



ILFORD ATHLETIC CLUB

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held at Ilford Sports Club 8pm on 19th March 2015

1. In Attendance: Andy Catton, Wes Clarke, Gerry Pells, Gary Floate, Meredith Floate, Martin Clarke, Sukhbindar Jandhu, Ian Gains, Pam Jones, Rob Sargent, Neil Crisp, Jenni Sheehan, Satha Alaganandasundaram, Michael Croft, Julia Galea, Robin Davis, Jim Huddart, Les Hislop, Bradley Brown, Malcolm Muir, John Mackenzie & Dianne Crisp.
2. Apologies: Ernie Forsyth, Colin Fox, Ed Shilabeer, Dave Ainsworth, Steve Uttley, Nicola Hopkinson & Natalie Crisp.
3. Last years AGM minutes agreed as a true record, proposed by Robin Davis and Seconded by Les Hislop.
4. Matters arising from last AGM minutes
The Committee Positions of Chairman (Ernie Forsyth) and Coaching Co-ordinating Officer (Sukbindar Jandu) were filled after last years AGM meeting.
5. General Secretaries Report:
Andy gave a verbal report as he is very busy at work and is not getting much time for club business. He would in fact like to stand down if there was anyone willing to try the General Secretaries Role. The role of the General Secretary should be to delegate and co-ordinate club matters only. Andy is aware that job descriptions should be written for all club officers but hasn't got time himself at present.

Membership has fallen mainly caused by the Rascals decline because of a lack of a coach, which the Club are hoping to restart. Another contributing factor is unpaid subscriptions therefore Members have been removed from the membership list. Gary Floate has done a superb job with the data management of Club Members. Gary wishes to step down from that role and concentrate on developing the Senior Southern Division 3 NE League Track & Field Team this year. Thanks were given to Gary for all his hard work.

The Young Athletes league with Woodford was tried but hasn't been pursued anymore. Ian Gains's group is growing in strength and Krystle and Tom are helping with the coaching. Ian Gains is continuing his good work as the Satellite School Club Link with local high schools which brings youngsters to the club. The Endurance Squad Coached by Rob Sargent is growing in number too there are as many as 25 on most Tuesday evenings at the track.

The club has also hosted several successful races this year. The Elvis has been very well supported. The Newman Hilly was well attended by over 200 runners as was the Valentines Park Elvis race. Ilford finished 1st in the men's competition and 2nd in the ladies. The Club 10 is not happening at present and needs an organising committee maybe to take place in December 2015. The Veterans Track Team is ably lead by Henry Ricketts and finished a creditable 4th in the league last year. The Walkers Section had a very successful spell but have recently been hindered with illness.

The Chigwell Row Hut refurbishment has been completed. The Track cabin this year needs our attention and a survey has been started to repair this facility. We need to either up grade or refurbish, the costs will be about £2500 approx or £13000 for a new second hand Cabin. We do have money to do complete this.

Nothing to report in regards with Essex Network yet it mainly seems to benefit Southend Colchester and Chelmsford Clubs. We will have a new Essex Network Co-ordinator starting for our area as Hayley Pegg is just covering Essex Clubs now.

Thanks were given to Martin Clarke for all his work on the website and reports every week. Andy Catton just asked that all members consider what they can do to help Ilford AC. Andy also wished Kevin Newell a speedy recovery.

6. Finance Officers Report

Accounts are healthy £29000 in credit. Wes Clarke presented the accounts, a copy of which are attached. The cost of £1200 Chigwell Row Costs were explained as our water and electric bills were underestimated for last year so that is why the costs were reclaimed this year. Thanks to the Auditors and Wes for all their work. The Audited Accounts were accepted by the meeting unanimously.

7. Subs Proposal effective 1st April 2015

UK Athletics Affiliation will increase to £12 from 1st April 2015.

There was some discussion regarding passing on the UK Affiliation costs to members. The Subscription costs remain unchanged. It was decided to increase the Affiliation Fees in accordance with the following:

Increased annual subscriptions for competing club members.

Proposal passed at March 2015 AGM – Proposed Gary Floate. Seconded Andy Catton

Ilford AC Subscriptions – Given that UK athletics will increase the athlete affiliation fee (individual competition license fee) from £10 to £12 as at 1st April 2015 that the following new rates apply (all increased by £2) effective 1st April 2015 :-

Senior £52 (including UKA £12)

Junior / Full time student £32 (including UKA £12)

Competing Life Member £12 (including UKA £12)

Competing Committee Member £22 (including UKA £12)

Competing Coach Member £22 (including UKA £12)

Other rates remain unchanged :-

Second Claim £20

Minors (i.e. under 11 years – “Rascals”) £15

Honorary £10

Committee will discuss and investigate if the UKA membership should be included with club subscriptions or can it be paid by individual athletes.

This was proposed and accepted by the meeting.

8. Presidents address

The President thanked Martin for the brilliant job he's doing with the news every week. We are a strong club and seem to be developing. We have a lack of officials and Gerry is happy when he visits races and sees the club members out representing the club. Gerry wants to press the point that we are an enthusiastic club who should be proud to support each other. Gerry is also hoping old and current members will attend the presidential dinner on the 1st May 2015.



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9. ILFORD ATHLETIC CLUB OFFICERS & HONORARY POSITIONS 2015/16

President	Gerry Pells
Chairperson	Ernie Forsyth
General Secretary	Andy Catton
Financial Officer	Wesley Clarke
Development Officer	VACANT
Membership Officer	Nicola Hopkinson
Media & Publicity Officer	Martin Clarke
Social Events Officer	VACANT
Track & Field Officer	Gary Floate
Cross Country & Road Officer	Neil Crisp
Walking Officer	Steve Uttley
Coaches Co-ordinating Officer	Sukhbinder Jandu
Schools Liaison Officer *	Ian Gains
Welfare Officers (Male & Female) *	Brian Meadows & VACANT
Men's Cross Country & Road Team Manager	Malcolm Muir
Ladies Cross Country & Road Team Manager	Jenni Sheehan
Men's & Ladies Track & Field Manager	Gary Floate
Walking Team Manager	Steve Uttley
Veterans Track & Field Team Manager	Henry Ricketts
Auditors	John MacKenzie & Tim Heaney

President Elect (2016/17) To be nominated

* non-committee position

There was some discussion about reducing the number of Road & Cross Country posts. Neil Crisp put forward a new job description proposal for Road & Cross Country Officer and for the Men's and Ladies road and cross country managers. Robin Davis proposed the new job descriptions the meeting unanimously agreed. Les proposed accepting all names of the Official and Honorary Positions on block, all were in favour.

Satha Alaganandasundaram asked what the Club is doing to encourage new members to join Ilford AC? We have no Development Officer at present so there is an opportunity for someone to take on that role. It was generally agreed that it is every club member's responsibility to encourage new people to join.

10. To Elect Life Members.
None proposed for this year.

11. Any Other Business as notified to the General Secretary by 28th February 2015

Track etiquette needs to be enforced. The question was asked whose responsibility is it to enforce track etiquette? Andy Catton said he thinks Vision should be doing this. Gary Floate sends a track safety document to all new members.

The track markings are still not completed. Andy Catton is chasing this but is coming up against excuses. First two weeks in April has been proposed for this work to be completed.

Meeting closed at 21:10

Date of Next AGM 17th March 2015 8pm