

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024
AT THE GALA CLUB, GLOUCESTER**

Everyone was welcomed by the Vice-Chairman, Andrew Hawkins.

1. **Present**

Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson, Andy Hawkins, Joanne Carter, Elliot Prince, Andrew Kaighin, Elaine Chapman, Ben Chapman, Wendy Sutton, Sara Force, Philip Jeyes, Mandy Neufeld

2. **Apologies**

Derek Lord, Arthur Daley, Rachel Vines, Ruth Fairford, Albert Gardiner

3. **Agreement of the Minutes of 2023 AGM**

The minutes were approved as accurate by the Vice-Chairman, Andrew Hawkins

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no Matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. The report also incorporated the reports of Cross Country Secretary, Secretary and Webmaster. The report is as follows:

As Chair I'd like to thank all those people who have contributed to the promotion of our events. I am in Belfast representing England Masters in the Home Masters International so give my apologies.

I am very happy for another person to be elected Chair but in the absence of such a nomination will continue with the understanding that I will not be filling in vacant positions. Having one person complete so much puts the association in a very weak position.

I have taken on roles that have not been filled but after recovering from an operation in March I intend to focus on racing; both my own and through coaching. I therefore will not have the time or energy to fulfil the many duties within those roles.

Our usual events have taken place with their usual success. I won't detail them as most of us are already well aware of them. Although we rely on a relatively small number of people to organise these the number helping has grown. This is especially so with the cross country league where despite me temporarily taking on the role of Cross Country Secretary we have extra help. I am very grateful to those people and it has greatly reduced my workload and

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strengthened the operation of the association. I will not be doing this next season and if we do not have someone to co-ordinate the league it is unlikely to happen.

It is good to see that Steve and Lynn Hudson are training people to take over the compilation of league results!

The association relies on the league for the majority of its funding and should the league not provide several thousand pounds every year it is likely the affiliation fees will need to increase and we will need to start charging for the County Road Race Championships and for entry to the Road Race Series. If every affiliated club provided one other volunteer we would be in a stronger position. I've placed job descriptions in this report; they are broken down into functions that could be shared.

The website still continues to be the main method of communication about county events. Three people have access to the website which gives greater sustainability; it was set up after the previous webmaster's death which resulted in us not having access to the previous website. With several people having access the website is quickly updated.

6. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed prior to the meeting. The Treasurer was unable to be at the meeting and had sent her apologies. Her report is as follows:

The County has received Affiliation fees from the following clubs:

Dursley Running Club, Western Tempo, Severn AC, Gloucester AC, Bourton Road Runners, Cheltenham Harriers, GLC Striders, Tewkesbury Running Club, Angels.

The report also highlighted those clubs where we had not received Affiliation fees:

Cirencester AC, Cotswold Allrunners (this club may not affiliate), Tetbury Dolphins, Almost Athletes, Stroud AC, Running Somewhere Else, Forest of Dean, North Cotswold Triathlon, Tewkesbury Allrunners.

There was some concern amongst those present about the amount of clubs who have not paid their Affiliation fees.

Financial accounts are as follows:

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**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
1 OCTOBER 2023 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

INCOME	2022/23	2023/24	EXPENDITURE	2022/23	2023/24
Affiliation fees	420.00	240.00	Affiliation fees	0.00	350.00
Events	21,210.32	17,907.59	Events	15,396.67	14,833.18
Grants/Donations	0.00	0.00	Grants	0.00	0.00
Vests/Medals	322.00	330.00	Refundable expenses	234.69	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	Miscellaneous	202.70	737.44
			Vests	431.44	662.76
			Transport	745.00	840.00
			Equipment	160.41	0.00
			Courses	0.00	0.00
			Computer/website	71.99	143.99
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>21,952.32</u></u>	<u><u>18,477.59</u></u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u><u>17,242.90</u></u>	<u><u>17,567.37</u></u>
Opening balance b.fwd		<u><u>18,472.14</u></u>			
Total income from above		<u>18,477.59</u>			
Transfer from savings account		12,951.11			
Total expenses from above		(17,567.37)			
Balance c.fwd		<u><u>32,333.47</u></u>			
INSTANT ACCESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Balance at 30 September 2023		12,938.48			
Interest		12.63			
Transfer to main account		<u>(12,951.11)</u>			
Balance at 30 September 2024		<u><u>0.00</u></u>			

7. Road Running Secretary's Report

The Road Running Secretary distributed his report prior to the meeting. Report as follows:

The final race in the series has been completed and the final table published. Rob Green (CLC), with a maximum score, and Emily Chandler (Stroud), by just a single point, are the overall winners, with Stroud AC and Cirencester AC taking the male and female (open and vet) team prizes respectively.

Stroud AC also 'cleaned up' with the top three places in the newly-added MV35 category. Incidentally, we do not have a specific shield for this and I would propose that we purchase one in time for engraving. The change to the number of qualifying races for V75 and up allowed Eileen Hieron (FV80) to complete qualification with just four races.

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The final table is subject to any queries / change requests; I have asked that these are submitted by the 24th November, after which the standing will be final and the category winners submitted for shield engraving.

We are in the process of collecting in the shields and expect to have them all ready for engraving by the date above. We will again be using Cotswold Classic Shoe Repairs and Engraving – the proprietor has provided us with a good service over the last couple of years.

The date for the presentation evening has been confirmed as Friday 10th January, at the Civic Suite in Gloucester. Both the Mayor and Sheriff of Gloucester will be in attendance. Once the series table is finalised, I will send out invites to the club representatives.

A provisional race series has been drafted for 2025 and shared via the GlosAAA road race page. This will be subject to confirmation and – I suspect – revision. There are events available as contingency for any such revision.

Despite the possible uncertainty over the future of the Berkely Power Station site (which has prompted Dursley RC to drop the Berkeley 10k for a 4-mile event at Sharpness), the 20-mile ‘Fission’ race is open for entries. I’ve not received a response from the race organiser, having sent out a query earlier regarding this.

Provisional race series, 2025:

Date	Race	Host (club)
26 Jan	Boddington 10	CLC Striders
23 Mar	Berkeley Fission 20	Rogue Runs
May	Bourton One Mile CC	Bourton Roadrunners
May/Jun	Stroud Beer Race	Stroud & District AC
11 Jun	Cirencester 10k	Cirencester AC
Jul	Blaisdon 10k CC	Forest of Dean AC
6 Aug	Bugatti 10k	Almost Athletes
Aug	Haresfield 5k CC	Gloucester AC
14 Sep	Angels 10k	Angels Running Club
Sep	Bourton Hilly Half CC	Bourton Roadrunners
Oct	Sharpness 4	Dursley Running Club
2 Nov	Guy Fawkes 5	Tewkesbury Running Club

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9. **Election of Committee**

- The Committee consists of:

Chairman	Arthur Daley
Vice Chair	Andrew Hawkins
Honorary Secretary	Vacant
Minutes Secretary	Andrew Hawkins
Honorary Treasurer	Rachel Vines
Cross Country Co-ordinator	Vacant
Road Race Series Co-ordinator	Philip Jeyes
Road Running Co-ordinator	Vacant
Sports Hall Co-ordinator	Elliot Prince
Track and Field Co-ordinator	Elliot Prince
Officials Secretary/Co-ordinator	Albert Gardiner
Welfare/Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Albert Gardiner
Social Media Manager	Andrew Kaighin

- All the positions were accepted and those in a position agreed to carry on with their roles for another year.
- Prior to the meeting, the Chairman distributed Job Specifications for Cross Country Secretary and Secretary.
- Elliot Prince mentioned at the meeting that he may have an applicant for the Cross Secretary position. The Vice-Chairman asked Elliot to pass on the details to the Chairman.

10. **Nomination of Awards**

- Prior to the meeting, there were no nominations for the following awards:

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- Gloucestershire AAA Athletic Achievement Award - This is presented to the athlete, official coach, club officer or volunteer helper who has achieved something special during 2023 or over a longer period of time.
- **However at the meeting the Chairman's name was put forward. This was voted on. There was a unanimous vote for Arthur Daley to be the recipient of this award.**
- Anthony Lancaster Memorial Award – This honours the best track performance by a county senior and or veteran runner. .
- Bob Hussey Memorial Award – This is presented to the county young athlete putting up the best track performance of the season for 2023. Pat and Andrew Hussey will decide on the recipient of this award.

- The Vice-Chair asked for nominations for the remaining awards to be forwarded to the Chairman. These will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

11. **Any Other Business**

- Andrew Kaighin informed those present that after some thought he would take on the role as Inter-Counties Cross Country Team Manager.
- Philip Jeyes commented that Cheltenham Running Club were hoping to join the County AAA's. The question he asked was "Do they have to be Affiliated to England Athletics?" They are currently not. From these present it was felt that they would have to be. The Vice Chair advised that he would ask the question to the Chair.

13. **Dates of Next Meetings for 2024/2025**

Dates for diaries: December 6th, February 7th, April 11th, June 13th and November 7th (AGM).
If we want a meeting in September, the Chairman has suggested September 12th.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40.