

SOUTH OF THE THAMES
CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

Est. 1893, Affiliated to UKA

MINUTES OF AGM, BELGRAVE HALL, 12 April 2024

Present: M.Boucher, C. Dickinson, J.Gebbels, A.Lea-Gerrard, A. Mead, G. Newton, R.Pearson, D.Turner

1. **Apologies for Absence:** K. Haynes, R. Kelly, A. Perks
2. **Minutes of AGM of 14 April 2023:** Accepted
3. **Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere:** None
4. **Secretaries Business:** The 2024 Championship Race will provisionally be held on Saturday 21 December 2024, at Somerhill School, hosted by Tonbridge AC. The 5 mile Team Race will provisionally be held on Saturday 23 November 2024 at West Horsley Place hosted by Guildford & Godalming AC. Somerhill School had agreed to provide the course in principal, but the date has yet to be agreed. Guildford & G AC had yet to officially confirm. Mike Boucher agreed to obtain a phone number for G&G AC as they were not responding to emails. The Secretary took over the provision of medals from Don Turner after the 2023 races. Mike Boucher incorporated the officials secretary's role into his role of Race Secretary.
5. **Treasurers Report and Business:** Ruth Pearson took over from Don Turner during October 2023. The Santander Account was closed and replaced by an online account with Lloyds Bank. The accounts were presented. The Associations finances were still in a healthy state despite the purchase of 3 years stock of medals. Ruth agreed to investigate the possibility of opening a savings account in addition to the current account and use her discretion on this matter. The expected returns were not great.
6. **Election of Officers for 2022 / 23:** (All candidates unopposed)

President: The appointment of the post of President was to be held over until the 2024 race venues had been confirmed.

General Secretary:	Geoff Newton, Bournemouth AC
Treasurer:	Ruth Pearson, Striders of Croydon
Race Secretary:	Mike Boucher. Aldershot Farnham & District AC
Webmaster & History:	Alan Mead, Belgrave Harriers
Inspector of Accounts:	Kate Haynes, Aldershot Farnham & District.
Life Members:	As per handbook

7. **Affiliation Fees** It was unanimously agreed to keep the affiliation fee to £10 per club per year.

- 8. Race Fees** It was unanimously agreed to keep the race fee at £3 per runner and to charge late entries at £6 per runner.
- 9. Race Permits** It was agreed that only EA permits should be obtained for races as Power of 10 rankings were only based on UKA permitted races.
- 10. Trophies**
- 10.1 It was agreed to replace the missing trophy for the 1st man home in the 5 mile race. The Secretary to arrange this.
- 10.2 Belgrave H withdrew their proposal that SOTCCA should reimburse clubs for the engraving of trophies.
- 10.3 It was agreed that instead of presenting the 1st women's team in the championship race with a small trophy to keep, there would be a large perpetual trophy as with the men's team championship. The Secretary to arrange this.
- 11. AOB** Mike Boucher and Kate Haynes would be operating race timing with AFD equipment for both 2024 races. The Association would replace this equipment when necessary.

Geoff Newton
Gen Sec