

ISLE OF MAN ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Ascot Hotel, Douglas

Monday 28th November 2011

Present: Representatives from the various athletics clubs on the Isle of Man:
David Pryke, Cheryl Pryke, Gianni Epifani, Anthony Brand, Trevor Christian,
Bernie Shimell, Di Shimell, Louise Kneen, Gordy Brew, Allan Callow, Michael Callow,
Steve Kelly, Bridget Kaneen, Jackie Lee, David Griffiths, Gail Griffiths, Lesley Christian

Apologies: Alan Franklin, Richie Stevenson

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM, postponed from November 2010, and ultimately held on 17th January 2011, were agreed and accepted.

2. Chairman's Report

David Pryke presented his report for the year, which would also be made available on the IOMAA website (www.iomaa.info).

3. Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Pryke presented the audited accounts for the year to 30th September 2011. The Cross-country and Sportshall figures show an apparent large profit; however the incomes on these include sponsorship funds received in advance for the 2011/2012 season, and the two events had in fact just broken even.

Funding of the Sports Council Grant appears lower than actual as at the time of audit 1/3 of the funds was still to be received.

The accounts for the year ending September 2011 were accepted by all, with thanks to Ian Mudie and Steve Hull for their services as auditors for the accounts.

4. Election of Officers

The following officers for 2011 -2012 were duly proposed (Gordy Brew), seconded (Bridget Kaneen), and elected en bloc by the meeting:

President of the Association, Maurice Herriott

Vice-President: Gordy Brew

Chairman: David Pryke

Hon. Secretary: Lesley Christian

Hon. Treasurer: Cheryl Pryke

Statisticians: Di & Bernie Shimell

Committee: up to two representatives per Club, and representatives for coaching and athletic development.

Hon. Auditors: Ian Mudie and Steve Hull

Commonwealth Games Representative(s): Allan Callow and David Pryke (two permitted to attend meetings, with a single vote where required) – these positions held for four years, from one Commonwealth Games to the next.

5. Head of Performance

Gianni Epifani presented his report for the year, to be made available on the IOMAA website.

6. Athletics Development Officer

Trevor Christian presented his report to the meeting, covering the past year, and also outlining proposed developments within athletics for the future. A number of coaching workshops had taken place, with further workshops planned. Activities during school holidays were organised as a means of encouraging children into athletics and into the various athletics clubs around the island. Workshops for officials and for tutors of officials were taking place with a view to making the island self-sufficient for officials and time-keepers for athletics events. For its endeavours in setting up projects within the regional network scheme the Isle of Man Athletics Network and its development committee were nominated as finalists in the England Athletics regional awards for 2011, and were awarded the runner-up position. Trevor's full report is also posted on the website.

7. Island Games

Team manager Anthony Brand reported on the team's results in the Island Games in June 2011, held in the Isle of Wight. The overall medal results were exceptional, as were a number of individual performances within the team. The whole team was also highly commended for its team spirit and behaviour while attending the Games. Anthony's full report is available on the IOMAA website. The games committee were currently reviewing standards guidelines for athletes, and it is already apparent that a number of young athletes are already showing good potential. Anthony reminded the meeting that fund-raising for taking a team to Bermuda for the next Island Games would be of serious concern throughout the coming year.

8. Road Running

David Griffiths advised the meeting that road-running records have been brought up to date over the past 18 months, and requested athletes to advise him of any further updates or amendments needed, and to advise him of any new records achieved in the future. As a future project David now plans to compile rankings for various age groups, and to create a database for future reference.

9. Fell Running

Jackie Lee presented a report on behalf of Richie Stevenson, summing up what he considered to be “the most successful season in Manx Fell Running”, with record entries in local events, including at junior level, and great successes off-island. In a bid to increase entries for the Manx Mountain Marathon, the fell-running committee have announced their decision to move this annual event from its traditional Easter slot to a fixture much later in the year. A copy of Richie’s report would be published on the website.

10. Race Walking

Allan Callow reported that entries in race-walking events have continued to increase, with more veteran walkers also taking part. The Parish Walk again attracted a record number of entries, and it was announced that Manx Telecom have signed a sponsorship deal for the Parish Walk for the next three years. An Irish national coach had visited the island for a coaching workshop, and some local coaches had participated in training courses in the UK. Juniors are doing well, some showing good potential. The Junior England vs Ireland meeting is to take place in the Isle of Man in 2012. Local judge Steve Taylor has been selected as the chief race-walking official at the London Olympics.

11. Cross Country

David Griffiths reported that large numbers of entries had attended this year’s cross country. Seven athletes from the Isle of Man were selected to compete in inter-counties events, some bringing home medals also.

12. IOM Track & Field Championships

Di Shimell noted that overall numbers of entries had been slightly lower for the annual track & field championships; it was thought this might have been due to the date of the championships being moved to avoid a clash with the Island Games, but then subsequently losing entries due to athletes being off-island during the school holidays. Overall the two days’ events went very well; and thanks to all those who helped over the weekend.

13. Commonwealth Games / Commonwealth Youth Games

Allan Callow advised that the athletics standards for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, 2014, have been thoroughly revised. Funding has also been confirmed so potential applicants should now be making preparations to apply for funds. After Glasgow 2014, the next nation to host the Commonwealth Youth Games is Samoa, and due to the distance involved it has been decided that only a very small team, a total of 10 athletes from all disciplines combined, will represent the Isle of Man.

14. Any other business

Open meetings

Di raised a suggestion from the athletes, following the series of three open meetings which were held during the year, that these could be held as inter-club competitions. It was agreed that this would be further reviewed by the athletics development committee.

Northern League – proposal by UKA to drop U-17 category

Bridget advised that Manx Harriers have written to UK Athletics, lodging their objection to the proposal to drop the U17 category. The closing date for any further responses has passed; however it was generally thought that many clubs throughout the region will have voiced similar objections.

With no further business raised, the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

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