

# SHAFTESBURY BARNET HARRIERS – A G M 2019

The Annual General Meeting of Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers was held in the Fez Bar at Allianz Park on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. November 2019 starting at 7:30 p.m.

At the start of the meeting Dave Bedford gave an appreciation of Keith Moyse who had died recently. Keith had organised our Young Athletes teams during the 1980 / 90's and taken them to the highest level where they have stayed. We were national champions 6 times, and won the European Championships which we hosted twice. There was a period of remembrance at the meeting, and Dave will represent the Club at the funeral.

## 1). Apologies for Absence:

There were apologies for absence from Naomi Taschimowitz, Matt Grant, Katie Webb, Shadine Duquemin, Kacey Walters, Oliver Graham, Henry McLuckie, James Trapmore, Lizzie Bird and Daniel Lewis. Approximately 140 members attended the meeting.

## 2). Minutes of the AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018:

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted after proposal from Richard Bober, and seconding by Gerald Alterman.

## 3). Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

## 4). Annual Report:

The Annual Report was presented by Phil Cunningham who acknowledged its sources from the Weekly Newsletter produced by Alan Weller. There had been many excellent individual and team performances for SBH over the last year of competition. We were pleased to record that four of our athletes represented GB in the World Champs. Thanks were given to our club officials who organise our training and competitions. The Annual report was accepted after a proposal by Richard Bober and seconding by Gerald Alterman.

## 5). Accounts:

Geoff Morphitis introduced the club accounts which showed another moderate surplus for the year. There was an increase in subscriptions due to their raising last year but a reduction in donations. There was a doubling of athlete's winnings due to several wins at the Anniversary Games relays, and the performances at the UK Championships. Fund raising remained at a high level and many thanks are due to Ray and Clare Powell for organising our support for the London Marathon. The amount of grants has been reduced although we remain in receipt from Saracens, Barnet and EA (for the LICC). We receive none from UKA or EA. As a community sports club we are able to reclaim tax. The expenditure on travel and accommodation was reduced fortuitously this year but coach travel remains increasingly expensive. Generous donations enables us to continue with training and equipment grants. SBH (Ty Holden) organise the Allianz Park Academy in place of Barnet Council for which we have a grant. The CMS Loan is to be used for capital expenditure Our aim is to

build up income to avoid reliance on grants and donations, and there is scope to do this because our membership fee is relatively low.

A vote of thanks was given to Clyde Gordon for producing the Accounts. The Accounts were accepted after proposal by Richard Bober and seconding by Gerald Alterman.

6). Election of Officers:

John Kelly was elected as Chairman after proposal by Ray Powell and seconding by Richard Bober. There was a vote of thanks to previous Chairman Tony Sunderland. The Officers on the list presented to the meeting were elected "en bloc".

7). Nominations for vacant posts:

It was noted that there were three vacancies for Council membership and at the end of the meeting several members had expressed an interest in joining the Council.

8). Election of Vice Presidents:

The list of Vice Presidents was accepted after proposal by Dave Bedford and seconding by Gerald Alterman.

9). Election of Life Members:

None were proposed.

10). Proposals submitted to the AGM.

There were no proposals submitted to the AGM.

11). Update on the development of Allianz Park:

Dave Bedford briefed the meeting on the status of the development of Allianz Park. Saracens have a duty to manage Allianz Park and recognise its dual use for rugby and athletics. The West Stand was built in 1964 and is due for rebuilding, and the provision of more seating for rugby. The RFU wishes to extend the playing season which would restrict the track season in 2020 to July / August and mid-July / August in 2021. The 2020 period is just about satisfactory for SBH but adversely affects Barnet and Middlesex Schools. The 2021 period would not be acceptable, and in view of this it is agreed that a new athletics track and facilities would be provided as part of the Sports Hub redevelopment of Cophall by the Borough of Barnet. The planning process for this has been delayed due to GLA consultation and there are doubts as to whether the new track can be constructed in time for the 2021 season. In response to this SBH have been supported by Barnet Council in our view that our present athletics period must be maintained until the new track is available, and that Saracens will need to use alternative venues if their rugby season extends. Our representatives Bryan Smith and Dave Bedford understand that the financial penalties recently applied to Saracens will not affect the stadium / track development. We will be providing a list of the facilities that are required to the redevelopment team, and will expect to give up our existing Clubhouse in return for comparable facilities in the new track area.

Dave was thanked for his information, and the meeting was closed.