

**128TH SBH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Took place last **Tuesday 27 November** in the Fez Bar, East Stand, Allianz Park.

On an atrocious evening of persistent rain, the meeting commenced with some 120 members present, made up of our Coaches, Athletes, Officials and Parents.

The opening address was by Club Chairman **TONY SUNDERLAND** with apologies for absence, followed by the proposal and seconding of the 2018 AGM minutes, and finally there were no matters arising.

General Secretary **PHILIP CUNNINGHAM** then gave a summary of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2018. He emphasised what a tremendous year it had been for the club with a record number of Club Records, also our successes especially from our Young Athletes was awesome with many of them being ranked in the UK top ten. This is the Annual Report which makes an excellent read –

Treasurer **GEOFF MORPHITIS** gave a detailed report of the Club Accounts which overall show a healthy profit, but emphasized that we cannot rely on future revenue we receive. This being the case **GEOFF** had carried a review of club subscriptions of clubs and our yearly subscriptions are substantially cheaper. It was then proposed that from 1 December 2018 that subscriptions should £45 and increase of £10, this was proposed and seconded with no objections.

The list of Club Officers was proposed and seconded en-bloc, and **GEOFF** pointed out that there are 3 vacancies on the Club Council, which meets 3-4 times a year. If any athlete or parent are interested please contact **GEOFF**, all you will be required to do is to attend the meetings, normally on a Monday evening.

**TONY SUNDERLAND** then covered the remaining items on the agenda, firstly Election of Vice Presidents the list was proposed and seconded.

Next was the existing rule 7 of the constitution to be removed with immediate effect, as the England Athletics process for complying with the new UKA Rule for changing clubs has effectively made the existing Rule 7 redundant, this was proposed and seconded.

The Club has been operating with an “Executive” with delegated powers for the “Officers” which are the Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer with Bryan Smith co-opted. Bryan wishes to stand down and it was proposed that Dave Bedford would be co-opted in his place. It was noted that Dave is a non-exec. member of the UKA board. This was agreed, and it was agreed that the “Executive” be formally put in the Club Constitution at the AGM.

**Proposal** – The new Rule 9 shall read as follows.

‘The Council shall have the power to co-opt members at their discretion. The Council shall also have the power to appoint an Executive Committee to address any urgent issues arising between Council meetings and to make decisions on behalf of the Council. The Executive Committee shall comprise of the Chairman, the General Secretary and the Treasurer together with such co-opted members as nominated by the Council. The Chairman will report back at the next Council meeting.’ Proposed and seconded.

Following the conclusion of the AGM, the presentation of the 2017-2018 cross country and the 2018 track and field season took place.

It was indeed a pleasure to present the awards to all winners, after writing about them week in, week out. **GEOFF MORPHITIS** gave an introduction to all winner's achievements throughout the past year.

There were 2 special awards presented in which **PHILIP CUNNINGHAM** gave a heart-warming introduction on them. Firstly, to **TONY SMITH** whose dedication to the club is second to none. **TONY** joined the club in 1973, and then in 1981 took on the role of Young Athletes Manager cross country and road relays, which with success after success handed over the reins in 2016. Although he is ever present at all fixtures since. On a personal note, **TONY** has been such a great help to me since I took on the role of the Newsletter editor, although on numerous occasions when I rang him, his wife **JEAN** answered, would tell me what the true **TONY** was really like (I think that is for another day, although I will mention pyjamas).

Last but not least Mr & Mrs Shaftesbury, **JOYCE** and **BRYAN SMITH** who have both been members of Shaftesbury since 1954. **JOYCE MBE** is one of the clubs most accomplished athletes winning the first two London Marathons, also she competed in the 1972 Munich and 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games where she finished 11th in the Marathon at the age of nearly 47. Bryan is one of the most respected coaches in England, and many of our athletes have progressed no end. His organisation skills are exceptional and has worked with the London Marathon team for quite a few years.

In recent years, they have both been the driving force as Team Managers for our Women Young Athletes.

To conclude the evening a video was played on the big screen of the Club Connect relays which took place in the London Stadium. The Under 15 Boys team of **CHIMA ONUORA, REMI JOKOSENMI, NICHOLAS SAVVA, KOFI OWUSU** produce a time of (44.06) which placed them as UK No.1 club team in 2018, and are UK No.1 all-time club team.

A big thank you to **FIONA GROOM** who managed the collection and ordering of the SBH trophies, and her help at the AGM. Also **KENNY GROOM** for an excellent set of photographs, which I will publish next week, probably on the SBH website

Thanks to **JOHNSON OGUNNIYI** who sent me a collection of photographs he took at the AGM, please view

them – [https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMc3F\\_am1DcSNTdKe8No7n9P1ihWv-3Minabn3GSMLVEECUu4Xo8K-U0u2pwCfaqA?key=cWk2RzFkanBKdmIPMUZjZG1PNVh3Mmh3YWpic2N3](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMc3F_am1DcSNTdKe8No7n9P1ihWv-3Minabn3GSMLVEECUu4Xo8K-U0u2pwCfaqA?key=cWk2RzFkanBKdmIPMUZjZG1PNVh3Mmh3YWpic2N3)

**Alan Weller - President**