

Oxfordshire Track and Field League, Virtual Annual
General Meeting: Sunday December 1st, 2024, 7:30pm
via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Ian Robinson (Ban), Annalise Dobson (Rad), Clyde Goodwin (Bic), Richard Hart (OCAC, Chair), Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet), Mike Miles (Witney), Colin Mitchell (Abingdon), Tony Lock (Witney), James Charles (Banbury)

- 1. Apologies:** Nick Bull,
- 2. The minutes** from the 2023 AGM were approved as a true record.
- 3. Matters arising.** None.
- 4. Treasurer's report.** Ian Robinson circulated the accounts in advance of the meeting. Ian reported on a surplus of £311, reversing a deficit of £927 from the previous year. Participation roughly equivalent to previous years. Expenses were roughly level, with no significant increases. There is £3665 at the bank.

5. Debriefing of the 2024 Season

Annalise reported that Myles has produced a very thorough report of every match, with records highlighted. Website is updated, scoring system is up to date, 7 records were broken. All went well as far as Annalise was concerned and Annalise thanked all teams and team managers and officials for the smooth running of all three matches.

Colin complained that we lack people to move hurdles at Horspath. That needs to be improved in 2025.

A crowded timetable works well. Compared to Wessex it is a simpler timetable. Oxfordshire league officials have worked together for many years and are familiar with how it works, and that probably helps. The officials help each other out to make sure that the matches work well.

Clyde commented that the u15/u17 girls long jump sometimes proves to be a struggle. Annalise commented that there should be a spare team to assist, and a second long jump pit helps.

6. Timetable – The girls long jump needs to be watched. The home team needs to do the 9.30 long jump and that worked well this year. The field rota does sometimes provoke questions - particularly why we move teams around. This is partly because of QK events, and partly because some teams have struggled to raise officials. Having flexibility means that clubs with fewer officials will end up with only QK events. This works as long as no club gets the same events at every match.

Colin commented that Abingdon will have better officials next year. Annalise offered help getting officials through training by putting them on particular events.

No changes needed to high jump rule.

7. Rule changes.

Annalise asked for minor changes to the rules.

We should also emphasise the complete ban on the wearing of headphones or any kind of headset.

Colin spoke about the wearing of the new style of running shoes. A discussion followed on what the EA rule is. Tony said that they can only be worn for events over 800m, and can be worn provided that no other athlete complains.

Colin says that there is an App which provides a list of all the permissible shoes. EA are not entirely clear in their guidance about what can be worn.

James said it is easier for us to rely on other athletes to refer them to us, as we don't have the officials available to check shoes at our meetings. If we put something in the rules then we cover ourselves. James agreed to draft a sentence or two for our rules which we will then share with all the clubs.

8. Dates for 2025 season. Dates were provisionally agreed, subject to Tilsley Park being available in September.

Match 1 – Sunday 27th April (Horspath)

Match 2 – Sunday 17th August (Banbury)

Match 3 – Sunday 7th September (Tilsley
Park)

9. Affiliation and Match fees.

Affiliation and match fees to be held at last year's prices, as agreed last year. Great Milton AC continue to pay a reduced affiliation fee which Ian will calculate. Review again in 2025.

10. Presentation of trophies. Annalise has handed most of them out, and will liaise with Cheryl to hand over trophies to Team Kennet.

11. We will continue with vouchers from Fit2Run next season.

12. Nomination of Officers for the 2025 Season.

Ian and Annalise will be happy to continue. Richard to continue as Chair.

Chairman – Richard Hart

Secretary – left vacant for the time being

Treasurer – Ian Robinson

Match Co-Ordinator – Annalise Dobson

Committee Members – Clyde Goodwin, Tony Lock, Mike Miles, Simon Leech, Colin Mitchell, Nick Bull, Cheryl Angell, James Charles and a representative for Great Milton.

13. Any other business.

Annalise asked whether any one needs letters next season. Yes from the majority of clubs. Myles produced certificates for league records broken - Annalise to ask Myles to produce them again. Perhaps leave until the end of the season? Agreed.

Colin asked if everyone is aware of age group changes coming in April 2026. U11s go to 12 etc. There will be implement and hurdle changes which have yet to be announced. Would be prudent for League to have a Zoom meeting in 2025 as soon as all the changes have been announced. There will be implications for Power of 10, but obviously for implements and hurdles as well.

14. Date of 2025 AGM. Sunday, 30th November, 2025, at 7.30pm (probably via zoom once again)

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.