

Minutes of EMAA AGM, Friday 25th April 2025 at 7 pm by Zoom

1. Members present :- Graeme Packman, Ian Richards, Arthur Daley, Dr. Shane Lawrence, Lynne Marr, Carey Hollick, Charles Ryder, Archie Jenkins, Peter Kennedy, Kim Matthews, Steve Whamough, Arthur Kimber, Robert Lands, Emma Hollins, Martin Wilkinson, Graham Lamb, David Lesley, Jon Clarke, Walter Hill, John Borgars, Sue Cordingley, Bridget Cushen, Wendy Kane, Mike Mann and Phil Lee (25)

Apologies were received from Alex Rowe, Harry Matthews, Roland Gibbon and Harry Matthews

2. Minutes of AGM of 2024 copies of which had been sent out. It was proposed that they be accepted by Shane Lawrence and seconded by Kim Matthews

3. Chairs Report again had been circulated pre-meeting. The Chair thank retiring members, Bridget Cushen and Harry Matthews for all the hard work and dedication they had given to EMAA over many years. The Chair was stepping down as being EMAA and NMAC Chair had proved to be difficult to combine the two successfully.

4. Honorary Secretary Report there was no report due to the secretary having serious health issues.

5. Honorary Treasurers Report John Borgars reported that problems with the NatWest Bank meant a move to Lloyds. A loss was made on the Indoor Inter Area T&F and a smaller loss on the outdoors. The scrutineer was looking at the books but had not sent in their report. The report was adopted with 6 abstentions.

6. Track and Field Secretary's Report Carey Hollick presented her written report which mentioned costs for the Indoors were very high as there had been no financial contribution from England Athletics. The Outdoor T&F Challenge will be held at Hull with support from NMAC on the 17th August if enough officials can be recruited.

7. Cross Country Secretary's Report As there was no secretary the Chair wrote a report which informed the meeting that EMMA had advertised for a XC Secretary. There had been problems encountered with the selection process which may mean that the selection meeting is held after a period of time rather than immediately after the selection race. It was agreed that the Selection race be held at Betley again if the date is suitable. EMAA are promoting the International XC at Leeds, Roundhay Park on Saturday, 15th November. There are doubts about the future of the event after Wales were unable to organise it due to a suitable venue.

8. Road Running Secretary's Report was submitted by **Alex Rowe** and focused on the challenge faced from England Athletic Masters events.

9. The proposal to appoint **Peter Cassidy** as scrutineer was approved.

10. The proposal to adopt the EA Health and Safety as amended as Item 9 of the constitution was accepted.

11. The proposal to adopt the EA Grievance and Discipline Policy as Item 8b of the constitution was accepted with 16 for and 3 abstentions.

12. The proposal to adopt the EA Privacy Policy as Item 10 of the constitution was accepted with 16 for and 6 against.

13. The proposal to adopt the item on Dissolution on the constitution be renumbered as Item 11 with 15 for and 7 abstentions.

14. The proposal from the Honorary Treasurer that the affiliation fees for the financial year 2026/27 to be increased to £2 per member was accepted with 3 abstentions.

15. The following were elected as members of the committee :

Chair Jon Clarke, Honorary Treasurer John Borgars, T&F Secretary Carey Hollick,
Cross Country Secretary Shane Lawrence, Road Running Secretary Alex Rowe, XC Team Manager Roland Gibbard

The following posts remain vacant : Honorary Secretary, Vice Chair, Race Walking Secretary

The meeting closed at 8:46 pm