

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Held at Ilford Sports Club 8pm on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**In Attendance:** Andy Catton, Dave Ainsworth, Anna Crawley, Alan Pearl, Neil Crisp, Dianne Crisp, Billy Green, Wes Clarke, Dairmuid MacDonnell, Steve Crane, Fabrizio Stefanoni, Jim Tilbrook, Pauline Tester, Robin Davis, Henry Ricketts.

- 1. Apologies:** Colin Fox, Ernie Forsyth, Danny Holeyman, John Mackenzie, Ed Shillabeer, Bob Dobson, Steve Uttley, Carlie Qirem, Tarik Qirem, Rob Sargent, Jenni Sheehan.
- 2.** Last year's AGM minutes of 12/3/24 were agreed as a true record.
- 3. Matters arising from last AGM minutes**

Thanks were expressed by Dave Ainsworth to the committee for the excellent communication and their professional conduct pulling members and parents of the Young Athletes together to express their views in regard to the proposed 3G pitch and loss of field event facilities at Cricklefields. Also how the committee involved England Athletics and Sport England with special thanks to Fabrizio Stefanoni for his expertise regarding the planning permission.
- 4. General Secretary's Report:**

Many thanks to the Committee, Coaches and Team Managers over the last year. This has been the best year in decades for the members competing in our SAL & EYAL track & Field teams.

### Track & Field

SAL consolidated our position in Division 2 following promotion in 2023 & YA team continue to progress to higher league positions.

SCVAC league were unbeaten all season and won title for the third year running.

The development group goes from strength to strength with now over 100 registered young athletes. Thanks to the effort and input into this from Ernie Forsyth, Steve Crane, Craig Burrows, Andy Catton & Gaye Young. Individual performances all excellently recorded in the press and newsletter, with grateful thanks to Billy Green for all his hard work with this every week.

### Road & Cross Country

Usual individual success on the road in the Essex Championships, Mainly though in Vets age categories. The same was achieved in for the cross country season with a reduction in the Senior athlete numbers competing in the Essex Championships and Essex League.

2024 regrettably has seen the demise of the clubs historically strong Walking section with several Athletes transferring to Brentwood Beagles.

On the non-competition front, Chigwell Row Clubhouse heating and hot water system was replaced and the changing rooms redecorated. Work was paid for out of the annual maintenance donation from Ronnie O'Sullivan.

The portacabin at Cricklefields has been emptied and the contents moved to the Council shed pending a new cabin. Long term plans for a purpose built clubhouse. Just need to raise funds for this (about 600K)

We successfully fought off the Ilford FC plans to install 3G all-weather pitch at Cricklefields. Thanks to all the members who wrote with objections and the valuable work put in by Fabrizio.

The Annual awards night for both young and Seniors was well attended and successful – big thanks to Anna and Ernie for organising.

### 5. Finance Officers Report

Wes Clarke presented the audited accounts. There were no questions.

Thank you to Wes for all his hard work.

## 6. To Elect IAC Club Committee officers and Honorary positions for 2024/2025

The committee positions below were proposed by Robin Davis and seconded by Dairmud MacDonnell. The honorary positions were proposed by Neil Crisp and seconded by Robin Davis. All agreed unanimously by the members with a show of hands.

Fabrizio Stefanoni asked if The committee position of school's liaison officer can be reinstated. To be discussed at committee.

### President Elect

Presidents for 2024/2025 are Dianne and Neil Crisp.  
Pauline Tester is president elect for 2026-2028.

<b>ILFORD ATHLETIC CLUB</b>		
<b>OFFICERS &amp; HONORARY POSITIONS 2024/25</b>		
<b>AND NOMINATIONS FOR 2025/26</b>		
President	Dianne & Neil Crisp	Dianne & Neil Crisp
Chairperson	Ernie Forsyth	Ernie Forsyth
General Secretary	Andy Catton	Andy Catton
Finance Officer	Wesley Clarke	Wesley Clarke
Membership Officer	Carlie Qirem	Carlie Qirem
Media & Publicity Officer	Bill Green	Bill Green
Social Events Officer	Anna Crawley	Anna Crawley
Track & Field Officer	Andy Catton	Andy Catton
Road & Cross Country Officer	Bill Green	Bill Green
Walking Officer*	Steve Uttley	Steve Uttley
Coaches Coordinator Officer	Vacant	
Development Officer	Fabrizio Stefanoni	Fabrizio Stefanoni
Head of Youth Development*	-	Ernie Forsyth
Co-opted to Committee	Danny Holeyman	Danny Holeyman
Welfare & Child Protection Officers (Female & Male) *	Carlie Qirem & Steve Crane	Carlie Qirem & Steve Crane
Mens & Ladies Senior Track & Field Manager	Wayne Hick	Steve Crane
Mens Road & Cross Country Managers	Danny Holeyman	Danny Holeyman & Jim Tilbrook
Ladies Road & Cross Country Manager	Carlie Qirem	Carlie Qirem
Walking Team Manager	Steve Uttley	Steve Uttley
Veterans Track & Field Manager	Henry Ricketts	Henry Ricketts
Young Athletes Track & Field Manager	Ernie Forsyth	Ernie Forsyth
Mens Road & Cross Country Captain	Alex Richards	Alex Richards
Ladies Road & Cross Country Captain	Alison Sale	Alison Sale
Mens Track & Field Captain	Tom Gardner	Tom Gardner
Ladies Track & Field Captain	Anna Crawley	Anna Crawley
Auditors	John Mackenzie, Tim Heaney	John Mackenzie, Tim Heaney
President Elect 2026/28	Pauline Tester	

\* non committee positions

## 7. To Elect Life Members

Ian Gains was proposed to become a life member by Andy Catton and seconded by Ernie Forsyth. The whole meeting agreed with a show of hands.

## 8. AOB

In addition– A proposal that membership fee for members under 18 and full time students be increased to £30 and under 11 to £25 from April 2025. Proposed by Ernie Forsyth and seconded by Andy Catton the meeting was in agreement.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 20:28

Date of Next AGM March 2026 TBC