## TAVISTOCK Athletic Club

Article I. AGM

Article II. 24th January 2024 – 7:30pm – using Zoom

Present: - Alistair Kinsey (Chairman), Dene Medland (Treasurer), Richard Drage (coaching Coordinator), Ian Collacott (Welfare Officer), Mark West (Fund raising Officer), Keith Bowles, Andy Hughes, Kitty Refson, Val Evans, Kate Rogers & Carole Walters (Secretary), Sheila Houghton

Action 1 Apologies: Hazel Walker, Lorraine Tofield, Josh Taylor, Lorena Merrett, Andrew Kelly, Tony Shearer, Mike Dobson 2 Minutes from AGM 2023: Alistair read the minutes from last year and it was agreed there were no actions outstanding & that they were an accurate representation of last years' meeting. 3 Chairman's Report: Alistair read out his report for this year, key points being; Alistair thanked all members, coaches, volunteers & the committee for all their hard work, help and support in 2023. Turnover/Profit 2023 £56,257 (+ £4,704) +9%. (profit 2015 £310 – 2023 £27,000) and (Reserves £27,000 2018 - £115,000 2024). • This is on the back of £5 reduction on memberships fees, Committee has agreed that no change for 2024. Continued to invest in equipment and coaches. Seniors 2 London places. Going forward, continue to grow T7, T5, Relays and Track events, T13 is paused for 2024 due to track refurbishment. Primary School Challenge will continue with the T13 under review. Ownership of track has been secured, lease for 25 years. Refurbishment to start March 2024 for 6-8 weeks. Progress plans for community building to develop. Look at the wider community through the eyes of our club, create plans to maintain and develop a strong Athletics Club becoming a destination centre. Sport England has just released their

10-year plan, Recover and reinvent, connecting communities, Positive

being, active environments. "

experiences for children and young people, Connecting with health and well-

- Members to support the club or to step up and develop their skills in other areas.
- CT5K restart return to 2-3 fixed programs per year under Val's watchful eye.
- Track is available Monday-Friday 17-21, Weekend 9-21.
  If any leader or coach wishes to develop additional sessions put your case to the committee
- Sally stepping down as club secretary, thank you for all your support over the years.
- Thank you to Andy Hughes for promotion of club through local press

It's been a pleasure being Chair of TAC for 7 years, I can now sit back and watch from afar as it continues to blossom.

Andy Hughes asked about the costs of refurbishment – Alistair replied it is being funded by a mixture of sources, with VAT recovery by college as they pay it. Main contributions are from town council, TAC funds, and various charitable donations. The additional costs arising from fire damage are being met by insurance claim. All funding is in place.

Andy Hughes asked can we secure a new clubhouse if the fence is not secure? Alastair replied that we cannot secure it 100%, so need to ensure we do not keep high value items there.

Alastair the nominated Mark West as new Chairman – no other nominees proposed and Mark happy to stand. Agreed by vote of committee members.

Mark as new chairman reported:

- Thank you to Alastair for his contribution to the club coaching, 'hands-on' input on track, managing local relationships and moving the club to a strong financial position.
- Thanks to Sally as secretary, welcome to Carole as new secretary
- Huge thank you to team of helpers and volunteers across the club
- Critical period coming up for track refurbishment. Note that a special Tavy 5K will be run for the C25k group in March to support their graduation
- Heart of the club is diversity of events and age groups we have, with community at centre. He hopes to speak to all the groups and coaches to get to know them better. Welcome anyone who wants to talk to him directly.
- Looks forward to build on the club vision and membership base

Noted that advantage of being a charity is we can apply for a range of funds

## 4 Treasurers Report:

From a financial point of view, the club has had another excellent year, with all our annual events, Tavy 13, Town Relays and Tavy 7, being very successful and achieving good income. The monthly Tavy 5 also continues to be popular. Thanks go to our sponsors for these annual events and to all the volunteers that help, giving up their time supporting the club.

The balance sheet shows the club had a total of £115,183.98 as at 31 December 2023. This was an increase of £26,679.79 from the end of the previous year and leaves us in a very healthy position as we enter 2024. This money is allocated to the track refurbishment, for which we have received some grants/donations – this should commence at the beginning of March 2024. Our ambition is to put a club house, with kitchen and toilet facilities, by the track.

Bank charges for banking cheques and cash continues to increase, which is why we encourage everyone to pay things by BACS as this doesn't incur a separate charge. We appreciate that not everyone does online banking so cash/cheques are still an option if necessary.

Membership fees for the 24/25 season are now due and these can be found on our website under the heading Join/Renew. BACS details are also shown there. Please mark your payment as either Senior or Junior.

We continue to invest in the club with equipment purchases, maintenance as needed and courses for the club coaching team. Once again, we also covered the costs for the year end presentation evening held at the Town Hall. A donation of £1,000 was given to Tavistock Lions from the Relays event and £300 was given to CRY following a Tavy 5 event run in memory of Clarissa Nicholls.

The club continues to be debt free and moving forward, it should continue to be in a good and stable financial position.

The end of year financial reports will be put on the Club website over the next few days.

I would like to finish by passing on thanks to Helen Alcock for once again completing the end of year financial statement for the club.

## 5 Any Other Business:

Dene wanted to pass on thanks from Andrew, a participant of the C25k course, to Val and then the coaches for their support.

Thank you to all that attended the AGM or sent their apologies