

Arbroath & District Athletics Club

Charity No SC043413.

Trustees Annual Report

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Reference & Administrative Information

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Membership secretary	Douglas Cruickshanks
Minute Secretary	Neill Balfour
Chief Coach	Glen Laskiewicz
Welfare Officer	Simon Reid
Recording & Publicity:	Douglas Cruickshanks
Social Convener:	Salina Robertson
Fund Raiser	Salina Robertson/Ann Mulgrew/Lynn Mulgrew
Committee members	Jim Thomson Hillary Lackie

Governance & Management

Constitution

The charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution, which was last revised in November 2022. The club was granted charity status by OSCR in March 2012.

Appointment of Trustees

The management committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting and members are invited to become trustees of the club. The membership of the management committee is open to all senior members of the club.

Objectives & Activities

To promote, foster, encourage participation in track and field athletics, cross country, road running activities within the Arbroath and District area. Improve the performance of interested athletes and the general enjoyment of athletics. Also the club aims to provide appropriate competition pathways for interested athletes with league and other competitions.

AGM Chair Report 2025

Good evening everyone. Welcome along to our Annual AGM and Trophy Presentation Disco. I hope everyone has warmed up their vocal chords and put on their dancing shoes. We have Kenny's Disco and karaoke starting soon. Before we get to the fun stuff we will give you a little run down on how the club has been performing on and off the track.

As you're all aware the club suffered a terrible loss back in November. Not only was Winston a highly qualified coach but he was also our club Chairman. Win was part of this club for 35 years so his knowledge and expertise was second to none. He wasn't the best at sharing this knowledge and he often found it easier to do every job himself so the coaches and committee are still trying to find our feet without him. I don't think we will ever manage to replace him but we will do our best to keep the club up and running. We know how much he loved his athletes so the best way to honour his memory is to go out and smash the upcoming season and make him proud.

Overall the club has had another successful year in terms of new members and new coaches. Numbers continue to rise steadily, I don't think we had as much of a rise in numbers last year as the year before we are still going in the right direction. We know more could be done to promote the club and this is something we are working on.

We have also welcomed a few new coaches. Neill Balfour, Ian Lackie & Kayleigh Simpson. Huge thanks to you all for coming on board. Ian and Neill have been helpers for some time and decided it was time to become official coaches. Kayleigh is a competing athlete has been a great helper for the younger athletes for many years so it's great she now has this qualification under her belt. Many hands make light work as they say and it means coaches can work on rotation.

Now, as positive as that is, we still have a shortfall in level 2 coaches. Without a level 2 coach we are not insured to run a session. So when you hear that a session is cancelled due to a lack of coaching availability that usually means we have no level 2s. Again, this is something we are working on but it does take time to gain a level 2 qualification. Neill has kindly put himself forward for the level 2 so we would like to wish him the best of luck with this but at the same time can you hurry up because Glen and Simon needs a break. If anyone is interested in coaching please let us know. The club will pay for the course. The level one is just a day of training and the club pays for this. You don't need to know a lot about athletics, just be friendly and enthusiastic. Other coaches are always available to help and to guide you through.

On top of coaches we need officials for each club competition we enter, we require a minimum of 3 officials order to compete. Neill is now our only qualified official. We relied very heavily on Win to fulfil this role. If you don't want to become a qualified official that's okay but if you're child is competing you may be asked to help out in some capacity. We used to have a parent rota and this is something that may be reintroduced if we don't get enough volunteers for future competitions folks.

Everyone you see at the club is a volunteer, without parent volunteers the club ultimately can't survive and that would mean travelling out of town for athletics if your child wants to compete. We don't want this to happen. We are all busy and could all do without the added jobs coaching and being on a committee brings but we do it for the kids and our love of the sport.. Just saying...The Hawk Hill Harriers have a long waiting list!

Okay, lecture over....

Financially the club is doing fine, you should all have a copy of the treasurers report. We have continued to upgrade equipment and plan on replacing more of the old trophies. We are considering a little increase on club fees. It won't be by much but we haven't increased fees for a long long time and we are paying more and more for training facilities and buses to take us to competitions etc. No change for now but these changes will be announced prior to our annual cross country and club signing day in March.

We haven't had anyone within the committee really committed to fundraising this past year but this is something we are hopeful someone can take this on. Any suggestions are always welcome, even from those not on the committee. It may be a one-off event that can be organised by anyone without expectation of having to do it another times. Salina has the title of fund-raiser but she is the lady that is responsible for catering at fund-raisers. Salina had a family emergency and couldn't make tonight and sends her apologies. Salina like many others on the committee no longer has children that are involved in the club. Like everyone she is extremely busy but doesn't want to let the club down. Ideally we want a committee of parents and would like to rotate positions annually.

We desperately need improved facilities and this is something that has been ongoing since I was a young athlete. More time is required on this. Hillary has offered to invest some time on this going forward. Our aim is to eventually have our own all-weather track but I'm not sure this will happen in our lifetime. So that was a little report of what goes on off the track and now we are going to give you a little summary of our performance last season.

Some of you may wonder why we have waited so long to hand out these awards. In years gone by the trophy disco was held in September at the end of the season with the AGM at the turn of the year. However, numbers at the AGM were poor so we thought we would trick you all and combine them! Once we have given you a little run down of the season it is my plan to get the AGM out of the way first but if we don't get any new volunteers I plan to get you all drunk first next year then run the AGM at the end of the night.

All presentations awarded tonight are based on athlete performances over the course of the season within our leagues and interclub Frances Ogg Competition.

So for any new members we have 3 main summer leagues that run from April – August.

For the young ones we have the YDL otherwise known as the youth development league – the lovely Simon is the team manager for this one.

The YDL gives U13– U15 athletes the chance to compete in all events which is why the league is limited to younger athletes. There wouldn't be time in one day to offer all events to all age groups. In years gone by we haven't had great club success at these competitions, purely because of a shortfall in numbers competing. I do believe we have had a lot of individual success last season and we will talk about this in a bit.

I am the team manager for the RAM. The RAM league is open to all ages groups which means OAPs like myself and Glen will sometimes compete. This league limits the number events available to allow all ages to compete, so that's un11s – seniors. Each competition will have different events. So for example, the first comp of the season may have LJ, the next one will have HJ. This is the same for sprints and throws.

Finally, we have the Scottish National League. This is Glen's League. This is a league for older athletes. U15s – Seniors come from all over Scotland. There is a high caliber of competition with some of the best in the country competing. Unfortunately this season the older athletes suffered a lot of injuries and many have Saturday jobs so this league didn't see much action last summer.

Each competition works on an accumulation of points and most are ran over 3 or 4 league matches. It is important we fill the age groups with as many athletes as possible so we can cover all events and gain as many points as possible. Points are added up over all competitions to determine which age groups make it to the final.

There are competitions where athletes can compete for themselves with a chance for medals. Glen usually posts these dates up on the group chats but it is the athletes responsibility to enter themselves.

Now I am the designated team manager for the RAM league but I was on too many holidays this year so didn't go along to all of the competitions. So once I allocated events and made 100 changes I handed it over to Simon. Simon will now give us a little summary of how the kids got on within both of these leagues.

Thanks Simon

So in summary, as a club we punch above our weight against the bigger clubs. We are at a major disadvantage with numbers and facilities, however we always perform very well. Athletes have been working very hard this winter so we expect to see some good results this summer.

Before we get to the presentations we are going to dissolve the old committee which means all positions are open if anyone would like to nominate themselves or anyone

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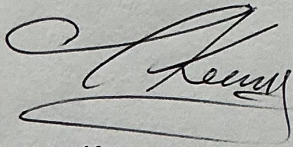
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I will run through each position now.

Finishing off I would like to thank everyone that helps the club in anyway. A huge thank you to the Cruickshanks for their continued support over the years. We cannot thank you enough.

Signed

Date Mar 2025

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tamara Kenny', with a large, stylized initial 'T' and a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

Tamara Kenny