

Annual General MeetingTuesday 12 September 2023, Virtual, via Zoom, 20:00 Start

Minutes

1	Apologies: Stu Levene, Sascha Noar, Hedley Calderbank, Mark Adams, Eliza Hermann, Hugh Wiltshire, Barbara Wiltshire, Kevin Parkes	Chair
2	Roll call for attendees: David Dixon, Sarah Dixon, Dave Tookey, Tom Cochrane, Emma Cochrane, Elizabeth Disney, Mike Bennett, Simon Errington, James Errington, Peter Errington, Ben Bardsley, Penny Parkes, Nicola Trotman, Jacob Sharpe, Brad Smith, Danny Figg, Neil Gostick, Jenny Gostick, Oliver Bardsley, Ben Gostick, Charlie Dixon, Emese Svab, Roger Moulding.	Chair
3	To approve the minutes of the previous AGM The minutes of the AGM from 2022 were approved with three minor changes required: the date recorded on the minutes be corrected, the vacancy of publicity officer to be recorded, and a typographic error to be amended recording Ben Bardsley's name accurately.	Secretary
4	 To consider the Secretary's report on the affairs of the Club in the last year Each section of the report was reviewed in turn with the following points noted and questions raised: It was noted that the club membership numbers for adults have remained consistent from one year to another with the decrease in overall club numbers largely due to a decrease in junior members which is probably represented by the loss of membership from one of the larger school groups Q: should the Club be increasing the number of members whose emails are registered on Groups.io from the current c60%? It was agreed that this would be unlikely to increase significantly as most of the 40% not registered will be juniors who are not permitted to register Thanks to all volunteers who enable the Club to run high quality events and training The Club Captain noted two national championship winners as per the report Q: any update on British sprint relays? This will be reported at the next AGM due to timing of the event in relation to the AGM meeting 	Secretary
5	To receive and consider the Treasurer's items:	Treasurer

The Treasurer presented the Club Accounts noting the following points:

- Saturday series has made a small surplus, largely due to late entry surcharge, compared to small loss last year
- There has been an increase in land access charges which may affect this position in the coming year
- Street-O events have broken even
- Ace of Herts large number of entries but offset by national level event costs and high cost land access for Egypt Woods. This event broke even.
- Jack of Herts made a surplus.
- The loss showing in accounts for away events is due to timing of payment by adults – this will show as a surplus next year.
- Merchandise costs (club kit) not all has yet been bought means it is showing as a cost without revenue received.
- Club expenditure on training has been determined as important by the Committee in order to support ongoing development of the Club and its members.
- Overall net loss of £2189 but overall club accounts very healthy.
 Real position likely to be less that deficit reported due to revenue to come in for club kit and away events.
- c70% of club reserves is now in a Skipton Building Society savings account due to more favourable interest rates available.

There was a question raised about how the club made income against the publicity line of the accounts. This is income from WGC100 sponsorship. It was noted the Club does not spend a lot of money on publicity.

The Treasurer presented the proposal on membership fees for 2024 including updating the AGM on BOF and SEOA membership subscription fees. The following questions were addressed:

- Q: What are the ages for junior and young adult? Young adult is 21-25, junior is up to 20.
- Q: Is the proposal for HH membership fees conditional on BOF approving the membership fees at their AGM? BOF have acknowledged their AGM is later than usual and so the HH proposal is made on the assumption that BOF approvals are approved. The 2024 HH proposals are therefore conditional on BOF approving their changes at their AGM.
- Q: How will BOF enable this through their website and will it be ready in time for Clubs to collect their membership as needed? BOF have been asked and will need to organise this on approval of their proposal.
- Q: Have BOF set the upper age for young adults? Yes BOF set the upper age for young adults.

The Treasurer presented the proposed Saturday series event pricing. The following questions were addressed:



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- Q: Is there a rule that you need to join BOF and a local Club if you participate in an event three times? This is not a current rule.
- Q: Is the proposal for event pricing going to cost HH more in the coming year? Yes, but the Committee is happy that the finances for the Club are sustainable.

AGM agreed to accept the membership fees as proposed.

AGM agreed to accept the Saturday series event pricing proposal.

AGM agreed to accept the Treasurers account and report and presented.

To consider any resolutions, or amendments to the Constitution and to adopt the same if agreed:

Secretary

A motion to extend the term of committee members was submitted by the current Treasurer. The intent of this is to enable Committee members to continue to serve a second term on the Committee (if willing and able), especially where there are no other volunteers for Committee positions coming vacant. Committee members can still resign at any point.

The Chair asked for any views or objections followed by a formal vote from members present.

The proposed change to the Committee's Constitution was accepted.

To elect Officers of the Club and Honorary Life Members

Chair

No new nominations for Committee members were received. The following core committee members were elected unopposed.

David Dixon unopposed as Chair.

Ben Bardsley unopposed as Treasurer.

Elizabeth Disney unopposed as Secretary.

Neil Gostick unopposed as Events Coordinator.

Tom Cochrane unopposed as Club Captain.

All other Committee members will continue in their roles. Volunteers wishing to be part of the Committee would also be welcomed – please contact the Chair direct with your ideas.

There were no honorary life members proposed.

To elect an Honorary Auditor

Treasurer

The current honorary auditor would be willing to continue in her current role if the current Treasurer was to continue, however, has indicated she would prefer to stand down at some point in the near future. AGM

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	agreed to support the current auditor in her role but would proactively seek someone else over the next 6-8 months. It was agreed to recognise the current auditor's contribution over the last eight years – the Committee to determine details of this at the next Committee meeting.	
9	To consider any other business relating to the well-being and/or development of the Club which may require the attention of the Committee in the coming year No business raised. Chair encouraged club members to raise anything through the forthcoming year.	Chair
10	Closing remarks Chair thanked members for joining the AGM. Chair also repeated thanks to all volunteers and Committee members for their ongoing service and support for the Club.	Chair