

## **AGM of Gateshead Harriers &AC**

### **7 November 2023**

#### **Chair Address**

#### **introduction**

I apologise for not being able to attend the AGM but here is a summary of the club's year and some issues that the meeting will be asked to consider

#### **Competitive successes**

The club's athletes have continued to compete at a high standard in all disciplines and age groups, reflecting well on themselves, the club and their coaches

Particular performances of note were achieved by:

- Joy Eze who finished a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> in the European under 20 Championships
- Anna Nicholson who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the World Para Athletics championships in Paris
- David Race who won at the England under 23/20 Championships

It is also worth noting how each of these athletes has combined academic and professional achievement with their sporting success – a wonderful example to younger athletes.

A further 8 young athletes were selected to join England Athletics talent Pathway – congratulations to them and their coaches.

The club continues to attract good athletes moving to the region. We have welcomed several runners who have joined from Newcastle University and work closely with the athletics club at Northumbria University. Thanks to Liz, Marion and Richie we are one of the few clubs that offers training to under 11s to give them a start in the sport and prepare them for competition.

THE under 20 UK Youth Development League team finished a creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Northern Premier East Division. On the endurance side, the under 13 girls won their division of the North East Harrier League and the North Eastern Counties Championships. The under 17/20 women also won their Harrier League division having finished an excellent 10<sup>th</sup> in the English Cross Country Relay Championships. Several of the under 17/20 women then featured in the senior womens team that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Elswick Relays It is very encouraging to see athletes who have been at the club since their primary school years progress to the senior teams

The club has been well represented in North East Counties teams and also in the schools county teams The meeting will be updated on arrangements for a presentation meeting. The committee Will also be seeking nominations for the Joan Smith Achievement Award for young athletes

#### **Welfare and safeguarding**

I have taken over as one of the club's welfare officers in addition to Tony Gardner, having completed the Time2 Listen safeguarding training. Thanks go to Tony for continuing to hold the other position and ensuring that the committee is advised of developments in safeguarding practice and policy.

#### **Events**

The club partnered successfully with Run North East in supporting the promotion of the Gateshead half marathon and the Quayside 5k.

On behalf of the club Tony Gardiner applied for the licence for the Evening Chronicle' Sunshine fund Run.

Thanks to Janice Kaufman the Tartan Games were held for the first time since the pandemic. Despite heavy rainfall the event was a success particularly as it included events for under 11s. Otherwise the cost of providing security wardens at the stadium meant that organisation of the minors' events for under 11s was financially unviable. A funding bid to support the cost of holding under 11s events was unsuccessful.

### **Financial position**

Janice will present the annual financial report. The club faces higher costs in meeting its competitive commitments and the meeting will be asked to review the extent to which it covers entry fees for athletes. The cost of affiliating to England Athletics is increasing and the meeting therefore will be asked to approve a corresponding increase in individual membership fees.

### **Governance**

The committee has met regularly throughout the year, mostly in virtual format. Thanks go to all regular attenders, to Aileen for organising agendas and prompt production of minutes and to Angela. Aileen has also been highly efficient in introducing new members to the club and finding coaching groups for them. Iona has continued to be an excellent club secretary.

The committee discussed how internal communications could be improved following comments made at last year's AGM and during the year. Any further suggestions would be welcomed.

Several of our coaches and officials have undertaken courses to expand their technical knowledge and therefore the contribution they can make to the sport. The committee has recognised the personal and financial sacrifices that are made by coaches and has agreed the payment of a modest monthly retainer to them

### **League participation**

Due to the cost of participating in some league fixtures allied to the limited interest shown by club members in participating the committee is recommending that the club withdraws from the lower age group of the UK Youth Development League. That age group will still have the North East Youth Development League in which to compete.

### **Age Group consultation**

England Athletics is consulting its members on proposed changes to the competitive age groups for the teenage athletes. Following extensive discussion by the committee, the club has indicated its support for the proposals citing the benefits in terms of increased competitive opportunities for young athletes and the improved context for introducing young athletes to the technical events.

### **Looking ahead**

In response to increasing financial pressures, Gateshead Council has launched a public consultation on the future management of Gateshead International Stadium. The club, and several members, have submitted responses and has encouraged partners to do likewise. We also have indicated our willingness to convene a group to ensure that the views of users are reflected in the new management arrangements for the stadium.

Thanks

Finally I would like to record my appreciation of the support and friendship received from club members following my stroke 2 years ago. I hope that I can play a fuller role in the life of the club in the coming year.

Gordon Bell co-chair, Gateshead Harriers & AC



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gateshead Harriers

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

4/1/2022

To

3/31/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions, Entry Passes & Kit	16,579	-	-	16,579	31,145
Travel	392	-	-	392	655
Tuckshop	-	-	-	-	-
Events	24,828	-	-	24,828	16,121
Grants	4,264	1,000	-	5,264	4,080
Bank Interest	53	-	-	53	1
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>46,116</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>52,002</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>46,116</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>52,002</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Facility Hire	3,211	-	-	3,211	8,598
Travel & Accommodation	7,615	-	-	7,615	2,966
Affiliation	1,790	-	-	1,790	2,014
Tuckshop	-	-	-	-	-
Events	27,910	-	-	27,910	27,437
Coach Education & Equipment	3,015	-	-	3,015	1,127
Kit	2,292	-	-	2,292	2,809
Bank Charges	384	-	-	384	443
Admin & Misc	1,115	-	-	1,115	1,137
Hardship & Athlete Support	1,655	-	-	1,655	473
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,987</b>	<b>47,004</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,987</b>	<b>47,004</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,871</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,871</b>	<b>4,998</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 2,871</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,871</b>	<b>4,998</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Janice Kaufman	Janice Kaufman	1/5/2024	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

GATESHEAD HARRIERS AND ATHLETICS CLUB

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1093956

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

30/01/2024

**Name:**

JUSTIN COOPER

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ICAEW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

**Address:**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A