



Newham and Essex Beagles Athletics Club
Minutes from Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Thursday 14th November 2019
London Marathon Community Track

Draft Minutes (to be confirmed at 2020 AGM)

Chair: Tony Shiret (TS)

President: Christine Ohuruogu (CO)

Attendees: A Stach-Kevitz (AS-K), B Wilson (BW), C Rabess (CR), E Shitta-Bey (ES-B), G Choat (GC), I Mahoney (IM), K Mahoney (KM), L Gould (LG), M Brissett-Bailey (MB-B), N Hepburn (NH), S Alexander (SAlex), S Ayers (SA), S Allman (SAll), T Mundle (TM),

Apologies: C Ohuruogu (CO), R Horlock (RH), R Griffiths (RG)

Minutes from last AGM Meeting

- No objections with minutes from last AGM meeting.

Matters Arising

- Agreement with London borough of Newham (LBN) – 3-year agreement was signed in Feb 2019, to provide funding for 3 years. This also involved hiring the Hub at Terrence McMillan Stadium for 1 night a week for 6 months. A loss has been made regarding track fees and we will need to increase the track fees for 2020 once we have benchmarked against other clubs. Currently in negotiations with LS185 and Newham Network to run the NEBAC Academy within Newham Network hours.
- Development areas- We have qualified 4 new Coaches this year but still need to get more.
- Middle distance, throws- We need more middle-distance Coaches.
- Throws Cage- Issues regarding the cage and uncertainty around whether there will be an inside main arena and outside cage. We currently have a demountable cage which is taken into main arena on Muller Games days but is still not correct as it had the wrong fittings. Separate shots area will not be happening anymore as it has been decided by E20/LS185 that there is no budget for it. We will need to use the area behind the finish line, but it needs to be properly supervised and has no blocker board, this has been raised.
- Kit- Have not been able to obtain free sponsorship for kit from companies such as Adidas and Asics. Currently trying to consolidate the kit we have but have ordered some new vests from another supplier and about to order a small amount of extra kit. Other suppliers are charging for kit at a very expensive cost and want a firm order with upfront payment. We need to consider designing some kit and charging athletes for it, but they would need to pay for it up front via a website.
- Personalising space at LMCT- Banner or some sort of signage needed perhaps a signed vest on the wall. BW, MB-B and AS-K will volunteer to help do this, others welcome to join them.



- Gym- Gym is ready to use and risk assessment and health & safety policy has been completed and given to LS185. A decision needs to be made as to how we use the gym and how long for. A few Coaches needed to help establish this as we only have 3hr every Monday & Wednesday to use the gym so a rota will be needed to ensure fair use.

Chairman's Report

- **Action:** [Chairman's and Team Managers Reports](#), and Finance Report and report to be distributed to all by NH.
- NEBAC has had a reasonable year, performing better in some areas and not so well in others but have still had big achievement given the small number of people behind the scenes who help run the club.
- Men's winter club is currently in transition another middle-distance group with quality runners and another Coach is needed. MB-B suggested reaching out to schools to get middle distance runners from early to stick with the club. We have a link with UEL and do have some of their athletes that train with us but the number who compete for us are relatively small.
- **Action:** ESB suggested TS speaks with Basildon Club regarding help finding middle distance Coaches NH to action.
- We have 5 Officials and need more TS and CR will be level 2 next year, but we need about 20 Officials. 1-day Officials course will be organised for LMCT with parents targeted.
- 4 indoor and 2 outdoor meetings promoted this year and made a decent amount of profit from the outdoor meeting and broke even with the indoor meetings. Made a good profit from the big outdoor meeting held in August. Entries had to be stopped and it was hard to manage people coming in. A Minithon was also held at this event and went well but needs to be done separately going forwards. NEBAC currently in discussion to have the tracked marked properly so the start/finish line can be turned around.
- This season 4 indoor meets have been booked with dates and flyers coming put in the next week. There will also be 3 outdoor meetings with the locations still to be decided.
- **Team Performances-** Both YDL Teams have been promoted. Good performance from the Senior Men's team who came 2nd in the British League. Women's team came 5th in the British League with some good performances in all the meetings. From next year the British League and UK Women's League have voted to longer exist but come together and operate and compete together under the National Athletics League. This will have joint scoring for men and women and the premier division will have 16 teams, 3 matches and a final. Both Men's and Women's team will need to step up. Sub Teams need more motivation and have performed the same as last year.
Action: Meetings throughout the year should be set up and open to all to discuss competition provisions.
Good performances at an international level especially U17 Sprints with Aleeya Sibbons and Joel Pascall-Menzie and good performance with England Schools.
- Good news with James Ellington, who is back running again and Emmanuel Oyinbo-Coker as one to watch in 2020



- **Beagle Academy-** Running well and being run by Mark Celaire and Maureen Egbe. There are over 40 athletes who attend and hopefully this will grow.
- Special thanks to the Club Officers and wider group of people who help with the day to day running of the club.

Accounts

- Account details not finalised as CB absent from meeting, but we know so far when year-end approaches in March we would have made a loss.
- The biggest expense being track hire and transport. Track hire fees should reduce following negotiations with Newham Network.
- **Action:** TS and CB to look at accounts and work out ways to be more sustainable and reduce cost.
- Considering concessionary rate for track fees if athletes pay for them up front in bulk online.

Constitution

- TS has made proposals which CR seconded, these relate to membership categories. People who pay a walk-in fee to use the track should be counted as day members, so they are covered by the club's insurance. This also applies to cross country membership which was not previously listed as being apart of our membership-
Action: No Objections, so passed.

Election of Officers

| | 2019 – 2020 Committee Members | Nominated By | 2 nd Vote By |
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| Club President | Christine Ohuruogu | Nina Hepburn | Adele Stach-Kevitz |
| Honorary Chairperson | Tony Shiret | Claudia Rabess | Sarah Alexander |
| Honorary Vice Chairperson | Claudia Rabess | Barbara Willson | Adele Stach-Kevitz |
| Honorary General Secretary | Nina Hepburn | Adele Stach-Kevitz | Barbara Wilson |
| Honorary General Treasurer | Cheryl Brown | Tim Mundle | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey |
| Assistant Treasurer | Claudia Rabess | Self Nom | Tony Shiret |
| Membership Secretary | Barbara Wilson | George Choat | Tim Mundle |
| Coaching Secretary | George Choat | Self Nom | Tony Shiret |
| Officials Secretary | Nina Hepburn | Claudia Rabess | Tony Shiret |
| Jack Petchey Secretary | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey | Tim Mundle | Adele Stach-Kevitz |
| Welfare Officer | Sarah Alexander | Claudia Rabess | Nina Hepburn |
| Assistant Welfare Officer | Claudia Rabess | Tim Mundle | Adele Stach-Kevitz |



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| School & Disability Liaison Officer | Marcia Brissett-Bailey | Self Nom | Barbara Wilson |
| Parent/Carer & Coach Liaison Officer | Sarah Alexander | Barbara Wilson | George Choat |
| Funding Officer | Rhian Horlock | George Choat | Segrid Ayers |
| Team Manager: Senior Men's Cross Country & Road Race | Tony Shiret & Wayne Bell | Tim Mundle | Leroy Gould |
| Team Manager: Senior Women's Cross Country & Road Race | Adele Stach-Kevitz | Barbara Wilson | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey |
| Team Manager: U17 Boys & Girls Cross Country & Road Race | Jackie Simpson | George Choat | Nina Hepburn |
| Team Manager: BAL | Rowan Griffiths | Adel Stach-Kevitz | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey |
| Team Manager: UKAWL | OPEN | | |
| Team Manager: UKA YDL (UAG) | Elyzabeth Shitta - Bey | Tim Mundle | Nina Hepburn |
| Team Manager: UKA YDL (LAG) | Sarah Alexander | Nina Hepburn | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey |
| Team Manager: Men's Southern Athletics League | Jonathan Bell | George Choat | Nina Hepburn |
| Team Manager: Women's Southern Athletics League | Jacqui Ramsden | Tim Mundle | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey |
| Website, Press & Social Media Officer | Elyzabeth Shitta - Bey | Tim Mundle | Adele Stach-Kevitz |
| Assistant Website, Press & Social Media Officer | Jad El-Houssami | | George Choat |
| Physiotherapist | Geraldine Gupta | Nina Hepburn | Adele Stach-Kevitz |
| Club Photographer | Claire Jones | George Choat | Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey |
| Head of Junior Development | Mark Celaire | Sarah Alexander | Sonia Allman |
| Junior Athlete Representative | Open | | |
| Senior Athlete Representative | Mike Sulu | George Choat | Nina Hepburn |
| Volunteer Officer | Open | | |



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| Receptionist | Barbara Wilson Claudia Rabess Marcia Brissett- Bailey | Nina Hepburn | Leroy Gould |

- **Action:** Position of President Emeritus to be considered for next year's AGM.
- Team Manager roles will be taken offline and those nominated will be notified that they have been nominated and spoken to, to see if they want to do the role.
- **Club Captain-** Asha Phillips to be put forward as Club Captain as a great representative for the club.
- Special thanks to Tim Mundle for all the years he has given to the club as a Team Manager and club Technical Official - Timekeeper.

Life Membership

- All agreed that Asha Philips, Steve Lewis, Rabah Yousif, James Ellington, Lee Merrian Jonathan Broom-Edwards should be made NEBAC Life Members as former athletes and current Olympians who have achieved great success.
- All agreed that Nina Hepburn, Jacqui Ramsden, Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey, Ian Mahoney, Adele Stach-Kevitz, Leroy Gould and Coral Nourrice should be awarded NEBAC Life Members.

AOB

- Data needed on the number of club members over the age of 50 years old.
- MBB asked are there any other initiatives/things on offer for our young athletes as a result of being a part of Jack Petchey Foundation.
- TM suggested leaflets/AGM Notice should be given to our members and posted to them if possible. More will be printed next year.

Meeting closed.