



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm on 24th October 2023
Inshes School, Inverness

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Charles Forbes welcomed everyone that has come along to tonight's AGM.

2. Apologies

Grant Nairn, Alistair Thompson, Jonny MacLeod and Karen MacMillan

3. Minutes of previous AGM on 24/10/22

Proposed - Charles Bannerman

Seconded - Gordy Fraser

4. Matter's Arising

Nothing raised

5. Chairman's Report

(as per the attached report)

6. Treasurer's Report

An auditor is presently signing off the account's which will follow shortly.

The balance of club funds as at 31/8/23 was £ 40,350.46

Our Income for last year was £38,121.34 and Expenditure £36,626.81 making a very small profit of £1,494.53 for the year.

Karen our treasurer has a breakdown if anyone has any questions and there is also an Income and Expenditure sheet available on the table.

£3500 was spent this year on the club refurbishment which has greatly improved our club hut.

There was a big increase in bus costs, however we do aim to recover 50% of the costs from the athlete's bus fares, and the buses were very popular this year.

Membership fees have remained at £30 for the year, however track fees may increase next year if track costs increase from HLH.

There was a 5% increase in track costs last year from HLH and this year it is expected to be around an 8% increase, this is still a cheap sport compared to many other sporting activities.

The Junior members do subsidise the club, this is due to the volume of number in these groups, this is also quite common practice in all clubs.

The report was accepted by the members present by a majority show of hands.

7. Membership Report

Last year there was 229 paid up members, 23 Associate and 38 Life Members, there is no waiting list for anyone over 16yrs, however at present we have around 99 on a waiting list for all the younger age groups.

There was also 57 on the waiting list that are too young and Emma has re-directed them to the athletics activity that HLH run.

Coaches need more help and volunteers which may enable the groups to take in new members.

Membership fees will remain at £30 and there was an unanimous show of hands in agreement to this.

8. Election of Office Bearers & Committee

PRESIDENT: Charles Forbes
Proposed - Dianne Chisholm
Seconded - David McColl

There were no other nominations for this role.

SECRETARY: Dianne Chisholm
Proposed - David Mc Coll
Seconded - Gordy Fraser

There were no other nominations for this role.

VICE PRESIDENT: no nominations
Proposed -
Seconded -

TREASURER - Karen MacMillan
Proposed - Glenda Cooper
Seconded - Kirsteen Antliff

There was no other nominations for this role

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Emma Davidson

Proposed - Dianne Chisholm

Seconded - David McColl

There was no other nominations for this role

WELFARE OFFICER - Alison MacRae

Proposed - Glenda Cooper

Seconded - Emma Davidson

There was no other nominations for this role.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Chris Bryden - prepared to stay on

Glenda Cooper - prepared to stay on

Paul Davidson - prepared to stay on

Jonny MacLeod - prepared to stay on

David McColl - prepared to stay on

Garry Main - prepared to stay on

Gordy Fraser - standing down

New General Members

Dean Kane - Proposed by Charles Forbes, seconded by Mary Payne
Kirsteen Antliff has volunteered to go on a sub-committee if she is required.

There were no objections raised and Charlie asked for a show of hands to vote on the General Committee, this was approved.

9. AOCB

Mary Payne raised the issue again that there is still a shortage of Officials and 95% of them do not stay locally. This needs to change, there was quite a few competitions that there was a shortage of graded officials and parent helpers were needed for the meetings to go ahead, also at a few competitions there was no paperwork done in advance for the officials, which they then had to sort out.

There is only one starter in the North and if we lose him then we really are in trouble. We now need younger officials to take over the current ageing officials.

Charles Bannerman agreed that there is a huge shortage in the North, but also with other clubs as well. We should also encourage our athletes to thank the officials after their event, since covid they have been advised not to shake their hand but just to say a thankyou instead.

For competitions to run smoothly we need plenty of help, but people just don't come forward to volunteer these days, our own club championships this

year did go smoothly but this was only because we did get lots of parents involved.

The priority in the club is now to get more officials, there are some courses at the end of this year and we have a few names already interested.

Any new club members now joining the club, the parents will be asked to get involved and there are many roles within the club that they can help out at.

Glenda has done a great job with the volunteer rota for training nights to assist the coaches in the various groups.

Charles Bannerman did mention that our Governing body has a major responsibility to recruit, however quite often many of the courses advertised are then cancelled.

Alec Sutherland said that the Moray Trail Runs in Culbin were a great success, but now the Forestry are charging quite a lot and may make them not feasible.

Charles Forbes advised that Charles Bannerman has now written another book and is out now called "A Running Jump" it is for sale at £10 and will be a great read.

Mark Wilkins said that he has been made very welcome by the club for himself and his daughter, they loved the club championships and that he found the club very helpful and welcoming and would like to say thankyou.

Glenda Cooper mentioned that the club has moved forward with getting the Senior members back into the club, we have put on more events for them with a 5000m at the club champs and also some cross country races and the Dochfour Dash, hopefully this will greatly continue.

Glenda has arranged to start a couch to 5k to attract more senior members and hopefully some may then join the club, this was put on the club website today.

There is also a Sports Fair at the UHI on 7th November and we have a table there to promote the club.

There was no other business.

10. Date of Next AGM

24th October 2024

8.45pm - CLOSE OF AGM