

BRIGHTON and HOVE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane.
Brighton.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th September 2026

Present: 24 members attended as shown in the attendance book.

Apologies for absence: 6 as shown.

Kate Matthews chaired the meeting in Melanie Anning's absence.

Minutes of the 2025 meeting were accepted by those attending.

Finance report: Judith reported that the club is in a sound financial position. The annual accounts show that we had £65,416.60 as of 31st December. During the year we changed our method of collecting training fees and so there was a transition period, this explained the £527.50 cash from gate collections.

Judith stated that the new collection system is working well and reduces the volunteer time needed.

The club had spent over £10,000 on clubhouse plumbing and electrical work plus new security locks and Wi-Fi.

The club has invested in having over half of our money in interest-bearing accounts. Nearly £10,000 is ring-fenced.

Judith reported that we are sorting out a corporation tax issue and we should consider becoming incorporated and looking at our not-for-profit status. Both issues are to be investigated by the club committee. Judith is stepping down as treasurer but will be staying as an interim until a replacement can be found. Kate thanked Judith for all the work she has done over the years as treasurer and committee member.

At this point Kate gave a speech in praise of Sam Lambourne: Sam has been a stalwart of the club for many decades, as athlete, coach and organiser of the Boxing Day races. Sam had been asked to attend the AGM so that the club could thank him in person and to give him a trophy and a gift for his exceptional service. Sam thanked the club and spoke of his time as a runner and coach, and how he will always have fond memories of his years with us. The meeting gave him a warm round of applause as he accepted his gifts.

Kate then thanked the members of the club who are standing down from the committee and as team managers. Rhiannon Rowe, who has done an immense amount of work as the membership secretary and as stated before, Judith as treasurer. Glen Matten, Lara Skye and Jay Potten as team managers who have also done a terrific job running our summer and winter teams.

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

6.1 President	Melanie Anning
6.2 Meeting Chair	Christel Shaw

6.3 Secretary	Bob Willows
6.4 Treasurer	Position vacant
6.5 Membership Secretary	Catherine Opoku and Julie Watts
6.6 Head Coach	Sarah Hewitt and John Clements.
6.7 Welfare officer	Marcus Opoku
6.8 Official secretary	Christel Shaw
6.9 Managers representative	Kate Matthews
6.10 non-executive committee members	Paula Blackledge, Jay Potton. Suzanne Jarrett.

Team Managers.

7.1 Senior men and women summer	Josh and Toby Hawkin
7.2 Senior women and veterans: winter	Tom Ulliott
7.3 Senior men winter	Cameron Dunn
7.4 under 14's summer	Katie Smith and Katie Ridgway
7.5 under 16's summer	Eamama Love and Heloise De Menezes
7.6 under 18/20's summer	Sarah Yelling
7.7 under 14/16/'18's boys and girls winter	Jane Urban
7.8 Veterans summer	Shaun Billing, Jo Wilding
7.9 Sportshall league	Richard Carter and Emma Love
8 Health and Safety	Dan Brooker.
8.1 Clubhouse trustees	President, secretary and treasurer

Item 9: to elect an auditor for 2027.

George Clayson will be offered the auditors role which he carried out in 2026

Item 10.1: The AGM attendees were asked to vote for an amendment to our constitution: To allow for more than the current three non-executive members: this will allow us to utilise any volunteers that offer to join the committee. This motion was passed unanimously.

10.2: To give the committee emergency powers to elect new officers if the need arises. This motion was also passed.

The meeting finished at 7.50pm.

Kate asked for any matters from the floor and Gabriel Barnard Seidel, Tracey Brockbank and Eric Davison raised the issue of hammer training during the winter. Freedom Leisure have stopped the use of proper hammers during this period and have indicated that this will continue until June 2027, well into the next summer fixtures. Freedom's reasoning for this is the damage hammers have on the grass and the impact on footballers. Eric explained that in the past there has been an agreement with Freedom that they would provide soil for any holes to be repaired by our throwers: this worked well until Freedom stopped providing and so we could not carry out these repairs. Eric asked if the club would contact Freedom and try to resolve this matter. The committee members present promised to raise this and would work towards getting the use of repair soil returned.