

TAC Trustees report for 2021

At the beginning of 2021 the trustees were concerned as to whether the club could continue as before. We were worried that athletes would not return after lockdown but we decided not to increase subscriptions for the 2020/2021 year. In fact the renewal of memberships was very pleasing and although we managed to reduce the large waiting lists, we do still have young athletes waiting to become fully integrated into the club. We decided not to hold our successful Twilight meeting which tracks athletes from all over country but as we have to pay expenses, we felt it prudent to delay that meeting until 2022.

We reviewed with our treasurer trustee the financial checks in place; the model of the club is very simple; 90% of our income is from subscriptions and we therefore budget on a certain number of members each year. The trustees are confident that this model is the correct one for the club. We do not pay coaches although that means we do rely on the senior members to continue their remarkable coaching throughout the year.

The trustees were delighted with the accounts as at the end of the financial year as the excess income was about the same as in the previous year. Trustees are conscious not to have two larger sum in the balance sheet, but we have to ensure that should Tonbridge School decide that we can no longer use their facilities, then monies would have to be spent elsewhere. This is a concern that we have every year but luckily the moment the school are being reasonably helpful.

As to the athletics, there was another disrupted year due to successive waves of **COVID-19**, most notably the strict lockdown across the early months of the year.

By late March 2021, restrictions were eased to allow for a return to club training, and competition, initially in 'virtual' format. The first proper fixture which had good TAC involvement was the 'PB5km' at Ardingly, which was organised into a series of staggered start times.

Fortunately, regulations soon allowed for a more 'normal' race experience, and it felt like a fairly standard summer of **Track and Field** action:

To mitigate COVID risk, the **leagues** took the decision to group fairly local clubs in each division. This minimised travel, but did lead to a degree of boredom and predictability of the fixtures, and with no jeopardy of promotion or relegation, team managers struggled to find motivated athletes to fill the teams. There were calls for a more organised approach for team management, and this together with a more strategic approach in team selection, has been a focus for club leaders during the off-season. For the record, our 2021 league summaries were as follows:

Outside of the leagues, TAC hosted a good number of **open meetings**. Since the **Kent Championships** could not hold all the events, TAC offered

to include the missed events in our open meeting programmes, which was successful (although turn out was not great). Our traditional season-closer August Bank Holiday meeting featured the U13 Pentathlon with record entries, to the point where more careful organisation will be needed next year. Whilst there is clearly mutual benefit in hosting the Pentathlons on behalf of KCAA, there have been calls for an increase in the expenses for hosting, which KCAA agreed to at their AGM in November.

A focus now on the **leading individual achievements** of the summer:

Tom Bosworth made his second Olympics in the 20km walk. He didn't quite have the performance he wanted in placing 25th. He can look back on his season with a great deal of pride, as he collected another 5000m walk national title.

Fellow walker **Guy Thomas** had his best and most consistent year of results as a senior, winning the Manchester International and placing 3rd in the UK championships - two TAC vests on the podium!

James West did not make it to Tokyo, but he ranked 7th in the UK at 1500m, with his 3rd fastest ever time of 3:35. Westy is really part of a super generation of British middle-distance runners.

Our former member **Zak Skinner** did make it to Japan for the Paralympic Games, and came oh-so-close to a medal in his favoured Long Jump event. It is a personal ambition of this Chairman to persuade Zak to rejoin TAC at some point soon...

Lewis Church had his best season yet. In his 3 Decathlons he placed 2nd in the British Championships, 1st in the England Championships, and, with a new club record (and high jump record, 2.05m) of 7575pts, won the Kent Championships. Ranked 2nd in the UK, he was deservedly awarded the **Kent Male Athlete of the Year**.

Kirsty Anne Ebbage ranked 8th nationally for the U20 Discus. It is a credit to her loyalty to the club that she prioritised league competition over individual glory this year.

Perhaps the most impressive veteran performance was **Ben Reynolds'** completion of the infamous 'Bob Graham Round' - 42 peaks of the Lake District in under 24 hours! Read Ben's report here: https://www.tacdistancerunners.com/uploads/4/3/0/0/4300571/ben_reynolds_bob_graham_round_1.pdf.

A big 'thank you' to **Dawn Hookway** and **Helen Cohen** who stepped down from coaching at the end of the summer. Between them they have committed several decades of work for our younger athletes.

Also worth mentioning is our exciting '**Project 2:09**', an attempt to help some of our promising female distance runners to reduce their 800m times to national class.

2022 marks the club's **75th Anniversary**.

One of the best initiatives of the year was '**TAC takeaways**', an idea of **Mark Hookway's**, to get older athletes to provide advice to younger ones: <https://www.tacdistanerunners.com/tac-takeaways-mentoring-tips.html>

Tim Fagg

TAC Trustees chair

ATHLETIC CLUB

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Club		48,148 12		56,996 150
Home fixtures & club championships	(Note 1)			363
Athletics week		4,160		
Income		0	0	0
Less: Expenses		0	0	
Amazon Smile	(Note 8) (Note 8)	219 2,306		0 1,548
		54,846		59,057
Inc. 2nd hand sales	(Note 5)	(2,195)		(800)
Donations		(2,184)		(884)
		(3,618)		(9,017)
		(18,304)		(17,884)
		0		(615)
Courses in EA course		(1,138)		(1,166)
& equipment	(Note 3)	(2,310)		(846)
		(815)		(173)
		0		(107)
Expenses)		0		30
		(30,563)		(31,461)
Income over expenditure		24,282		27,596

2021	2020
48,148	56,996
U11 refund	
Renewals (at original cost)	
New members (140 in 2021 vs 56 in 2020)	
Reduced membership fees (£125 new/£75 existing)	
Other inc. Tornadoes	
958	1,000
(16,600)	0
18,900	7,560
45,220	48,436
(330)	0

NOTE 2 - HOSTED EVENTS

Open meetings and Home fixtures includes Development events and cross country. They partially resumed in 2021, whilst in 2020 all meetings were severely disrupted due to Covid-19. The value below is net of direct expenses but does not include track hire of £2,712 which is included under Track and gym hire.

2021	2020
4,160	363

NOTE 3 - EQUIPMENT COSTS

Tonbridge School has responsibility for equipment used by the Club. Since 2004, the Income & Expenditure Account includes the cost of any equipment purchased by the Club. Included in the 2020/2021 charge for Repairs Renewals & Equipment are the following specific purchases:

2021	2020
1,460	0
Sprint pack training	
Coaching accessories & Field event equipment	
Starters Rostrium	
2,310	846

NOTE 4 - SUNDRY DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

Debtors & prepayments as at 30 September 2021

360	0
Track and Gym hire for October	
IT costs relating to website hosting	
Advance payments for Judd Hire	
Tornadoes money not banked	
YDL advance payment for 20/21	
British Athletics league advance payment for 20/21	
Kit sales, Open meet, Hosting and Transport	
100	180
392	2,270

NOTE 5 - CLOTHING STOCK SALES

Clothing stock as at 30 September 2021 is valued at cost price, including VAT.

2021	2020
8,110	9,299

Stock loss of £2,184 is after deducting new vests for new members. Difference of income over cost arises from estimated 140 vests are supplied for new members at a cost of £17 (£2,240)

NOTE 6 - ADVANCE RECEIPTS

Received in advance as at 30 September 2021

0	0
0	0
2021	2020

National Cross Country

Not applicable in 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic and in 2021, not relevant as the 2022 National is taking place in London.

NOTE 7 - SUNDRY CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

Creditors & accruals as at 30 September 2021

0	(2,152)
0	0
0	0
0	0
(146)	0
0	(108)
(2,260)	0
(396)	0
2021	2020

Tonbridge School
EDM equipment hire
Coaching course
Equipment

NOTE 8 - OTHER DONATIONS

Received during the year ending 30 September 2021

1,460	750
182	170
37	28
846	600
2,525	1,548
2021	2020

John Harley
Easy Fundraising
Amazon Smile
Other

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE TO THE MEMBERS OF TONBRIDGE ATHLETIC CLUB

I have examined the attached Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021 and income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date and confirm that they have been properly prepared in accordance with the books and other financial records maintained by the Club