

SOUTH OF THE THAMES
CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

Est. 1893, Affiliated to UKA

MINUTES OF AGM, BELGRAVE HALL, 29 April 2022

1. **Apologies for Absence:** A. Black, M. Boucher, M. Mann
2. **Minutes of AGM of 26 September 2021:** Accepted
3. **Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere:** None
4. **Secretaries Business:** The 2022 Championship Race will provisionally be held on Saturday 17 December 2022, at Wellesley Woods, hosted by Aldershot, Farnham & Dist. AC. The 5 Mile Team Race will provisionally be held at Lloyd Park jointly hosted by Croydon Harries and Striders of Croydon on Saturday 26 November 2022. The secretary has decided that the championship race will normally be held on the third Saturday of December and the 5 mile race on the fourth Saturday of November and that the Kent League and others will be informed in advance in an effort to encourage them to stick to the nationally recommended dates for league races. The problem experienced last year with the Bank Transfer of the EA affiliation fee was due to the small number of characters allowed for the reference. This was sorted after an email correspondence with EA and this year our EA number was used instead. Time will tell if this has worked.
5. **Treasurers Report and Business:** The Association's finances were in a healthy state. Accounts for 2021 were presented and approved. The provisional accounts for 2020 had now been finalised. The costs of promoting our races have been rising in recent years, notably land permission, and provision of 1st Aid and portaloos. An increase in race entry fees is inevitable. The Treasurer proposed that this be voted upon at the next AGM (perhaps an increase from £2 to £3 per runner) as finances were currently OK. A possible increase in the club affiliation fee to £10 per year was also discussed.
6. **Election of Officers for 2021 / 22:**
 - President:** Mike Boucher of Aldershot R & D AC was elected. Mike has been his club rep. for 15 years. When land permission for the 5 mile race was withdrawn for Morden Park at short notice Mike and his colleagues stepped into the breach and rescued the fixture. Mike has been a member of AFD teams which have won medals at our championships and is a sub 2.30 marathon runner.
 - General Secretary:** Geoff Newton, Tadworth AC
 - Race Secretary and Treasurer:** Don Turner, Epsom & Ewell H
 - History and Trophies:** These had been abolished as separate posts and Geoff Newton had taken over responsibilities for trophies and Alan Mead taken over History.
 - Webmaster:** Alan Mead, Belgrave Harriers
 - Auditor:** To be arranged

Life Members:

As per handbook

7. **Trophies.** Two of the three missing trophies had been definitely located. The Colman Cup for 12 to score in the Championship race is currently with Kent AC. The Presidents Trophy for first man in the Championship Race was located by Don Turner and now been passed on to Geoff Newton for engraving. The Cup for the first man in the 5 mile race may still be with Don. The main problem has not usually as first thought, been due to holders not returning trophies, but to trophies not being presented. This can be due to presentations being rushed, difficulties with working out results on the day or winners having to leave before the presentations.

Geoff Newton

Hon Gen Sec

Present: S Belcher, J Gebbels, G Newton, T Richards, M. Saunders, D Turner