



# ILFORD ATHLETIC CLUB

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

### Held online 7:30pm on 22nd March 2021

In Attendance: Andy Catton, Wes Clarke, Sharon Honey, Bill Green, Nicola Hopkinson, Steve Uttley, Rob Sargent, Neil Crisp, Paul Grange, Carlie Qirem, Pauline Tester, Dianne Crisp, Ernie Forsyth, Gaye Young.

Ernie (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies: Wayne Hick, Ed Shillabeer, Rhys Edwards, Colin Fox, Gary Floate.
2. Last year's EGM minutes 18 March 2020 agreed as a true record, proposed by Bill Green and Seconded by Wes Clarke.
3. Matters arising from last AGM minutes  
None
4. General Secretaries Report:
  - Due to COVID pandemic restrictions the 2020 AGM had to be cancelled as a physical meeting and instead was held as an EGM online and by email correspondence. For the duration of the pandemic emergency measures were put in place for any ongoing club affairs to be dealt with by an Exec Committee (as defined in club constitution) meeting online as and when necessary.
  - Members were kept up to date on all COVID related issues, EA guidelines, closure and opening of facilities, national, county and club issues by regular emails from Bill Green and Gen Sec.
  - As we all no normal competition was possible since March 2020. Members took part in various virtual competitions and a few staggered start events. Thanks to Gary Floate for organising a series of club road handicap races in Barking Park when lifted restrictions allowed.
  - A small business grant of £10,000 via local council was received which allowed IAC to give all members a free membership year and pay all members EA licence fees.
  - Club still in discussion with Vision & Council regarding track repairs and ideally full resurfacing
  - Thanks to Ernie for organising the 2019 club trophy awards and presentations also for shower repairs at Chigwell Row
  - Congrats to Bill for being voted London Region volunteer of the year runner up and thanks for organising the series of club who's who profiles.
  - Thanks to all the Coaches for keeping their squads motivated during the difficult times of the pandemic.
  - Ernie also added details of Ilford Sports Club change of management
  - Added Thanks to Andy Catton for all his work with this as General Secretary.

5. Finance Officers Report

Accounts are healthy for 2021 due to a £10,000 grant from Epping Forest Council as a Covid 19 rebate and there was a surplus of £6500.

Wes Clarke presented the audited accounts.

Thanks to the Auditors and Wes for all their work.

## 6 ILFORD ATHLETIC CLUB OFFICERS & HONORARY POSITIONS 2021/22

*Nominated 21/22*

President	Gary Floate
Chairperson	Ernie Forsyth
General Secretary	Andy Catton
Finance Officer	Wesley Clarke
Membership Officer	Nicola Hopkinson
Media & Publicity Officer	Bill Green
Social Events Officer	Sharon Honey
Track & Field Officer	Andy Catton
Road & Cross Country Officer	Bill Green
Walking Officer	Steve Uttley
Coaches Coordinator Officer	
Youth Development Officer(s)*	Wayne Hick & Gary Floate
Schools Liaison Officer *	Ian Gains
Welfare & Child Protection Officer *	Rachel Halpin
Mens & Ladies Track & Field Manager	Wayne Hick
Mens Road & Cross Country Manager	Bill Green
Ladies Road & Cross Country Manager	<i>Carlie Qitem</i>
Walking Team Manager	Steve Uttley
Veterans Track & Field Manager	Henry Ricketts

Auditors

John Mackenzie & Tim Heaney

President Elect 2022/23 Gary Floate (third year proposed and seconded)  
Presidents Elect 2023/24 Pam Jones & John Batchelor

\* non committee positions

Bill kindly volunteered to carry on as Men's Road & Cross Country Team Manager, if no one else comes forward.

These club positions were proposed by Bill Green and seconded by Sharon Honey. Unanimously agreed. Thank you to everyone that is helping to run the club.



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- 7 To Elect Life Members.  
None proposed for this year.

- 8 Any Other Business

Membership Nicola is to email members who need to pay subscriptions for 2021-2022.

Paul Grange 4 items.

*1. Enquired about how new athletes' enquiries to the IAC were dealt with?*

The committee explained the enquiries were split into Foundation Group 9-14 years old, Wayne responds to these. We have a new coach for the Foundation Group Justina who will start as soon as restrictions allow.  
Seniors are responded to by Ernie, Nicola, Andy & Bill (Wednesday Runners.)  
Paul was interested in helping out.

*2. How does the Facebook Ilford Athletic News work? and can we consolidate a WhatsApp group for running only to help with coordinating events/races?*

This was discussed and the committee will look into this. Paul was interested in helping out.

*3. Social Events for younger members?*

Sharon as Social Secretary asked for the young athletes to communicate to her what they would like to do to socialise.

It was suggested that Jack Petchey could be reinstated to pay for this?

*4. Can a reward scheme be established for young athletes?*

Similar to the summer /winter trophies but with possible club kit as prizes awarded for supporting the club i.e. turning out at meetings rather than performance related.

Meeting closed at 20:27

Date of Next AGM March 2022?