

Ayr Seaforth Athletics Club - Annual General Meeting

The Citadel, Ayr 7.00pm Wednesday 12th September 2016

1. Opening Remarks – Laurence Baker

Laurence welcomed everyone to the meeting, provided an introduction to the meeting and thanked parents, members, coaches and athletes for their contribution to Ayr Seaforth.

2. Apologies

No apologies tabled.

The list of persons present (sederunt) are recorded at the end of the document.

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 30th September 2015

The minutes of the last AGM were proposed for acceptance by Sandy Paisley and seconded by Jan Burnside.

4. Matters arising from meeting held on Wednesday 8th October 2014

There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.

5. Treasurers Annual Report

The Treasurers Annual Report was presented to the meeting.

Matters discussed:

- Equipment purchases and their impact on the balance sheet figures.
- Setting the date of the AGM to ensure expenses and accounts for the year can be produced in time for distribution for AGM. (Treasurer uses 31 August as year-end but had been away for a couple of weeks since that date so not available in time to comply this year)
- It was noted that Robin Burnside supported the production of the annual accounts for Ayr Seaforth.

The report was proposed for acceptance by Julie Frew and seconded by Ricky Taylor.

6. Secretary's Annual Report

The Secretary's Annual Report was presented to the meeting. It was proposed for acceptance by Gillian Bruce and seconded by Conor Rennie.

7. Membership Secretary's Annual Report

The Membership Secretary's Annual Report was presented to the meeting.

Action: after being agreed by those present, Ayr Seaforth will add Kenny Campbell to the honorary members list for his long service and dedication to Ayr Seaforth.

Action: the Membership secretary to follow up with those leaving the club and seek a reason for why they are leaving.

Discussed:

- Athlete appearing for Ayr Seaforth but coached separately of Ayr by Douglas Harrower. It was noted that the athlete's parents had requested he be released by Ayr Seaforth to enable him to join Kilmarnock.

The report was proposed for acceptance by Jan Burnside and seconded by Caron Shanks.

8. Cross Country Secretary's Annual Report

The Cross Country Secretary's Annual Report was presented to the meeting. It was proposed for acceptance by Sandy Paisley and seconded by Julie Frew.

9. Road Race Secretary's Annual Report

The Cross Country Secretary's Annual Report was presented to the meeting.

It was discussed that should any surplus funds arise from road race events that they be donated to charity. It was proposed that Malcolm Sargent be considered as a potential beneficiary.

The report was proposed for acceptance by Gus Oakley and seconded by Jan Burnside.

10. Marketing Report

The Marketing Report was presented to the meeting.

Matters in relation to sponsorship were discussed:

- Communication between Sponsor and Club
- Delivering on what is (was) promised

Action: Ayr Seaforth to improve the communication with Sponsors and ensure we deliver on the promises made.

The report was proposed for acceptance by Laurence Baker and seconded by Julie Frew.

11. Merchandising Report

The Merchandising Report was presented to the meeting.

The meeting discussed:

- Target date for jackets
- £300 donation to Ayr Hospice
Action: Caron to liaise with Hospice and determine what form they want the donation. E.g. new equipment instead of donation

The report was proposed for acceptance by Jan Burnside and seconded by Gillian Bruce.

12. CTO Annual Report

The CTO Report was presented to the meeting.

In addition to the CTO report the meeting discussed:

- Whether athletes were committed to the club and how many times they competed for the club
- Whether lower numbers competing, e.g. in CSSL, accounted for demotion from Div 1.
- It noted that members who did not compete took up coaching time and prevented space be made available for new members coming in.
- Whether the Club should be enforcing the requirement to compete 3 times upon all members.

Actions:

- Devise a plan to fill spaces in the teams
- Gather data/produce information from membership and power of 10 to further investigate this area.
- Consider setting up a sub-committee to influence/change behaviours

The report was proposed for acceptance by Sandy Paisley and seconded by Laurence Baker.

13. Club Statisticians Report

The report was presented to the meeting.

It was of particular note that Erin Ramsey has excelled this year and achieved numerous club records.

It was proposed for acceptance by Laurence Baker and seconded by Julie Frew.

14. Letter of Resolution from Angus Oakley to Amend Constitution

The letter was circulated prior to the meeting for members to review. The meeting voted 13 in favour and 1 against adopting the resolution. Therefore the change proposed by the resolution was accepted.

Action: The Committee to consider change in the constitution to improve notice requirements for members.

15. Annual Membership Fees and Training Charges / Monthly Standing Orders

It was pointed out by Gus Oakley the Dam Park partial working of floodlights raised H&S concerns especially on the back straight and bend at 200m/100m. The meeting agreed that all floodlights should be on for training nights (@£48 per night).

The details on membership fees and training charges were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no other proposals put forward to consider.

It was proposed by Jan Burnside that the fees and charges remain the same (as those circulated) for 2016-2017. Laurence Baker seconded the motion.

16. Election of Committee for the year: 2016 / 2017

The meeting sought, considered, discussed and agreed the following appointments to the Committee:

Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Caron Shanks	Ricky Taylor	Laurence Baker
Conor Rennie	Paul Gillon	Sandy Paisley
Jan Burnside	Ricky Taylor	Gillian Bruce
Julie Frew	Jan Burnside	Conor Rennie
Laurence Baker	Ricky Taylor	Kenny Neil
Sandy Paisley	Ricky Taylor	Jan Burnside
Paul Gillon	Ricky Taylor	Conor Rennie
Alison Leckie	Paul Gillon	Julie Frew
Gillian Bruce	Jan Burnside	Ricky Taylor
Angus Oakley	Ricky Taylor	Alan Dunlop
Kenny Neil	Laurence Baker	Gillian Hannah

The meeting noted an expression of interest from Alan Dunlop with respect to being a member of the Committee.

17. Any Other Competent Business

Constitution & Officers

With regard to vacant President and Vice President officer positions Kenny McAlpine drew attention to need to review clause 9.4 in the constitution and suggested the Committee should consider updating via due process in future meetings (with the possibility of an EGM being needed).

[Constitution, clause 9.4] If there is only one candidate nominated to fill any particular vacancy, that candidate shall be declared elected unopposed for that particular vacancy at the next annual general meeting. If there is more than one candidate for any particular vacancy there shall be an election at the annual general meeting for that position. In the event of a tie, the candidate to be elected shall (unless the candidates otherwise agree) be determined by lot.

Coaching

The meeting discussed:

- Moving athletes between coaching groups and coaches moving between groups.
- Alasdair Meldrum raised the question who is responsible for moving athletes between groups and noted the involvement of Alan Sprang and the introduction of a new coach from Kilmarnock taking over a group.
- Gus Oakley pointed out that Danny Chilton is the only coaching co-ordinator at the moment.
- The matters will be reviewed by the Committee and Coaching Coordinator in due course.

Club Championships & Disability Events

Kenny McAlpine questioned why disability section were not included in the club championships. Gus Oakley explained that they all got the emails about the championships but there were no entry forms received from anyone in that section although no entry forms were actually made available on a Monday night.

Action: The Committee to consider Club Championships for next year and revise the format to further encourage the participation of the disability section.

Facilities Use – More use of Grass Areas

Alan Dunlop advised he had asked about using the grass during training - he advised that SAC said no.

Alan also highlighted the issues of so many people using the track at training times and suggested this was perhaps something for the coaching co-ordinator to help sort out with coaches/groups. Matter to be highlighted to Coaching Coordinator.

Meeting closed at 9:18pm

SEDERUNT (List of those present)

Angus Oakley
Gillian Bruce
Alan Dunlop
Julie Frew
Sandy Paisley
Ricky Taylor
Jan Burnside
Caron Shanks
Laurence Baker
Alasdair Meldrum
Conor Rennie
Kenny McAlpine
Paul Gillon
Gillian Hannah
Alison Leckie
Tracy Martin
David Phee
Kenny Neil

(Actual 2016 SEDERUNT page from AGM available to view on request)