

SOUTH OF THE THAMES
CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

Est. 1893, Affiliated to UKA

MINUTES OF AGM, BELGRAVE HALL, 29 APRIL 2016

1. **Apologies for Absence:** B Boulton, E Brandley, D Mitchell, P Mulholland, J & P Snowden, R Tuer, I Wilson

2. **Draft Minutes of AGM of 1 May 2015:** Accepted

3. **Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere:** None

4. **Secretaries Business:** The 2016 Championship Race will provisionally be held on Saturday 17 December 2016, at a venue yet to be determined. The 5 Mile Team Race will be hosted by The Stragglers at Ham Lands on 26 November 2016. After discussions with UKA, the broker for the UKA insurance policy and the host club for last year's 5 mile race the Secretary decided to re-affiliate to EA. A number of Kent clubs had been approached regarding the hosting of the 2016 Championship race with no response so far. The Secretary agreed to continue to negotiate with Kent AC, Blackheath & B and Crawley AC, before throwing the invitation open to all clubs if necessary. The increase in the costs of land permission, 1st aid, and facilities was highlighted.

5. **Treasurers Report and Business:** Provisional accounts were given and approved, subject to audit. Although the accounts showed a very small profit for 2015-16 they did not include affiliation fees, trophies, medals, engraving and host club expenses for the championship race, so in fact there would be a loss in the region of £200. The Treasurer agreed that an increase in the race entry fee was justified.

6. **Election of Officers for 2015 / 16:**
President: Mark Hookway, Tonbridge AC (provisional, subject to his agreement). Tonbridge AC provided an excellent course and venue for the 2015 Championship race and have been enthusiastic supporters of our races in recent years. Mark is a respected coach behind a successful Tonbridge team.

General Secretary: Geoff Newton, Tadworth AC
Race Secretary and Treasurer: Don Turner, Epsom & Ewell H
History and Trophies: Brian Boulton, Cambridge H
Auditor: To be arranged
Life Members: As per handbook

7. **Fixing Level of Race Entry Fees and Affiliation Fees:** It was agreed to raise race entry fees from £1 per head to £2 per head. There would be no separate team entry fees or maximum or minimum club entry fees. Keep things simple. The club affiliation fee to SOTCCA was kept at £7 p.a.

- 8. EA Affiliation** It was agreed to continue to affiliate to EA.
- 9. AOB**
1. There was a discussion on the desirability of having a cut-off finishing time to remove excessively slow runners from the course. Various proposals would be put before the 2017 AGM.
 2. The Treasurer requested that either the accounts should no longer be audited or that an auditor should be found who lives closer to his home.