

NORTH SOMERSET ATHLETIC CLUB
Annual General Meeting 2019-20
Tuesday October 8th 2019, 7.30pm
Clevedon Sailing Club

Present: Chris Millard, Miriam Payne, Shane Cox, Penny Mannings, Sam Allen, Martin Bates, Debbie Brooks, Rich Brunson, Sophie Millard, James Briffitt, Leanne Briffitt, Matt Meacock, Steve Parsons (item 8 only), Andy Devereux (item 8 only)

1. Apologies

Jill Sandiford, Jennie Shields

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved with one action outstanding: Committee to source post of Social/Fundraising.

3. Secretary's Report

Looking back, it has been a very good year for the club.

In 2018 the club was awarded the title of club of the year in the south west region. Also Head Coach, Chris Millard, won coach of the year in the south west – two remarkable achievements to be proud of.

Training sessions are well attended and there are waiting lists for athletes wanting to join. Special thanks to Graham Brooks for stepping in and running the Priory sessions after Lee Seviour retired and Martin Fisher had to stand down.

Phase 2 of the Clevedon facility has been completed after a lot of hard work.

Cross-country – A very successful season with teams competing in both the Gwent League and the Midland and National Road Relays. A large contingent of athletes also travelled to Leeds for the National Cross-Country Championships. We were also well represented in the schools cross country and some athletes went up to the English Schools finals.

Indoor – As a club we ventured more into this aspect of track and field and had some good successes both locally at the NIAC and also farther afield at the England Athletics Championships in Sheffield.

Sportshall – We had many athletes compete well in the lower end of the age group – primary schools. We had a number of athletes attend the Avon Schools Championships, South West Championships with some ending up at the National Championships in Manchester.

The track and field season was successful. This year the club went it alone in the upper age group of the YDL competition rather than as part of Team Avon and performed well reaching their promotion match. This enabled all our athletes who wanted to compete to be able to compete. The lower age group team also got through to their promotion match. A number of our athletes were selected to represent Avon at English Schools national finals in Birmingham.

The club retained the Avon league winning the final match by sufficient margin to overhaul Yate. It was good to see so many parents competing and getting cheered on by their children.

Last month the endurance team held their most successful endurance camp so far, with positive comments from athletes, parents, coaches and the youth hostel where they stayed.

The club is developing athletes who are competing across all the specialisms aligned with the sport of athletics, with many participating at Regional and National championships.

Looking forward...

We need to agree with Clevedon school about the maintenance of the facility as there have been problems of damage.

We are lucky to be selected by England Athletics for an in-depth review of the club and how it operates. This will take place at the end of the year and give us a good position to move forward. I

would like to canvas parents' views to see what improvements could be made and if there is an appetite for Stage 3 of development incorporating an indoor facility at Clevedon.

I would like to thank the committee, coaches, managers, officials and parents for all their help over the year. It could not be such a success without all the voluntary help.

4. Treasurer's Report

Miriam reported that generous donations from Brackenwood had gone towards Phase 2 of the facility at Clevedon. The accounts are currently being audited but show a surplus partly due to an increase in membership of about 40 athletes.

5. Election of Officers

Full committee positions:

President	Richard Whitehead (Action: Chris Millard to confirm Richard is happy to continue)
Chairperson	Penny Mannings
General Secretary	Martin Bates
Treasurer	Miriam Payne
Membership Secretary	Shane Cox (on a temporary basis, Action: Shane Cox, Chris Millard and Sam Allen to sit down with possible parents and explain how the job could be split into more manageable chunks)
Head Coach	Chris Millard
Welfare Officer	Rich Brunsdon

Other positions co-opted by the committee:

Vice Chairperson	Chris Millard
Cross-country/Road	Steve Parsons
Lead Coach Nailsea	Sam Allen
Priory Liaison	Debbie Brooks
Website/Social Media	Sophie Millard
Second Welfare Officer	Penny Mannings

6. Appointment of auditors

Rachel Fisher was auditing the 2018-19 accounts for which she should be thanked with a small gift. Rachel would be approached about carrying on as auditor. **Action:** Miriam Payne

7. Any special resolution (there are none put forward by the committee)

None

8. Future direction of Club – discussion

Chris Millard gave a brief history over eight years how the Club had got the track and pole vault/high jump area at Clevedon School completed at a cost of approximately £40k. Currently the Club pays the school £10k p.a. and they should be saving part of that for repairs, but there was no evidence of that. Chris and Penny are trying to negotiate a new agreement with the school as the current one is not fit for purpose.

The next stage would be for an indoor facility incorporating the track and fitness area, but this was originally costed at about £400k. There would need to be a significant amount of work done for this and the help of a lot more people. There was also the possibility of engaging with Weston College and trying to get a full track there.

It was agreed that the Club should still maintain fundraising activities in readiness for any future developments. It was agreed that the Weston Pier 24-hour relay should go ahead in March 2020.

It was agreed that the best way to encourage more parents to help is face to face. The next opportunity would be the Awards Evening in November, alongside any competition (cross-country or track) where parents are stood around.

There was a discussion about how the website could be improved:

i) Could the differences between the various leagues be explained?

Action: Martin Bates to write short summary.

ii) Could the fixtures be split between track/indoor/cross-country?

Action: Debbie Brooks to colour code spreadsheet uploaded to website.

9. Any other business (to have been raised prior to the AGM)

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.