

SOUTH OF THE THAMES
CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

Est. 1893, Affiliated to UKA

MINUTES OF AGM, BELGRAVE HALL, 27 APRIL 2018

1. **Apologies for Absence:** G Biscoe, M Duff, D Mitchell, I Wilson
2. **Minutes of AGM of 28 April 2017:** Accepted
3. **Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere:** There had been no reaction against the decision to use the same veteran age groups for women as for men. So far it has not been necessary to impose a cut-off time for the races.
4. **Secretaries Business:** The 2018 Championship Race will be held on Saturday 15 December 2018, probably at Beckenham Place Park, hosted by Dulwich Runners. Details yet to be finalised. The 5 Mile Team Race has yet to find a host club, there being no response to a general email request and Reigate Priory and Belgrave H having turned it down. It was agreed to approach Dennis Williams of Hercules Wimbledon to see if they would host the race. Finding a host club was very much a matter of finding the right contact at the club. SLH and Dorking & MV might also be willing.
5. **Treasurers Report and Business:** The Association's finances were in a healthy state. Provisional accounts were given and approved. There was a modest profit and a balance of £7272.05. The treasurer said that he did not think an audit was necessary given the magnitude of the monies involved and the difficulty in finding an auditor. It was agreed to keep the affiliation fee and race entry fee at the same level.
6. **Election of Officers for 2018 / 19:**
 - President:** Mike Mann of Dulwich Runners. Mike has been an ever-present competitor as a veteran over many years, achieving much success at a county, national and international level. He is also active in administration for his club and under his guidance Dulwich have consistently supported South of the Thames races.
 - General Secretary: Geoff Newton, Tadworth AC
 - Race Secretary and Treasurer: Don Turner, Epsom & Ewell H
 - History and Trophies: Brian Boulton, Cambridge H
 - Webmaster: Alan Mead, Belgrave Harriers
 - Auditor: To be arranged
 - Life Members: As per handbook

- 7. AOB** It was sad to have to report the recent passing of two prominent Past Presidents, Alan Brent of Blackheath & Bromley H in his late nineties and Bill Lucas of Belgrave Harriers at the age of 101.

Alan had been very active in the administration of our Association over many years, as well as in cross country administration at a National level.

Bill was a past Olympian, who lost his potentially best years in athletics to the war, where he was in that most dangerous of professions, a bomber pilot and won various medals for his distinguished war service. There was an obituary of over half a page in the Times newspaper. He maintained an involvement in the administration of his club almost to the end.