

Doncaster Athletics Club

Annual General Meeting

Saturday September 26th, 2020

24 Paul Ave Box Hill Nth (Conducted Online)

Minutes

Meeting begun at: 7:09pm

1. Welcome by Chairperson Campbell McLennan
2. Apologies - Jason Hodson, Michelle Paine, Declan Carmen, Nicole Reynolds.

Quorum - Attendees Voting Members

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2019 AGM be approved as accurate.

Moved: Andrew Parrott

Seconded: Peter Coumaros

Carried

4. Business arising from the minutes

No Business arising.

5. Presidents report - Campbell McLennan

Campbell spoke of some of the highlights of the year at DAC including the Elite athlete program, the growth of Ruffey Runners, Strong Cross-country season numbers and the Div 2 Victory for DAC in the AVSL. He also gave specific thanks to a large number of people for their service to the club.

(See Attached report below)

Motion: That the President's report be received.

Moved: Campbell McLennan

Seconded: Boris Mathys

Carried

6. Treasurer's report - Graham Ford

Graham presented the Treasurers report.

He informed the membership that the reports had been significantly improved with thanks to Patrick Vaiano, Doncaster Little Athletics Club treasurer, who freely gave his assistance with the financial reports. Accountant John Saflekas was asked to review the accounts and concluded "Chart of Accounts – Well-structured" and provides relevant information when the Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet reports are run. Bank Reconciliations – Processed and reconciled so no issues there." He made some constructive suggestions for improvement as well. Our thanks to John for his pro bono service to the club.

(See Attached report below)

Motion: That the Financial reports be received.

Moved: Graham Ford

Seconded: Allan Watson

Carried

7. Election of Committee - Michael Gallagher took the chair to conduct the election;

Nominations

President: Campbell McClennan

Vice President: Nathan Down

Secretary: Darryl Kilmartin

Treasurer: Graham Ford

Registrar: David Mitchell

Given that the nominations for office bearing positions were uncontested, the motion was put to the members:

Motion: That the nominees for the office bearing positions on the Doncaster Athletic Club Committee be elected for the 2020-2021 Season.

Moved: Peter Coumaros

Seconded: Dianne Paine

Carried

General Committee Members:

Andrew Parrott
Peter Coumaros
Colleen Kelly
Maxime Plugge
Stephanie Larkin
Boris Mathys
Yuan Chow Lui
Jason Hodson

Given that the nominations for General Committee positions were equal to the number of vacancies, the motion was put to the members:

Motion: That the nominees for the General Committee positions of the Doncaster Athletic Club be elected for the 2020-2021 Season.

Moved: Campbell McLennan

Seconded: Ellen Perry

Carried

8. General business

Strategic objectives report – Darryl Kilmartin gave an overview of progress made and future plans of the club in terms of our strategic objectives. (att below)

9. Date of next meeting (TBC Expected May 2021)

10. Close - 7:32pm

Presidents report

What challenging times we live in! The COVID-19 virus pandemic has changed some of the fundamentals we do in our lives and I am moved by the manner in which this great club has responded to these challenges. While we did finish the 2019/20 Track & Field season before the lockdown had to be implemented, it has since closed our track and completely stopped all our regular track training, taking group coaching sessions off the track, and our Cross-Country Season didn't even get started.

The thing that stands out to me is the way DAC members have kept in touch, helped each other stay fit and well, and been there to support one another. Our coaches have kept in close contact with their athletes to help them continue to train, almost exclusively, on their own. Training is never straight forward, doing it alone is even harder. Well done to the coaches and athletes who have gone the extra mile to keep going in this time.

While the lockdown restrictions are starting to ease, our Cross-Country Season is unlikely to proceed as we were looking forward to. We will keep you posted and help you all adapt and participate wherever possible. Following the very successful DAC Trivia Night in February, Nathan Down and Boris Mathys did a podcast of that night. The podcasts have since evolved into a great way for the Club Members to keep in touch, talk athletics and hear from Club coaches & athletes as they offer tips and traps, given we can't meet at the track at the moment.

On the track, the 2019/20 Season was outstanding. The 2019/20 season saw the introduction of the new Athletics Victoria Shield League (AVSL) which took over from the traditional AV Shield. The AVSL is still 'settling down' and it may take a season or two to fully understand the new structure. AVSL ranks the various clubs as 'whole teams' rather than in age groups as was the case in the traditional AV Shield. In 2019/20 Doncaster was seeded in Division 2 and we got off to a terrific start winning the Division 2 Premiership in the play off in February against Athletics Nunawading. In what was an outstanding 'come from behind' win and the Division 2 victory means we will be promoted to the Premier Division for 2020/21. Coupled with our 40+ Men, Under 18 Women, Under 16 Men and Under 14 Men all winning premierships in their respective age groups at Red Zone level, our future looks bright.

At Doncaster we love the Relay Championships and once again we brought Gold medals home. Gold medals were won by our Open Women's 4x800m, Under 14 Men and 40+ Men 4x100m and 4x400 and our Open Men and Open Women contested the 4x400m final for the eleventh consecutive year.

4 Doncaster athletes also shone at the individual level. Declan Carman (Discus) and Abbey Caldwell (1500m) qualified for the IAAF World Junior Championships. We hope for Declan and Abbey this Championship will go ahead at a date to be confirmed. Declan Carman (Discus) and Anthony Jordan (AWD sprints and Long Jump) won gold in every event they

contested at the State Championships (both All-Schools and club Track & Field Champs) and Josh Maisey contested Zatopek:10 finishing 21st .

The 2019 XCR season was another very strong year for Doncaster. Over a hundred members represented the club from Under 14 to Masters.

Once again, Abbey Caldwell was the standout athlete across the season winning every individual event to finish on top of the Under 20 individual ladder, Abbey went on to finish 5th in the Australian Cross-Country Championships in August. Abbey was well supported in the Under 20 Women by Jessica Ng who placed 10th on the ladder after a very consistent season.

In the Open Men, Joel Tobin-White was our shining light with a Half Marathon time of 1.02.03 in Japan in February, the 13th fastest Half marathon time in Australian history! During the XCR season Joel placed 9th on the individual ladder.

Colleen Kelly and Evelyn Kuys (Masters) were placed in the top 3 on the ladders for their respective age groups, and showed very strong performances the entire season.

At the Bundoora Championships Hannah Williams U18, Darcey Roberts and Rachel White both U14 competing for their schools all qualified for the Australian Junior Cross Country Championships.

At the team level our Open Women's Division 4 team finished the season in 1st place and will be promoted to Division 3 next season. Our Open Men Division 6 finished their season in 2nd place and will also be promoted next season, to Division 5. Our U20 Women also had a very strong season finishing the year in 2nd place on their ladder. Our 40+ XCR teams also had very consistent seasons with all 40+ and 50+ Men and Women teams all finishing the top half of their ladders.

We were saddened by the passing of Bill Chambers in October 2019. Bill was instrumental in shaping the club into what it is today and was one of the first to be awarded DAC life membership in 1982. His name holds present to this day with the annual running of the Bill Chambers Handicap event now held at Ruffey Lake Park. It was fitting that this year's handicap race was run in September 2019 with the biggest turn out of athletes in recent years. Our thoughts are with the Chambers family and friends. Away from the track, the wheels are turning.

With Kevin Heinze Grow no longer moving into our gym we are not being forced out, so our gym will not change in the immediate term. However, together with the Doncaster Little Athletics Centre and the cricket and football clubs we are discussing with the Manningham Council the possibilities of building a football/cricket club rooms on the other side of the oval with the existing pavilion dedicated to the athletics community. In time we would look to build a new gym, photo finish, storage, grandstand and social space for the athletes. This

is an exciting prospect and is on the agenda for future lobbying to council for approvals and funding.

The Manningham Council has applied for a State Government grant to help fund the upgrade of the track lighting. If this application is successful, the funds would be added to the Federal Government grant of \$125,000 and the lighting could be upgraded in 2021. We are lobbying and are hopeful that the lighting will be to a competition standard to facilitate a range of exciting 'twilight events' at the Tom Kelly Track.

No Saturday just happens and I would like to thank our wonderful officials and volunteers. As athletes, we come on a Saturday with our minds on our events; we warm up, compete and love doing it. But without the support and backup of our officials and volunteers, it simply wouldn't happen. A hearty 'thank you' from all our members.

A big thank you also to our coaches. No doubt your immediate athletes are very quick to thank you for all your help and direction. But that kind of input and support spreads around the entire Club and we are so much the better for your involvement.

To our Committee, I would like to extend a club wide thank you. So much is done 'behind the scenes' and our committee are an outstanding group of extremely hard workers. We continue to grow in our reputation as a friendly, welcoming, and competitive club, due in no small part to the hard work and culture of the committee.

To all our members, I trust that your summer season was an enjoyable one. Obviously, the winter season has been a challenge but our club has been very supportive and is there to help you get back on the track and back into your athletics. We all look forward to catching up with everyone very soon.

Campbell McLennan

President

Treasurers Reports

| Profit and loss | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------|
| Doncaster Athletic Club | | |
| For the year ending 31 March 2020 vs 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, accounts only, cash basis | | |
| | AMOUNT | COMPARISON |
| | 2019/2020 | AMOUNT 2018/2019 |

INCOME

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tom Kelly Scholarship Donation | \$500.00 | - |
| Aths Vic Income | \$13,645.00 | \$13,380.00 |
| Rec Runners Income (Ruffey Runners) | \$2,240.00 | \$1,350.00 |
| Sponsorship | \$3,000.00 | - |
| Income - misc | \$10.00 | - |
| Interest Received | \$779.14 | \$841.06 |
| Track & Equipment Hire | \$7,350.00 | \$5,825.00 |
| Donations | - | \$2,700.00 |
| BBQ/Catering | \$5,389.00 | \$2,368.10 |
| Canteen DLAC | \$931.23 | \$1,028.34 |
| Training Fee | \$1,370.00 | \$1,360.00 |
| Uniform Sales | \$6,470.00 | \$2,735.00 |
| Grants | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Social/Fundraising Events | \$4,897.91 | \$110.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$51,582.28 | \$36,697.50 |

COST OF GOODS SOLD

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cost of Goods (Uniforms) Sold | -\$5,585.49 | \$3,105.92 |
| TOTAL COGS | -\$5,585.49 | \$3,105.92 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$57,167.77 | \$33,591.58 |

EXPENSES

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|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tom Kelly Scholarship | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Equipment | \$4,131.88 | - |
| Rental | \$2,697.96 | \$2,414.60 |
| BBQ/Catering Costs | \$2,112.43 | \$315.10 |
| Aths Vic Affiliation fee | \$240.00 | - |
| Uniforms - pre-ordered casual/training | \$4,094.20 | - |
| Uniforms - race gear | \$2,919.50 | \$4,686.99 |
| Rec Runners (Ruffey Runners) | \$529.40 | \$120.00 |
| First Aid training/supplies | \$1,114.00 | - |
| Advertising | \$111.50 | - |
| Bank Charges | \$97.07 | \$56.45 |
| Depreciation - Plant & Equipment | \$3,835.75 | \$2,599.78 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$4,149.77 | \$974.38 |
| Utilities | \$5,332.94 | \$2,667.81 |
| Accounting Software Expense | \$110.00 | \$32.00 |
| Aths Vic Refreshments | \$437.97 | \$178.96 |
| Athlete Sponsorship/Assistance | \$1,672.90 | \$600.00 |
| Consulting Fees | - | \$5,000.00 |
| Registration Fees | \$40.00 | \$115.60 |
| VAL Registration | - | \$510.00 |
| Cleaning Expenses | \$31.99 | \$1,015.00 |
| Lifetime Member Expenses | \$2,932.00 | \$1,621.50 |
| Coaching Course | - | \$484.50 |
| Website | \$434.50 | \$737.00 |
| Social Functions | \$987.18 | \$353.45 |
| Clubroom Expenses | \$345.20 | \$362.33 |
| Doncaster Gift exp | - | \$1,450.00 |
| Rebates | \$330.00 | \$460.00 |
| AGM/Presentation night Expenses | \$3,722.70 | \$1,335.85 |
| Aths Vic Relays | \$4,077.10 | \$2,626.20 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$46,987.94 | \$31,217.50 |

NET POSITION

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Income | \$51,582.28 | \$36,697.50 |
| Cost of goods sold | -\$5,585.49 | \$3,105.92 |
| Gross profit | \$57,167.77 | \$33,591.58 |
| Expenses | \$46,987.94 | \$31,217.50 |
| Other income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NET POSITION | \$10,179.83 | \$2,374.08 |

Balance sheet

Doncaster Athletic Club

For the year ending 31 March 2020 vs as at 31 Mar 2019, header accounts only, cash basis

| ACCOUNT NAME | BALANCE | COMPARISON |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2019/2020 | 2018/2019 |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Bank - Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund | \$4,502.34 | \$4,498.91 |
| Bank - Doncaster Savings/Trust Account | \$47,713.23 | \$40,619.23 |
| Bank - Doncaster Cheque Account | \$2,997.80 | \$4,309.30 |
| Bank - DAC Card Account | \$4.63 | \$1,067.77 |
| Inventory on Hand | \$12,978.50 | \$7,393.01 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | \$68,196.50 | \$57,888.22 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Plant and Equipment | \$2,901.52 | \$3,029.97 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | \$2,901.52 | \$3,029.97 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$71,098.02 | \$60,918.19 |

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| | NET ASSETS | \$71,098.02 | \$60,918.19 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Equity | | \$4,994.41 | \$4,994.41 |
| Opening Balance Equity | | \$44,363.48 | \$44,363.48 |
| Retained Earnings Surplus/(Accumulated Losses) | | \$11,560.30 | \$9,186.22 |
| Current year earnings | | \$10,179.83 | \$2,374.08 |
| | TOTAL EQUITY | \$71,098.02 | \$60,918.19 |

Strategic report – General Business

In what has been a really contrasting year, from the high of winning the Div 2 AVSL final, to the lows of the cancelled X-country season and locked down track, the club committee have continued to work hard for the future of DAC. And we have had a few wins.

Covid has meant Covid Grants. Valued support from Council and State Government. With Credit to Karen Reynolds in particular, we have applied for four different grants.

- State Government Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions awarded us \$1000 in covid relief, and later added another \$500 without us even asking.
- Manningham city council awarded us almost \$5000 for equipment purchases.
- We have a grant pending for 2 heavy duty shade shelters and some sunscreen funded by Department of Health and Human Services worth another \$2,780 which we are very optimistic about.
- And we are submitting this morning, with Sport and Rec Vic, another grant application for \$1900 worth of coaches training courses to help increase our capacity to retain, strengthen and increase our junior membership.
- This totals \$6363 already approved and a further \$4700 pending. \$1760 for Masters.

Then there is the lighting upgrade. We fought hard with the Council to maintain the Federal Grant awarded to the Athletics clubs last year represented our contribution to the project. Eventually the pressure we maintained through consistent lobbying from Aths Committees and the broader memberships meant the council conceded and fully funded the upgrade at no cost to us. This was made possible by another successful Grant application by council officer Zac Anver through Sport and Rec for the balance of the \$600,000 project budget.

This upgrade will see new poles erected with new LED lighting heads which will light up Tom Kelly to Competition standard with a completion date expected before next winter. This will

make Tom Kelly the envy of Clubs across the State and allow us to host significant twilight competitions here in the years ahead.

The Pavilion upgrade and Gym relocation has been something DAC club committees have been negotiating for many years. Ultimately toward the end of last year we were presented yet another plan which we felt was an unacceptable compromise to all the sporting clubs involved. We, as a committee took the strategic step of proposing an alternate plan to throw our support behind the Manningham Cricket club. This plan involved having the already allocated redevelopment budget, some of which was about to lapse if not spent, reallocated to the building of a purpose-built modular Cricket and Football clubhouse on the far side of the ovals. This will allow the aths community to occupy the whole pavilion for the next few years. Thanks' need to go in particular to Councillor Dot Haynes for her constant support during this time.

The next Step is to progress and navigate the resurfacing of the track. We aim to lobby the council for some adjustments to the layout and realignment works to allow for level one certification.

Along with this it is our intention to seek significant funding spread across a number of years to plan and build a new grandstand clubroom facility stretching most of the length of the front straight.

So, while lots has been achieved, there is still plenty to do. Exciting times for DAC.

Darryl Kilmartin – DAC Secretary