

ISLE OF MAN ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17th January 2011

(postponed from 29th November 2010)

Held at the Ascot Hotel, Douglas

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

Apologies: Andy Fox, David Griffiths

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 30th November 2009, were agreed and accepted.

2. Chairman's Report

David Pryke presented his report for the year. The full report is attached with these minutes and is also available on the IOMAA website (www.iomaa.info).

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cheryl Pryke presented the audited accounts for the year to 30th September 2010.

Track & Field sponsors Dohle have indicated that some of their funding may be used to purchase new Victor and Victrix Ludorum trophies. A Dohle sub-committee led by Chris Quine had awarded bursaries to six young athletes based on their performances in 2009.

A query was raised over availability of funding for the next year to cover major expenses such as the Youth Commonwealth Games, Island Games and the Development Officer. It is accepted that fund-raising will be a major issue for the Island Games this year in the Isle of Wight and especially for the following Island Games to be held in Bermuda. A grant of £30,000 has been secured from the McCain development programme in the UK, which will assist towards funding the Athletics Development Officer and other major initiatives during the next 3 years. The accounts for the year ending September 2010 were accepted by all, and thanks were expressed to Ian Mudie and Steve Hull for their services as auditors for the accounts.

4. Election of Officers

The following officers for 2010-2011 were duly proposed, seconded, 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) – this position to be held for four years until completion of the next Commonwealth Games.

5. Athletics Development Officer / Head of Performance

Trevor Christian presented his report, summing up a very busy year, copy of which is attached with these minutes.

Gianni Epifani, as Head of Performance, also presented his report for the year. Both reports are available on the website.

6. Road Running

David Griffiths was unable to attend the meeting due to recent surgery. It was noted that the 2010 rankings had recently been published and work was continuing on producing a definitive list of road running records. General opinion at the meeting was that Health & Safety regulations continue to make the organisation of road events much more difficult to arrange. Some events, such as the Peel to Douglas run, and the traditional Boxing Day relay, have had to be re-routed on off-road courses, and it is only thanks to strenuous efforts from the race organisers that these events have been able to continue at all.

7. Race Walking

Bridget Kaneen & Allan Callow reported that entries in race-walking events have continued to improve, and it is evident that race-walking is enjoying increased popularity.

8. Cross Country

Thanks were expressed to Andy Fox, Lewis & Lucy Veale and David Griffiths for the organisation and production of results for the cross country events which continue to attract large numbers of entries. One event of this season's series was lost due to adverse weather, and it is hoped to build a contingency event into the fixtures for future years. The final event of the series is scheduled for Sunday 13th February, at Ballanette, Lonan, and the prize presentation will take place on Thursday 31st March at the South Douglas Old Friends Association, Finch Road, Douglas.

9. IOM Track & Field Championships

Di Shimell commented that the introduction of a sub-committee to assist with the 2010 Championships had proved very helpful, and it was agreed by all that the event had been well-attended and very enjoyable, with a number of exceptional performances on the day. She noted that as usual a large number of entries had been received on the closing date, giving the organisers very little time to prepare entry-lists.

10. Island Games

Team manager Anthony Brand presented his report of progress towards the Island Games which will be held in June 2011 in the Isle of Wight. A copy of his report is attached with these minutes and is also available on the IOMAA website. It was noted that fund-raising will become a major issue for this event and also for the following Island Games which will take place in Bermuda, and a request was made for suggestions and ideas for fund raising events and possible sponsors who may be approached, as well as support for any fund raising events that are organised.

11. Commonwealth Games, Delhi 2010

Despite the disappointment of having no athletes representing the island, Allan Callow reported that team spirit was excellent and that a good account was given of the Isle of Man team at a follow-up meeting of the Commonwealth Games committee. It was hoped that further funding will be made available via the Sports Institute to assist future potential athletes for the next Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, and it was generally agreed that commitment towards success in 2014 needs to start now.

12. Youth Commonwealth Games, Isle of Man 2011

It was noted that Hannah Riley had been appointed athletics Team Manager for the CYG and that local media is currently circulating requests for offers of help in all categories of general assistants and track & field officials. Liz Corran has taken on the role of co-ordinator for athletics officials and volunteers, and a request was made to support and help make this huge event a memorable success for the island.

13. Any other business

Constitution

Chairman noted that the Constitution would benefit from a review to determine whether any amendments might be needed to bring it up to date; this to remain as an ongoing process.

Fell Running

Jackie Lee, representing Manx Fell Runners, advised that a Commonwealth Games fell-running event will take place in Snowdon later this year.

Jude's Sportshall

The annual memorial event hosted by Western AC will take place on Sunday 30th January, all are welcome to attend. Gordy advised that the costs of running this event have escalated as the NSC is charging the Club £240 to hire the hall. Gianni Epifani offered to investigate and report back on this increase in fees.

Sportshall

Steve Kelly congratulated the positive moves instigated this year by Trevor and Gianni; the forming of a team of young athletes to take part in the UK North – West Sportshall series was a good step towards raising the profile of “Team Isle of Man” for future off-island competitions.

Open meetings

Di raised a query on the organising of the three open meetings which have been proposed at the fixtures meeting for inclusion in this year's track league at the NSC. It was agreed that this would be further discussed at the next Development meeting (25th January).

With no further business raised, the meeting closed at 9:55 pm.

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