

WALLSEND HARRIERS & ATHLETIC CLUB

Founded 1920 Re-Established 1975

Members: UK: Athletics, England Athletics, NE Harrier League, NE Athletics League, NoE T&F League

VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Wednesday 31 March 2021, 7pm, At Home

MINUTES

1. Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks

Paddy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Paddy fed back that it was good to have people running in small group sessions again last night.

Members in Attendance (34): Elaine Ashton, Dave Hall, Iain Hall, Paddy Dinsmore, Karl Burton, Joe Colligan, Barry Allsop, Paul Corrigan, Andy Wigmore, Ronnie Coupland, Emma Plummer, Christine Stretesky, Paul Stretesky, Adam Hamilton, Ronnie Coupland, Jen Berry, Simon Lyon, Tim Nicholson, Scott Ellis, Chrystal Skeldon, Mick Skeldon, Penny Pegman, Simon Charlton, Sam Charlton, Emily James, Paul James, Bill Todd, Joe Collins, Kevin Payne, Julie Collinson, Dave Collinson, Keith O'Donnell, Richard Pearson, Joe Collins

2. Apologies for Absence

Jackie Garnett

3. Minutes of Previous 2020 AGM

These were previously sent out to those members who had requested them. Paddy thanked Bill who was club chair at the time.

4. Treasurer's Report (Christine Stretesky)

Christine shared the accounts via screenshare. Christine fed back that the accounts are currently being audited with VODA and they will be ready next week. Some items that were worth noting included: the amount of membership fees (income) was low last year. Also there was no income from the Terry O'Gara 5k or the Gordon Smith Relays, as these were not able to take place due to Covid. Anyone who had signed up to last year's 'Toby', will have their monies carried over to a time when it can safely take place or can request a refund if they are unable to take part.

Paddy thanked Christine for her hard work and commitment to the club.

5. Secretary's Report (Elaine Ashton)

2020, our club centenary year, did not end up how any of us could have expected! Nevertheless the club and the committee have continued to work as best we can under difficult and at times, restricted, circumstances.

As a committee, we have continued to meet every month, albeit virtually. And once a month minutes before the committee meeting starts around this time, the whole committee ask the most important question - what is Kev eating for his tea?!

Looking back over the committee meeting minutes from the past year, we have been quite busy. So, here is a quick summary of what we have been doing.

As you may be aware, during the past year, the club has gained charitable status, which means we can apply for extra funding for things like coaching courses etc. We also have a 'Smile' account via Amazon and if you click on the link, which is on the website, the club receives cashback on any purchases you make.

Speaking of money, despite many people experiencing financial hardship during this last year, as a club we have continued to support local worthy causes. The virtual Toby in August raised over £1300 for St Oswald's Hospice, in addition to the extraordinary amount already raised from the Gordon Smith Relays earlier in the year (£1400+). In December, St Oswald's sent Bill Todd a letter to say that over the last 13 years, we've raised nearly £43,500 for them! This is a phenomenal amount! St Oswald's have recently been in contact to say they are planning the 'May 5k' challenge, which as a club we will be supporting. There was something similar last year, where you run 5(k), donate (£)5 and nominate 5 (people). We will share more details about it nearer the time.

Also in December, the Doug Bramley cup, part of the Winter Grand Prix, raised £361 for the Bay Foodbank, based in North Tyneside. So, thank you everyone for your continued generosity to such amazing causes.

For information, we have recently updated the child and adult wellbeing and safeguarding policies, both of which can be found on the club website. We plan to update other club policies and these will be added to the website.

Last week we heard the news that George Page, former club treasurer of 17 years, had sadly passed away. If any of you have read the tributes on the club website, you will have learned George played an important role when the club was re-established in the mid-seventies onwards.

And finally, even though this past year has been tough for all of us, better days are coming!

Paddy thanked Elaine for her hard work and commitment to the club and committee.

6. Chairman's Report (Paddy Dinsmore)

This is a year we will never forget, a year of challenging times of leaning on one another, of sorrow of the passing of loved ones including family members of the green and gold, and the recent passing of our former treasurer George Page.

But it's also been a year when we have had inspirational people step forward, it's been the year of the volunteers and as a committee we are so proud of our fantastic volunteers and so proud of our athletes! The lockdown Hokey Cokey has helped shape a year when we have relied on our volunteers to keep people inspired and lift the mood and you've not let us down. Our motto of 'people need people' rang true through the past 12 months.

We didn't hold annual awards last year, however I wanted to call out Julie Collinson, who is our club member of the year. Along with our coaches, Julie has put in so much effort to keep people motivated and keep running, her athletes have risen to the many challenges and kept going when it would have been so much easier to have given up.

As a club we are so lucky to have volunteer coaches and a passionate committee who are

striving to improve both the social and competitive side of our sport. Our committee made up of Elaine Ashton, Christine Stretesky, Andy Wigmore, Kevin Payne, Dave Collinson, Joe Colligan, Tim Nicholson, Richard Pearson, Jen Berry, Emily James, Simon Lyon and Dave Hall. I want to thank you all personally as I know how much work you put in. With these people involved our club is in good hands.

Finally, I wanted to finish by saying I'm proud to be the Chair of Wallsend Harriers, a club with a great history. We have had some fantastic athletes come through our doors over the years and we have some fantastic athletes proud to pull on our vest today. My challenge to all of you is to get that vest back on, enter our local races and run with pride. Now more than ever we need to show the North-East that we are back running together and running stronger than ever!

7. Women's Club Captain Report (Emily James)

Well it's been a year like no other, I'm sure you will agree
Here's to hoping we're not still doing virtual runs in 2023
We've stuck together through difficult times, buddied up and run
Cos as a team who support and care, we're really number one.

If I had the time, I'd read out a detailed report in uplifting poetry
But I'm a mum and wife and also now an exhausted teacher trainee.

So here's the highlights starting with some awesome virtual races
The TOG, Gordon Smiths, Blaydon, Good Friday relays and GNR all done with smiling faces
Our Grand Prix challenges have spurred us onto some epic personal bests
From Myra, Kirsty and Nikki Stewart proudly sporting their green and gold vests.

Spurring on each other is no effort to us Harriers
New friendships formed with buddies has helped us push through Covid barriers
Joy and Myra, Alex and Nikki, Zara and Christine too
Emma P and Emma G with Chrystal in the crew.

We've had babies, babies and more to come
It's filled our hearts with cheer
By the time they join the juniors hopefully we all can have a beer.

I cannot pass up the chance to thank a couple of special lasses
Julie C and Jennifer B let's raise our virtual glasses
They've rallied and they've organised, with challenges, plans and bants
Their efforts have been on a par with the elastic in Kev's pants!

Oh my women how I've missed you but the end is now in sight
And down those muddy xc fields we'll soon be taking flight
Up that dreaded John Reid Road we won't be moaning through it
Laps of the track, throwing a shot, you name it and we'll do it!

8. Men's Club Captain's Report (Simon Lyon)

I am going step away from the norm with my usual report given the last year we have had as a club and athletes. I don't feel it fair to highlight individual PBs and achievements as not everyone had the opportunity to race. Those who did achieve success, you know who you are

and all I'll say is, if you can achieve a PB under those restrictions, the future is looking very bright for when things hopefully get back to normal!

What I do want to say is how proud I am of each and every member for the not letting the last year stop us do what we love and live for. It would have been so easy to say "what's the point?!" This clearly didn't happen with all the fantastic, competitive, and inspiring results over the last 12 months in our many virtual events. It's not easy to get yourself mentally pumped up for a solo/virtual event but because of our competitive nature as runners and as a club, we laced up and give it what we could muster and that is all you can ever ask for! I'd also like to personally thank all the people behind the scenes who help put these events together and give us something to aim for. Hopefully, we are over the worst and with our club sessions returning as of last night and we can finally start looking forward to training and racing against each other once again.

One final note, I'd like to thank all the members who have taking the time out to think about the future of club and help populate what I hope to be very successful junior section as we enter the 2030s!

If re-elected as Men's Captain for a sixth year, I hope my next report is once again filled with PBs and team successes.

10. Motions for Vote

Membership fees

It was proposed that subs stay at the current rate (£50 for seniors and £25 for juniors). The England Athletic fee will stay at £15 for 2021/2022.

All in favour

MOTION CARRIED

At this point, all current committee members have technically stood down, pending re-election if proposed.

11. Election of Club Officials and Committee 2021-2022

Office of Chairman Proposed: Sam Charlton Seconded: Paul James	Paddy Dinsmore DULY ELECTED
Office of Treasurer Proposed: Julie Collinson Seconded: Dave Hall	Christine Stretesky DULY ELECTED
Office of Secretary Proposed: Julie Collinson Seconded: Paul James	Elaine Ashton DULY ELECTED
Office of Men's Captain Proposed: Mick Skeldon Seconded: Iain Hall	Simon Lyon DULY ELECTED
Office of Men's Vice Captain Proposed: Mick Skeldon Seconded: Sam Charlton	Tim Nicholson DULY ELECTED
Office of Women's Captain Proposed: Julie Collinson	Jen Berry DULY ELECTED

Seconded: Chrystal Skeldon	
Office of Women's Vice Captain	Emily James
Proposed: Chrystal Skeldon	DULY ELECTED
Seconded: Emma Plummer	
Office of Head Coach	Paddy Dinsmore
Proposed: Sam Charlton	DULY ELECTED
Seconded: Iain Hall	

Office of Membership Secretary	Andy Wigmore
Proposed: Mick Skeldon	DULY ELECTED
Seconded: Joe Collins	
Representing Junior Coaches	Richard Pearson
Proposed: Joe Collins	DULY ELECTED
Seconded: Julie Collinson	
Committee Members without a specific role	Kevin Payne
Proposed: Mick Skeldon	Dave Collinson
Seconded: Paul James	Joe Colligan
	DULY ELECTED
Welfare Officers	Jackie Garnett
Proposed: Mick Skeldon	Lynne Shaw
Seconded: Keith O'Donnell	DULY ELECTED

Paddy thanked Dave for his hard work and commitment to the club and committee as Dave has stepped down from his role.

12. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Paddy shared that he is proud of the club over the last 12 months and feels the club has gone above and beyond what other clubs have offered. The Winter Grand Prix has come to end. Hopefully everyone will be back racing wearing the green and gold soon!

7:41pm MEETING CLOSED

Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club

Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Registration Number 1190539

Financial Statements

Financial Period to 31 January 2021

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club**

Structure Charitable incorporated organisation - Charity Registration Number 1190539

Trustees: Paddy Dinsmore (Chair) (Trustee)
Elaine Ashton (Secretary) (Trustee)
Christine Stretesky (Treasurer) (Trustee)
Andy Wigmore (Membership Secretary) (Trustee)
Emily James (Trustee)
Kevin Payne (Trustee)
Dave Collinson (Trustee)
Joseph Colligan (Trustee)
David Hall (Trustee)
Simon Lyon
Tim Nicholson
Jennifer Heslop

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Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Report to the
trustees of**

Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club

**On accounts for
the year ended**

31 January 2021

Charity no 1190539

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 7 April, 2021

**Name:
Address:**

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Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club

Receipts and payments account, period ending 31 January 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Pre-Charity
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
Receipts	2020-21	2020-21	2020-21	2019-20
			£	£
Subscriptions	1,770.13		1,770.13	3,642.42
Gordon Smith Relays	-		-	2,180.00
TOG 5K	-		-	4,119.00
Toby	1,245.00		1,245.00	1,325.00
Kit & Equipment	1,895.00		1,895.00	304.00
Annual Presentations	-		-	574.50
Race Fees	141.90		141.90	433.90
Miscellaneous	17.25		17.25	132.94
365s	-		-	863.60
Track & Field	761.75		761.75	-
Grants - Sport Newcastle		500.00	500.00	-
Total Receipts	5,831.03	500.00	6,331.03	13,575.36
Payments				£
TOG 5K	100.00		100.00	3,480.10
365s	64.95		64.95	-
Kit & Equipment	1,545.40		1,545.40	2,198.62
Race Fees	284.91		284.91	883.35
Toby	-		-	1,947.45
Annual Presentations	131.96		131.96	985.00
Club House Rentals	580.00		580.00	585.00
League Fees	-		-	635.00
Gordon Smith Relays	-		-	862.00
Course Fees	100.00		100.00	357.50
Track & Field	-		-	1,191.00
Website	89.31		89.31	67.39
Car Hire	135.00		135.00	
Subscriptions	150.00		150.00	241.00
Travel	-		-	
Miscellaneous	388.00		388.00	233.82
Stationery	9.89		9.89	
Room Hire	-		-	
Athlete Support	-		-	450.00
Affiliations	150.00		150.00	448.00
Professional Services	120.00		120.00	210.00
Grants - Sam Carlton		500.00	500.00	-
Total Payments	3,849.42	500.00	4,349.42	14,775.23
Surplus / deficit for the year	1,981.61	-	1,981.61	- 1,199.87
Funds at 23 July 2020 (pre-charity)	10,074.40	-	10,074.40	11,274.27
Funds at 31 January 2021	12,056.01	-	12,056.01	10,074.40

Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2021

	2021 £
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank	11,948.91
Cash in Hand	107.10
Total Current Assets	<u>12,056.01</u>

The financial statements were approved by the following Trustees :

Signed ... *Christine Srelesky* ... Position ... Treasurer

Signed Position

Date

Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club

Notes to the accounts, 2021

1. Basis of accounts

The financial have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- 1.1** Wallsend Harriers & Athletics Club registered with the Charity Commission on 23 July 2020. This first financial period ends on 31 January 2021, future financial periods will cover 12 months.

2. Grants Received:

	Restricted	Unrestrict	Total
Sport Newcastle	500		500
	500	0	500

3. Trustees and Staff

No staff are directly employed by the charity.
There were no Trustee payments during the year.

4. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £150.

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 January 2021

	Income	Expend	Balance at Jan 2021
Sport Newcastle	500	500	0
Total	500	500	0