

2025	Male	Female	Team
GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING			
HELD ON FRIDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2025			
AT THE GALA CLUB, GLOUCESTER			
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Diff			
-0.80			
Opening bank balance			
40,810.63			
Income			
1,968.00			
Expenditure			
-781.80			
41,996.83			
Per statement 08/04/2025			
42,009.23			
Unreconciled payment			
-11.60			
Balance per I&E statement			
41,997.63			
Diff			
-0.80			
Opening bank balance			
41,996.83			
Income			
2,961.57			
Expenditure			
-4,892.48			
40,065.92			
Per statement 1/09/25			
40,078.32			
Unreconciled payment			
-11.60			
Balance per I&E statement			
40,066.72			
Diff			
-0.80			
Opening bank balance			
40,065.92			
Income			
30.00			
Expenditure			
-1,214.19			
38,881.73			

Everyone was welcomed by the Chairman, Arthur Daley.

1. **Present**

Arthur Daley, Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson, Andy Hawkins, Derrick Lord, Martin Brooke, Elliot Prince,

Andrew Kaighin, , Philip Jeyes, Mandy Neufeld, Helen Pemberton, Terry Haines (Life Member)

2. **Apologies**

Rachel Vines, Pauline Tilsbury, Albert Gardiner

3. **Agreement of the Minutes of 2024 AGM**

The minutes were approved as accurate by the Chairman, Arthur Daley

4. **Matters Arising**

- ~~Clubs have to be affiliated to the County Athletic Association;~~ there can be no unattached runners in cross country events as from next year

5. **Chairman’s and Secretary’s Report**

The Chairman’s Report was distributed at the meeting. The report is as follows:

Firstly, I apologise for the late arrival of many of the reports. I prefer to distribute them a week before a meeting but by moving the date of the AGM forward by a week (and me helping 2 people move house) we've collapsed the timings. I will suggest that the AGM be the third week of November in 2026.

We do need to make the association sustainable by involving more people. This is difficult as many of our clubs are finding it challenging to find volunteers. (Both Gloucester AC and BMAF are very short of committee nominations for positions at their forthcoming AGMs.)

I am finding that combining the roles of Chair, Secretary and equipment store room manager is compromising my ability to do all three jobs as well as my racing, officiating and coaching.

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I would be happy to continue as Chair next year if we can appoint or elect an active secretary. I would also be very happy for others to take on both roles. The workload of the Secretary is quite small.

The amount of equipment stored in my garage grows year by year. At some time I will cease to be able to store it. I mentioned this to Andrew Kaighan and he suggested that it be stored in the sheds at Cheltenham. That would be great if someone would then transport it to and from the CC venues and the track championships but unless whoever lives in Cheltenham may not be practicable. As an association without a physical location storing equipment is always going to rely on goodwill.

Financially we are in a good position so that aspect is sustainable.

I also act as one of the selectors for the Inter-counties Cross Country Championship and propose that this year we offer automatic selection to the first 5 runners in the U13 and older CC Championships. This will include the seniors. The remaining places will be at the selector's discretion and to be offered after the SW CC Championships and the Cheltenham CC Relays.

Looking forward the 2027 and 2028 Inter-counties CC Championship is planned to be held on the second weekend of January instead of March. This will affect selection.

The new age groups which start on 1st April 2026 may not greatly affect our county Track and Field Championship in that we can run age groups together but the U12 age group (Y6 and Y7) will result in the Y5 children not competing unless we want U10 events.

We need to find a volunteer to be meeting manager for our track and field championships as I combined that role with field referee to the disadvantage of both.

We have been well served by Steve and Lynn Hudson in producing cross country results very quickly and accurately. There have been many frustrations in this year's results but they are being overcome.

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:

Income and expenditure account: Couple of things to note:

1. The affiliation fees received look inconsistent as we received £150 of 2024 fees in 2025.
2. Affiliated clubs for 2025 are:

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Angels, Almost Athletes, Bourton Road Runners, Cheltenham & County Harriers, CLC Striders, Cirencester AC, Dursley, FOD, Running Somewhere Else, Stroud, Tewkesbury Running Club, Severn AC, Western Tempo, New Berkeley Harriers.

NB nothing from NCTR

2. In 2024 we had a lot of expensive XC venues e.g. Cotswold Farm Park and Over Farm. More reasonable this year.

3. Refundable expenses are mainly officials' lunches.

4. Equipment in 2025 is the timing/results equipment and the tent.

I have also attached the detailed cash book and bank reconciliations. You asked if I could get someone to do some sample testing. I haven't done this yet, could I pay a colleague to do this for us, if so, how much would be reasonable?

I propose to keep the affiliation fee at £30 unless anyone thinks it should be increased.

Financial accounts are as follows:

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

INCOME	2023/24	2024/25	EXPENDITURE	2023/24	2024/25
Affiliation fees	240.00	605.00	Affiliation fees	350.00	205.00
Events	17,907.59	20,164.57	Events	14,833.18	8,989.89
Grants/Donations	0.00	0.00	Grants	0.00	0.00
Vests/Medals/coach	330.00	285.00	Refundable expenses	0.00	608.66
Other	0.00	0.00	Miscellaneous	737.44	834.20
			Vests	662.76	438.92
			Transport	840.00	930.00
			Equipment	0.00	2,343.65
			Courses	0.00	0.00
			Computer/website	143.99	155.99
TOTAL INCOME	<u>18,477.59</u>	<u>21,054.57</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>17,567.37</u>	<u>14,506.31</u>
Opening balance b.fwd		<u>32,333.47</u>			
Total income from above		21,054.57			
Total expenses from above		(14,506.31)			
Balance c.fwd		<u>38,881.73</u>			

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Per statement 30/09/2025	38,894.13
Unreconciled payment	-11.60
Balance per I&E statement	38,882.53
Diff	-0.80

7. Road Running Secretary's Report

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

- With the series now complete (* at the time of drafting this, I am still processing the Guy Fawkes 5 results), we are in the process of gathering the shields for engraving and putting together the invites for the awards presentation evening.
- A 2026 series proposal has been drafted and is included at the end of this report. If this is agreed by the committee, I will share it with the clubs. Key items are:
- age category to be determined by age on the day of the first race (CLC Striders have provisionally scheduled the Boddington 10 for 25th January)
- the Jenner Jog 10k is a new introduction (hosted by New Berkeley Harriers)
- the Bourton One Mile will be a county championship event after agreement was reached to provide resource to administer the prizes / medals
- the Blaisdon 10k and Bourton half marathon will make up the remaining county championship races
- I hope to have event dates confirmed as soon as is possible (and will request this of the hosting clubs) to, hopefully, mitigate clashes – this does highlight a small number of challenges in putting the series together:
- the final two events in the 2025 calendar clashed with the league cross-country fixture weekends,
- there is a slight congestion of events in September and no events in either April or August,
- we are still reliant on a commercial events provider for one of our races.
- In summary, planning twelve road races across a calendar year, ensuring we have a fair mix of hosting (affiliated local) clubs and distances whilst avoiding clashes with other events, is almost certainly going to require some compromise
- As before, the series may be subject to change if circumstances (e.g. an event has to be cancelled) dictate.
- The awards presentation evening is booked for Friday 9th January 2026, with the Mayor and Sheriff both confirmed for attendance. As before, we expect to commence proceedings at 8pm and invitees will be requested to be present by 7.45pm.
- I will request some summary notes for the Track & Field and Cross-Country competitions, and combine these with a summary of the road race series to send to the Mayor (and copy Arthur), for the presentation evening's introductory speech.
- **Road Race Series 2026 (proposed)**

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Date	Notes	Event	Club
25 Jan		Boddington 10	CLC
1 Mar		Berkeley Fission 20	Rogue Run
15 Mar		Jenner Jog 10k	NBH
8 May	CC	Bourton One Mile	BRR
27 May		Stroud Beer Race (7.2 mi)	Stroud
7 Jun		Fairford 10k	RSE
16 Jul	CC	Blaisdon 10k	FoDAC
5 Sep		Cranham Boundary Chase (5.8 mi)	Severn
13 Sep		Angels 10k	Angels
27 Sep	CC	Bourton Half Marathon	BRR
11 Oct		Sharpness 4	Dursley
1 Nov		Guy Fawkes 5	Tewks RC

8. Cross Country Secretary's Report

Gloucestershire AAA Road Race Series Champions

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V75	David Saunders	Durs	Ruth Fulford	Ciren		

The Cross Country Secretary distributed his report at the meeting. Report as follows:

2 events have been held of the 4 races in the 2025/6 cross country league series.

The first event was organised by Geoff Trueman and Stroud and District AC 12/10/2025. It was the first cross country organised on the National Trust land at Tinkley Gate near Nympsfield. It was a challenging course with short steep sections, twists through woodland as well as open fields. Parking had been a concern in advance of the meeting but a combination of car sharing and spreading out the junior and senior races appears to have avoided any issues. The National Trust area manager was

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very supportive, and the venue is likely to be used again next year all being well.

The second race at Cirencester Park was organised by Dave Withnall and Running Somewhere Else Cirencester. This was effectively the same course as used successfully last year with a combination of small and large laps around the open parkland with the large lap also using some woodland tracks. This provided long gentle inclines with a good contrast from the hillier Stroud races. Dave is considering options to include some more technical gradients but that is for the future. One potential risk noted at the pre-event meeting with the Bathurst Estate is their policy of closing the Park in the event of the forecast of high winds; thankfully, that was not the case this year.

Race 3 is being organised by Alex Copping and Team Bath AC and will be a 4 County Championship with Avon, Somerset, and Wiltshire. The course will be same as last year at Bath University.

Race 4 will be the usual finale at Pittville Park and organised by Cheltenham and County Harriers. Hopefully, the water jump will provide its usual challenge.

We have used Entry4Sports to collect the entry fees and, also help process the results for the first time this year. The former has been rather successful with over 800 athletes entered and £15000 collected to date. Recording the times has been aided using tablets and time stamping equipment purchased by Arthur Daley on behalf of GAAA. There have been a few teething issues with the Entry4Sports Software but with perseverance they seem be being resolved. We are grateful to Helen Pemberton and others for her help with this.

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 Secretary	Martin Brooke
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

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Welfare/Safeguarding Co-ordinator Albert Gardiner

Social Media Manager Andrew Kaighin

Webmaster Arthur Daley

- All the positions were accepted and those in a position agreed to carry on with their roles for another year.

10. **Nomination of Awards**

- **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.

After discussion of the nominees, the winner was Carolyn Franks

- **Anthony Lancaster Memorial Award** – This honours the best track performance by a county senior and or veteran.

After discussion of the nominees, the winner was Craig Murch

- **Bob Hussey Memorial Award** – This is presented to the county young athlete putting up the best track performance of the season for 2024. Pat and Andrew Hussey will decide on the recipient of this award.

The two nominations of this award are Isla Pain and Callum Yates and they will be forwarded to Pat and Andrew Hussey who will decide on the winner.

- **The Wayne Bremner Shield** – This is a new award to commemorate the life of Wayne. This award is for the best county thrower in the last season

The only nomination was Hugo Bucher and therefore after discussion, Hugo was declared as the winner of this award.

11. **Any Other Business**

- Rotational Committee Officer Roles

Terry proposed the introduction of Fixed Term Appointments for certain Committee Officer positions. He suggested that clubs should rotate holding the Chair and Vice-Chair roles. This proposal will be reviewed and discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

- Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association (GPFA)

Terry informed the Committee that he is a trustee of the GPFA. He noted the strong performance of affiliated athletes and encouraged all clubs to consider joining the Association. GPFA plans to appeal for £100,000 in funding for the upcoming year. The annual affiliation fee is £23.

- County Meeting Representation

It was agreed that each club should ensure a representative attends County meetings to maintain active engagement and communication.

- Club Officer Directory

A suggestion was made to compile and maintain an up-to-date list of each club's Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to support coordination and record-keeping.

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Dates of Next Meetings for 2025/2026

Dates for diaries: December 5th, February 6th, April 10th, June 12th, September 11th and November 20th (AGM).

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:26.