**ENGLISH ROAD RUNNING ASSOCIATION**

Chairman: Mike Neighbour

**Minutes of ERRA Annual Open Meeting**

**Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, 13th April 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Present**: Mike Neighbour (MN), Bob Brimage (BB), Anne Brimage, Graham Heeley (GH),

Ian Clarke (IC), Jean Simpson (JS), John Simpson(JoS), Mike Doyle(MD),

John How(JH), Ken Smith(KS)

**Apologies:** Judith Temperton, Arwel Williams, Ken Taylor

**Minutes of 2017 AOM**

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Open Meeting were presented and agreed as a true record

Proposed KS, Seconded JS

**Matters Arising**

MN reported that the additional coats that were required had been ordered and delivered. BB reported that the number of judges/recorders had been increased for future championships as requested.

**Chairman’s Welcome**

MN said that the reason the change the date and venue was due to the unavailability in May of several officers and committee members as a result of other commitments. He then welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

**Secretaries Report**

BB reported that we had fulfilled our constitutional obligation of holding 2 meetings per year with meetings on 2/8/17, and 12/2/18, both at the EA offices at Alexander Stadium. One Championships had also taken place at Sutton Park. The Men’s 6 stage, ladies 4 stage and Young Athletes relays were held on 7/10/17. The 12 & 6 stage are being held tomorrow on 14/4/18 which will also include under 15 & under 17 5K championship races for the first time.

Results of all races are available on Sportsoft website and via a link on ERRA website.

BB thanked Mike Neighbour, Ken Taylor, Ken Smith and the outgoing committee for their support during the last 12 months and Ian Clarke for his continued assistance with the race routes. Bob also thanked England Athletics and AAA of E for our awards and Start Fitness for supply of numbers and race tape.

**Treasurers Report**

In Ken Taylor’s absence BB presented his statement of accounts. This showed a surplus on the year of just over £3k but there were 2 invoices that were not included in the EOY statement amounting to just over £2k. The Spring relays made a small loss which was offset by a surplus on the autumn relays. Other expenditure amounted to £8672.69 leaving a balance of £127,873.09. AB reported that additional ERRA coats were again needed for this year and that although we purchased additional coats last year there is no evidence of payment in the accounts. BB & MN will investigate.

MN and JH proposed and seconded acceptance of the accounts.

BB said he had spoken to KT recently and he indicated that he did not want to stand again for election. A vote of thanks was given to Ken for the many years of service he had given to the Association.

**Championship Secretary’s Report**

KS had circulated his report. This showed that entries for 6,4 & YA in 2017 were up on 2016 with the exception of the u13 girls. SM up by 5, SL up by 19, YA up from 465 to 491. The 6/12 stage entries were very similar to last year.

**Awards.** EA will provide this year’s medals to the first 3 English Clubs and ERRA medals will be awarded to the first 3 teams to finish.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the trophies will be presented to the first English team and this will be reflected in the prospectus.

**Constitution changes**

There were no proposed amendments to the constitution. The changes agreed last year are now included for 2018 – that the 3 regions are now invited to have 3 representatives on the committee.

**Election of Officers**

The following officers of the association were proposed by BB and seconded by MN and were duly elected.

Chair Mike Neighbour

Treasurer Jean Simpson

Secretary Bob Brimage

Championship Secretary Ken Smith

Website Manager Ian Clarke

Representatives from the 3 Area Associations will be elected after confirmation from the areas.

JS to arrange for the appointment of an auditor

**AOB:**

There were no items raised.

**Date of next meeting:**

The meeting closed at 19.35

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 25th July 2018