**STEVENAGE AND NORTH HERTS ATHLETIC CLUB**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Ridlins Stadium**

**Thursday 21st November 2024**

**Present** 19 Members

**Apologies** for Absence 6 Members

A presentation was made to Norma Harris who retired after 34 years as a volunteer at SNHAC, covering many committee positions during those years, latterly as SNHAC General Secretary.

1. Paul Pickard as Chair opened the meeting and thanked all those volunteers who helped the Club in 2024. The Club had a successful year in all the leagues the club is involved in and continued the composite team arrangement with HAWCS which benefitted both Clubs. The Club continued to grow with increasingly long waiting lists.
2. **Adopt Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting**

Agreed and adopted as a true record. Proposed Steve Feely Seconded Rhona Foster.

1. **Matters arising from these minutes**

None

1. **General Secretaries Report**

Norma Harris presented the report. The report emphasised the changes brought about by Everyone Active, including a new results cabin and the prospect of new storage facilities for the Club’s training equipment. A successful holiday programme was organised at Easter and during the summer holidays, which not only provided an opportunity for young people to try athletics but also continued to upskill our young Leaders and Coaching Assistants. The Club success at the East Region Volunteer Awards continued with Norma Harris (Services to Athletics and Running) and Sarah Berry (Newcomer to Volunteering) both winners with the Holiday Programme runner up in the Community Project of the Year Category.

The Club has gained 4 new Coaching Assistants, 2 Leaders and 3 Coaching Assistants who will have progressed to Coach by the end of the year. Two of the Club’s Officials progressed from L1 to 2 and the Club gained 2 new L1 Officials.

The Club is reliant on both coaches (mainly throws) and Officials travelling long distances to support the Club and faces a challenging 2025 implementing the new age group changes in time for 2026 along with dealing with a growing Club which is a track capacity on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all squads reaching maximum Coach/Athlete ratios.

Norma thanked the Club for the Photo Book the Club had put together and members, past and present, who have provided her with much fun and friendship over the years.

1. **Hon Treasurer’s Report**

Sarah Berry presented her first report as Treasurer. The Club’s finances are in good shape. Total funds at the end of October were £36,754. The Club purchased an Electronic Starting Gun to compliment Photo Finish, a new Gazebo, a Photo Finish Link, laptops and had the EDM Equipment serviced. An interest-bearing account was opened, and Sarah ensured the Holiday Programme broke even. Proposed Norma Harris and Seconded Paul Murray Adopted

1. **Election of President**

Mike Gregory, Proposed Paul Pickard Seconded Sandra Reed, passed unanimously.

1. **Election of Officers**

Members willing to stand were Proposed by Mike Gregory Seconded by Rhona Foster and elected En bloc. Steve Feely had already agreed to take on the Vacant Officials Secretary role and offered to take on Fixtures and Coaching Secretary

**Current committee 2024/202525**

**President** Mike Gregory

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**Chair** Paul Pickard

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**Vice Chair** Bob Whitten

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**General Secretary** **Vacant**

**Committee Secretary** Helen Pickard

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**Treasurer** Sarah Berry

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**Membership Secretary** Alan Ephgrave

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**Coaching Secretary** Steve Feely

**Officials Secretary** Steve Feely

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**Meeting Manager (Home Fixtures**) **Vacant**

**Hospitality Secretary** Susan Spicer

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**Results (Home Fixtures Paul Morris)**

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**RESULTS AWAY MATCHES, COUNTY, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL Vacant**

**Track Secretary** Jane Taylor

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**Road Running Secretary** Paul Pickard

**Cross Country Secretary** Bob Whitten

Chiltern League Secretary Thomas Galliford/Ed Manson – this will be Tom’s last year now Will is at university.

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**Communications Secretary (press. Media etc) Vacant**

**Social Secretary Vacant**

**Volunteer Secretary Vacant**

**Fund Raising Secretary** Sarah Berry

**U25 Committee Members** Dylan Baines/Enid Whitten

**Track and Field Team Managers** Rhys Samuel SAL, Steve Edwards HAWCS YDL, Libby Taylor/Melissa Doran EYAL, Sandra Reed SVAC**,** Paul Pickard Mid-Week League

**Account Verifier** Anish Saijal FCA

**AOB**

Committee Vacancies particularly General Secretary will be discussed at January’s meeting along with lobbying SBC about Track Resurfacing.

Meeting finished 8.31pm