TAVISTOCK Athletic Club

Article I. AGM

Article II. 22nd January 2025 – 8:00pm – using Zoom

Present: Dene Medland (Treasurer), Richard Drage, Ian Collacott, Mark West (Chairman), Keith Bowles, Andy Hughes, Kitty Refson, Carole Walters (Secretary), Sheila Houghton, Ann Ruddock, David Milburn, Martin Exley-Deane, Robert Mills-Hicks

		Action
1	Apologies: Kate Rogers, Richard Nettleship, Elaine Fileman	
2	Minutes from AGM 2024: Mark ran through 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:	
	Mark talked through the following points;	
	Mark thanked all members, coaches, volunteers & the committee for all their hard work, help and support in 2024.	
	 Fantastic year for the development of our athletics across a range of events. This was locally and at a regional and national level, Refurbishment of track complete, on time and within budget. 	
	 Successful events run – Tavy 7, Tavy 5, Relays, Primary School Challenge (PSC), CT5K. New track events run with thanks to Elaine for organising. Also hosted a Devon Open event. T13 was paused for 2024 due to track refurbishment. 	
	 The club won the England Athletics 'Community Project of the Year' award We have good retention of existing members and good number of enquiries to join from juniors and veteran athletics. 	
	 In the year ahead we already have entries for the PSC, continue to run the Tavy 5, Tavy Relays and Tavy 7. 	
	 We thank Richard Nettleship and Paul Waldren for organisation of the Tavy 13, both are stepping down from their roles so we are looking for volunteers to replace them. Now looking to run in early June. 	
	 We are in a fortunate financial position with approx £30,000 cash. We will need to invest in equipment such as hurdles and improve, upgrade facilities including the track lighting and pits. Therefore we need to look to be more 	

commercial with hiring out the track and sponsorship. We have to be financially responsible, so keep enough reserves. We will look at options for a new club house and toilets from 2026.

• We have a high level of coaches at the club but we do need to look at succession plans. The club will pay for coaching courses for anyone wanting to be a coach or run leader.

Mark propose himself as Chairman, Dean as Treasurer and Carole as Secretary – no other nominees proposed. Agreed by vote of committee members. Andy Hughes joined the committee in 2024, anyone else who is interested in joining please let Mark know.

4 Treasurers Report:

Unfortunately, the end of year financial reports have not been received from our accountant, but they will be put on the Club website in due course. From a financial point of view, the club has had another excellent year, with our annual events of Town Relays and Tavy 7, being very successful and achieving good income. Tavy13 not being run during 2024 due the track refurbishment. The monthly Tavy 5 also continues to be popular and brings in a regular monthly income. Thanks to all the volunteers that help, giving up their time supporting the club.

The balance sheet shows the club had a total of £31,25.06 as at 31 December 2024. We received some grants from West Devon Borough Council (Section 106 moneys) and Maristow Estate towards the track refurbishment. The refurbishment was completed in April and the total cost was just under £140,000.00.

2024 Income - £80,032.34. Expenditure £163,147.36 leaving us with a trading loss of £83,120.50 for the year.

Income from races/events held was £17,886.00, expenditure £6,732.90 giving us a profit of £11,153.10.

Catering for events brought in £2,676.75, less expenses of £691.19 giving us a profit of £1,985.56. Regarding catering, we are looking for a catering lead. Please contact Dene for further information if you are interested in taking on this role.

We continue to invest in the club with equipment purchases, maintenance as needed and courses for the club coaching team. Over the next few months, we will be doing maintenance to the hammer cage, hurdles, track entrance and the track lighting. It is still our ambition to put a club house, with kitchen and toilet facilities, by the track, so if anyone knows of any grants/income sources that we can tap in to, please let us know. A donation of £1,500 was donated to Tavistock Lions from the Relays event.

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 25/26 season are now due and these will be updated on our website over the next few days and can be found under the heading Join/Renew. BACS details are also shown there. Please mark your payment as either Senior or Junior, along with your URN number.

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

5 Any Other Business:

- Dene is stepping down from her role as Catering lead so we are looking for a replacement.
- Membership fees were discussed at the last committee meeting and it was agreed to increase the senior adult yearly fee to £85, with other fees increasing in line. This is to cover the increase in yearly EA fees and the fact the fees have been frozen for many years. The new fees will be published on the website and included in the email request to members for payments by Dene.
- The blocked drain causing flooding of the track and field has a short term solution of a pump, Mark is working with the college on a long term solution.

Mark thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to working with them in 2025. Any further questions please let contact Mark know. Thank you to all that attended the AGM or sent their apologies.