



Stornoway Running and Athletics Club

Minute of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 November at 6.30pm in the Council Offices, Sandwick Road Stornoway.

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>James Mackenzie welcomed Paul Finnegan, Murdo Mackenzie, Norman Ferguson, William Neil Macrury, Jim Bruce, Adrienne Stewart, Clare Falconer-Flint, Joan A Budge, Hamish E Budge, Stephan Smit, Karen Mackenzie, Allan Maciver, Bethany Spence, Laura Macleod and Robert Emmott to the meeting and noted that apologies had been received from Ron and Shuna Mighton, David Morrison, Juanita Macleod and Seumas MacTaggart.</p>
2.	<p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2016 were agreed.</p>
3.	<p>(a) Report from the Chair</p> <p>We as a committee would like to thank you all for coming out tonight and supporting your club over the past year.</p> <p>2017 has been another eventful year for the club and through up various challenges along the way, and I would like to thank the current committee for all their hard work and support throughout the year working together to ensure the continued smooth running of the club.</p> <p>The junior side of the club has continued to go from strength to strength with high attendance numbers at training sessions, and a waiting list for places to join the club continuing to operate throughout the year, with the number of young athletes wanting to join the club and take part in club sessions I think it is of vital importance that we get more parent helpers involved with helping the coaches running the training sessions on a regular basis, if we can do this then there may be scope to scrap the waiting list system and give all the young athletes the opportunity to secure a training place within the club at training sessions.</p> <p>The year saw another busy calendar of events both on and off the Island for the club. Our young athletes which formed part of the Island select team which took part in the Youth Development League helped the team towards taking 1st place in the U17 group and 3rd place in the U13/U15 group in the finals which is an outstanding achievement given the high level of competition at these events. There was also a strong contingent of SRAC athletes taking part in the Island games in Gotland in Sweden this year who put in some great performances and did the western Isles proud. Locally the year also saw the return of the Invitational track and field match with teams from Giffnock North, Central, Livingstone and Uist making their way to the Island to join our own team for what proved to be a great day of athletics. The whole day was a huge success and something that can be developed on for the future. So it's a huge well done to all our young athletes and volunteers. It just shows what can be achieved with commitment to training, hard work and being given the opportunity to take part in events like those.</p> <p>The senior side of the club has also continued to go from strength to strength with good numbers attending training sessions and the formation of a senior sub group over the past year as part of the club modernisation programme that we began to take part in towards the end of the previous year. The aim of the sub group is to take on the organisation of senior events such as the half marathon; this is something that has proven to be very successful, with many hands making light work. The seniors also</p>

	<p>recently enjoyed their 10th annual club European trip to Munich with athletes taking part in the marathon, half marathon and 10k events.</p> <p>Sub groups are something that can help in all areas of the club to develop it and make it a continued success, but ultimately parents and volunteers need to step forward to assist in those groups.</p> <p>I would also like to highlight the continued generous grant aid support contributions that we have received this year from the Lewis & Harris Sports Council and thank them for this. I would also like to thank our sponsors for their very generous contributions to the club and their sponsorship of events throughout the year. And finally, a huge thanks to all our volunteers who have given up their time to help out with coaching, event planning and organisation, trips away, set up and take down at events, event catering teams, fundraisers....the list goes on. Without you the club could not function properly, however we do need a lot more people to come forward and volunteer, I cannot stress that enough. It's your club, and its continued success depends on everyone giving a little help.</p> <p>(b) Report from the Secretary</p> <p>The Club will shortly be able to apply for entries for the London Marathon and Senior Members will be advised when it is known how many places we are allocated.</p> <p>(c) Report from the Treasurer</p> <p>The Treasurer circulated copies of the accounts that showed that the Club had funds of £6,994.59 as at 30 September 2017.</p> <p>The Treasurer highlighted that as far as the cost of individual events was concerned the accuracy of the figures depended on what information he was given.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the nature of the accounts and it was noted they were prepared on a cash basis so did not include monies due or still to be paid out. The Treasurer indicated that monies due included £4,200 in relation to the Island Games and £2,000 in grants that were due to be claimed but that there were in the region of £4,000 of expenses not yet paid.</p> <p>The accounts for the year ended 30 September 2017 were approved.</p>
4.	The 2016/17 Committee was dissolved
5.	James Mackenzie was elected as temporary Chairperson.
6.	<p>The following Office Bearers were elected unanimously:</p> <p>(a) Vice-Chairperson: David Morrison</p> <p>(b) Secretary: Robert Emmott</p> <p>(c) Treasurer: Paul Finnegan</p> <p>There being no candidate for Chairperson it was agreed the Committee would seek to appoint a Member as soon as possible.</p>
7.	<p>The following Management Committee was elected unanimously:</p> <p>(a) Membership Secretary: Susan Murray</p> <p>(b) Parent Representative: Bethany Spence</p> <p>(c) Senior Representative: Adrienne Stewart</p> <p>(d) Senior female Captain: Karen Mackenzie</p> <p>(e) Senior male Captain: Allan Maciver</p> <p>(f) Coaching Representative: Hamish Budge</p> <p>(g) Kit organiser: Laura Macleod</p> <p>(h) Junior Captains: Ross Budge and Mary Macleod</p> <p>It was also agreed that Seumas MacTaggart would continue as Coaching Co-ordinator though not as a Member of the Committee</p> <p>There being no candidate for the Welfare Officer it was agreed to take this matter to the first meeting of the Committee and consider the role.</p>

8.	Setting of Membership Fees It was agreed that fees be maintained at current levels: Senior £25; Junior £15; Student £15; Concession £10; Second Claim £15; Family (1 adult and up to 2 juniors) £30; and Family (2 adults and 3 or more juniors) £50.
9.	There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.52