

Colchester Harriers AC

Annual General Meeting

Held at Pegasus Clubhouse, CO2 7SU on Thursday 17 October 2024

		Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies	
	Rick Thompson (RT) opened the meeting at 7:30pm, welcoming all members in attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present.	
	Apologies had been received from Paul Mingay, James Plant, Lance Williams, Angus Holford, Angela Garner and Karen Clark.	
2	Confirmation of Minutes and business arising from previous AGM	
	RT summarised the main points from the minutes of last year's meeting. The main business arising was to resume talks with Colchester and Tendring AC (CATS) with regard to a possible merger. CATS had been approached but did not have any interest in entering into discussions, or combining any teams, at this stage.	
3	Chairperson's Report	
	Presented by RT. See attached. No questions from the floor	
4	Treasurer's Report	
	Presented by RT in PM's absence (see attached). No questions from the floor. The accounts were approved – proposed by Chris Akehurst and seconded by Dave Smith.	
5	Endurance Chairperson's Report	
	Presented by Paul Dellar – see attached. No questions from the floor.	
6	Track & Field Chairperson's Report	
	Presented by Dave Smith (DS - see attached).	
	DS also advised that we had agreed to join forces with Braintree and District AC in next season's SAL, EYAL and EMAC competitions. This should help strengthen our team and – in response to a question from the floor – DS did not think it would act as a significant barrier to opportunity for our own athletes.	
7	Changes to the Constitution	
	The following three changes to the constitution were proposed by Phil Wood (PW) on behalf of the committee:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To combine membership fees and training fees into a single fee, payable (by	

	<p>default – see below) by the start of the membership year (1 April). This proposal had been backed by 67.4% of the 187 members who had responded to the survey that was sent out on the subject to all members earlier in the year and it was anticipated it would greatly reduce the administrative burden on coaches and indeed the Membership Secretary. In addition it was felt that the current training fee system was open to abuse – with some members paying more (per session) than others. It was anticipated that next year’s fee would be around £90 per annum for seniors, £75 for juniors and it was estimated that setting the fee at this level – in conjunction with continuing to subsidise EA fees for all members who paid their subscription promptly – would, everything else being equal, lead to a small (in the region of £5K) deficit for the forthcoming year. In this way the club would be able to make a start on returning some of the cash reserves accumulated over the last few years to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question from the floor PW confirmed that the fee would apply equally to all members (including those who maybe, for whatever reason, temporarily without a coach). <p>This was approved by a clear majority of members present.</p>																																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow for monthly payment of membership subscriptions – this was to enable the club to run a trail to allow members to pay monthly. This trial would initially be limited to families with multiple members or those who were able to demonstrate financial hardship. • In response to a question from the floor PW confirmed that members who wished to continue paying annually would be able to continue to do so, even if the trail was successful. <p>Approved by a clear majority of members present.</p>																																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To lower the minimum age of club membership to 8 (currently 10). It was hoped that this would enable the club to better compete with other local clubs for potential young talent. • In response to questions from the floor DS confirmed that he and the junior coaches were happy that they would be able to cope provided they controlled numbers carefully. <p>Approved by a clear majority of members present.</p>																																					
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	T&F Chairperson	Dave Smith	Phil Wood	Paul Preston	
	Endurance Chairperson	Paul Dellar	Phil Wood	Justine Sheekey	
	Social Media	Justine Sheekey	Phil Wood	Paul Dellar	
	Website	James Plant	Paul Dellar	Jerry Walder	
	The above were duly elected, with no objections received.				
	RT closed the meeting at 8:20pm.				