



Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane, Brighton

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

At the start of the meeting we held a minutes silence in memory of the late Reg Hook.

**Present:** 16 members attended as shown in the attendance book.

**Apologies for absence:** 3 as shown

**Minutes of the 2022 meeting were accepted by those attendees.**

**General Secretary's annual report:** the general secretary's report was accepted as it was sent to the membership prior to the meeting.

**Finance report:** Judith gave her financial report for 2022 in it she showed a comparison between 2022 and 2021, this allowed the members to see that we were severely restricted in 2021 as covid was still rife and we lost 3.5 months of training and there were no competitions to speak of. 2023 we were back to near normal conditions and the gate receipts and subscriptions showed a much healthier income. Judith thanked the gate staff who worked through all conditions and their work enabled the club to pay for the day to day running of a large athletic club. At the end of the year we showed a deficit of £4367.85 which was almost the amount we donated to Freedom Leisure for the new cage and high jump bed: this meant that we basically broke even. Judith showed a separate finance report for the Boxing Day races which we ran but all proceeds went to The Clock Tower Sanctuary so this was a simple in and out payment which did not appear on the main accounts.

The club has £55K in the bank of which £8.7K is ring-fenced: revenue fell by £4.7K on the year which is why we were forced to increase subscriptions and training fees for 2023. There was a question from the floor re the hardship and covid funds by Serena, she asked how they were run and what was the difference. Judith, with input from Marcus, explained that the hardship fund had been a donation from a club member and was solely for club members whilst the covid fund was for a wider group of applicants.

**Item 6:** election of officers: the following were elected or re-stood.

6.0 President	Graham Ashdown
6.1 Chair persons	Melanie Anning and Judith Carder
6.2 Secretary	Bob Willows
6.3 Treasurer	Judith Carder
6.4 Membership Secretary	Rhiannon Rowe
6.5 Coaching Chair	Vacant
6.6 Competition Chair	Serena Smith
6.7 Managers representative	Kate Matthews
6.8 Senior athletes representative	Howard Bristow.
6.9 Junior athlete representative	Kate Matthews
6.10 Officials secretary	Christel Shaw
6.11 Welfare officer	Marcus Opoku
6.12 Clubhouse Trustees Finance Secretary	President, General Secretary and
6.13 Two non-executive members	Melanie Anning, Paula Blackledge

### **Team Managers**

7.1 Summer Southern Athletics League Youth Development league	Joe Morris
7.2 Under 13's	Samantha Kuloutsos
7.3 Under 15,s	Sean Dunford
7.4 Under 17's/20's	Sarah Yelling
7.5 Veterans	Shaun Billing, Jo Wilding
7.6 Winter women	Tom Ulliott
7.7 " Men	Howard Bristow
7.8 Veterans	Tom Ulliott
7.9 Under17/15/13 boys and girls	Jay Potton
7.12 Sportshall league	Richard Carter
8 Health and Safety	Dan Brooker

Thanks were given to Sarah Hewitt and Howard Bristow for the work they have carried out over several years; Howard remains as senior men's winter manager.

**Item 9:** to elect an auditor for 2024

George Clayson has been offered the auditors role which he carried out in 2023

The meeting concluded at 20.25