G. Huddle	S. Hodson
D. Holliday	E. Horwill	Mrs P. Horwill
E. Hutchings	Mrs A. Johnson	D. Johnson
E. Johnson	A. Lindop	Miss K. Martyn-Jones
C. Michell	Mrs K. Michell	P. Oram
Mrs L. Orbell	B. Owen	M. Paxman*
Mrs B. Randle	M. Robinson	B. Thomson*
Mrs J. Tudor	Ms L. Turner	R. Vince
K. Walklate	Mrs J. Wall	N. Wheatley
Miss M. Wixey*		

\*Deceased

## **PRESENT OFFICERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS:**

President	:	L. Orbell
Chairman	:	G. Durbin
Hon. Secretary	:	A. Hulse
Treasurer	:	S. Barnes (Resigned during the year)

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS OF ACCOUNTS: AGS (WOLVERHAMPTON)**

**TRUSTEES:** L. Orbell, R. Float, G. Durbin, A. Hulse, S. Barnes

## **MANAGEMENT BOARD 2018/2019**

President – L. Orbell  
Chairman – G. Durbin  
Hon. Secretary – A. Hulse  
Hon. Treasurer – S. Barnes (Resigned during the year)  
Cross Country Representative – Keith Brackstone  
Track & Field/Race Walking Representative – *covered by the officers*  
Road Running Representative – *covered by the officers*  
Co-opted Members: C. Fox (Past President), G. Heeley (Past President), J. Febery (Past President), B. Randle (Past President), M. Bullen (Past President)

NOTICE is hereby given that the 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MIDLAND COUNTIES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION will be held in the **BACK-STRAIGHT STAND, ALEXANDER STADIUM, WALSALL ROAD, PERRY BARR, B42 2LR** on SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019 at 12 noon for the purpose of transacting the following business:

### **APOLOGIES**

1. To receive the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
2. To receive and consider the Annual Report.
3. To receive and adopt the Accounts and Financial Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
4. **To elect the following proposed Honorary Officers of the Association**  
  

<b>President:</b>	Lyn Orbell
<b>President Elect:</b>	
<b>Chairman:</b>	Stewart Barnes (proposer G. Heeley, seconder J. Febery, et al)
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	
<b>Hon. Treasurer:</b>	Nominee withdrawn
5. To appoint the **Independent Examiners of Accounts:**  
AGS (WOLVERHAMPTON)
6. To note the current **Trustees of the Association:** L. Orbell, R. Float and S. Barnes.
7. To note the election of the Officers of the **Midland Area Race Walking Association**  

<b>Chairman:</b>	Keith Richards
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	Ann Perry
<b>Competition Sec:</b>	Glyn Jones
<b>Financial Adviser:</b>	Peter Boszko
8. To note the election of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary of the **Midland Cross Country Association:**  

<b>Chairman:</b>	Keith Brackstone
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	Rita Brownlie
10. To note the election of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary of the following Committees:
  - 10.1 **Track & Field Committee:**  

<b>Chairman:</b>	Lyn Orbell
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	Andrew Hulse

10.2 **Road Running Committee:**  
**Chairman:** Ian Clarke  
**Hon. Secretary:** Rita Brownlie

10.3 **Officials Selection Advisory Groups:**  
**Coordinator:** Maureen Bullen (appointed by Management Committee)

11. To note the election of the Hon. Secretary of the following Committees

11.1 **The Midland Track & Field League:**  
**Hon. Secretary:** Iris Morris

11.2 **The Midland Women's Cross Country League:**  
**Hon. Secretary:** Rita Brownlie

12. To elect the **representative to the AAA:**

**AAA Management Board:**

13. **Life Membership:** Mrs. M. Werrett, S. Harris, S. Barnes, P. Wells, T. Farr, P. Owen, B. Eggleton, R. Boden, A. Hulse

# MIDLAND COUNTIES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 held in the Olympic Suite, Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham 12:00pm

### Present:

Lyn Orbell (President), Geoff Durbin (Chairman), Stewart Barnes (Hon. Treasurer), Andrew Hulse (Hon. Secretary), Bryan Acford, Stuart Albutt, Julia Bailey, Martin Bailey, Ray Boden, Keith Brackstone, Roger Brocklesby, Maureen Bullen, Marg Cherrington, Alan Cherrington, Rosemary Chrimes, Bunny Kyd, Dave Lodwick, Iris Morris

### Apologies:

Rita Brownlie, Ken Bull, Ian Clarke, Dan Davies, Jan Febery, Colin Fox, Graham Heeley, Nick Higman, Sally Higman, Eric Horwill, Ann Johnson, Ernie Johnson, Alan Lindop

The President asked that the attendees stand in memory of those who we had lost over the previous twelve months:

Dianne Leather	14/08/2018	The first woman to run a mile in under five minutes
Mike Paxman	12/10/2018	Track Judge at Worksop Harriers
Brian Shepherd	12/06/2018	Timekeeper at Dudley & Stourbridge Past President of Birmingham Cross Country League

***A minute's silence was observed in their memory.***

The Hon. Secretary then read out the Notice of the meeting.

### **1.0: Receipt and approval the Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The President asked if everyone was happy with the accuracy of the previous minutes.

### **2.0: Receipt and consideration of the Annual Report**

Geoff Durbin (GD) expressed his thanks to the Officers and Staff of the Association for their help and support during the last year. GD said he was grateful to England Athletics (EA) for their grant and mentioned the other main sponsors, Derby Runner for the Cross Country Numbers, Athletics Direct for providing the numbers for the Track and Field competitions and the Track and Field League itself. This coming year Athletics Direct will continue to support us by sponsoring 75% of all the numbers. GD also thanked ECCA and ERRRA for their funding which helps development.

GD said that the Association will try to continue to work with England Athletics with regards to funding. The scheme now in place with Northern Athletics has begun to throw up some problems, such as the disenfranchisement of any Northern born athlete who no longer lives in the north and so would not be able to compete in the Northern Championships. After discussion with Chris Jones

of England Athletics and consultation with John Gandee, Chairman of the Southern Athletics Competition Committee, the Midlands Area and Southern Area will resubmit their original proposal that EA act as central point of collection of a proposed £3 fee to go directly to the two Areas. The original submission was 'misunderstood' by the EA Board.

Stuart Albutt, (Solihull and Small Heath), said that he had heard that the South was considering becoming autonomous. GD again re-iterated that he had been talking with the Competition Board Chairman of the South and that this was not mentioned.

Keith Brackstone and Roger Brockelsby (Bristol and West), expressed concerns with the way that both UKA and EA were treating the Areas and Clubs and also that UKA wanted to subsume the Home Countries Associations, so they controlled everything. Much discussion followed revolving around these points, with agreement in many areas and with a promise that the Midlands will continue to work towards ensuring adequate funding for the sport.

Andrew Hulse then gave his report outlining the changes which had occurred during the year. Bunny Kyd (Royal Sutton Coldfield) asked about the position and future of facilities in this and other areas. Discussion followed where Track Mark and the problem of Throwing cages were covered.

The Annual Report was accepted by the meeting.

### **3.0: Receipt and adoption of the Accounts and Financial Report**

Stewart Barnes (SB), (Hon. Treasurer) then gave his Financial Report. Bunny Kyd (Royal Sutton Coldfield), asked about the amount of Bank Charges. This was discussed and SB suggested this was normal transaction charges and also PayPal charges. SB will investigate this further and reply to the questioner.

Motion to accept the Accounts and Financial Report was proposed by Iris Morris and seconded by Stuart Albutt. This was passed unanimously.

Stewart thanked the office staff and Mrs. Valerie Day for all the work they had done to support him.

### **4.0: Election of the Honorary Officers of the Association**

Geoff Durbin then explained that he would be standing down as Chairman after 18 years at next years AGM, hence his nomination as President-Elect. He stated that he would strive to ensure funding was secure.

<b>President:</b>	Lyn Orbell
<b>President Elect:</b>	Geoff Durbin (nominated by Management Committee) – unanimously agreed by the meeting
<b>Vice President:</b>	Vacant
<b>Chairman:</b>	Geoff Durbin – unanimously agreed by the meeting

**Hon. Secretary:** Andrew Hulse (to continue as at present)  
**Hon. Treasurer:** Stewart Barnes (nominated by Management Committee)  
– unanimously agreed by the meeting

There were no proposals for Vice President.

**This was accepted by the meeting**

**5.0: Appointment of the Independent Examiners of the Accounts**

AGS (Wolverhampton) Ltd were unanimously re-appointed.  
Proposed by Stewart Barnes, seconded by Ray Boden – unanimously agreed by the meeting.

**6.0: Trustees of the Association**

**Wg CDR Dan C Davies OBE, Alan Lindop, Bill Ferguson, Lyn Orbell, Richard Float, Geoff Durbin, Stewart Barnes and Andrew Hulse.**

We have received recent notification that Alan Lindop, Dan Davies and Bill Ferguson no longer wish to be trustees, the latter two, due to increasing age and inability to take an active part. This means that we will need to secure three new Trustees by the time of the 2019 AGM.

**7.0: Election of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Midland Race Walking Association**

**Chairman:** Keith Richards  
**Hon. Secretary:** Ann Perry  
**Financial Officer:** Peter Boszko  
**Competitions Sec:** Glyn Jones

**8.0: Election of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary of the Midland Cross Country Association**

**Chairman:** T.B.C  
**Hon. Secretary:** Rita Brownlie

**9.0: Election of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary of the following Committees:**

**9.1 Track & Field Committee.**

**Chairman:** *vacant* (covered by Officers of the Association)  
**Hon. Secretary:** Rachel Hulse

**9.2 Road Running Committee.**

**Chairman:** Ian Clarke  
**Hon. Secretary:** Rita Brownlie

**9.3 Officials Selection Advisory Groups**

**Coordinator:** Maureen Bullen appointed by Management Committee

**10.0: Election of the Hon. Secretaries of the following Committees:**

**10.1 Midland Track & Field League**

**Hon. Secretary:** Iris Morris

**10.2 Midland Women's Cross Country League**

**Hon. Secretary:** Rita Brownlie

**The Meeting confirmed the appointments listed in Minutes 7.0 to 10.0.** The President said that all the Committees had been asked for their nominations and that they were all happy with the current incumbents.

**11.0: To elect the representative to the AAA:**

**AAA Management Board:** Geoff Durbin (Currently a Director)

**Proposed Maureen Bullen seconded Marg Cherrington**

Nominated by Management Board and unanimously voted for by the meeting.

**12.0: Life Membership**

Bill Thomson, Stuart Hodson and Mike Doyle were nominated as a new Life Members.

The President said that the Association was open to nominations from Clubs for future Life members, and that they did not have to be Officials, they could be anyone who it was thought had provided great service to their club and hence the Midland Counties.

President Lyn Orbell thanked those attending.

Meeting closed at 13:38pm.