West Cheshire Athletic Club AGM Minutes – Tuesday 25th November 2025

 Attendees – Committee: Mike Lamb (President), Brian Wright (Chair), Alan Morris (Vice Chairman), Sarah Hibbert (Treasurer), Dennis Wall (Secretary), Victor Oyesola (Track & Field Officer), Eddie Gore (Facilities Officer), Ian Ackroyd (Coaching Co-ordinator), Jane Pughe (Membership Officer), Dave Alexander (Cross-country Officer), Emma Nutt (Road Officer). Via Zoom – Leanne Wheeler (Welfare Officer)

Members –Jill Gore, Jane Palmer, Richard Batterham. **Via Zoom** – Ellie Robinson, Ellen Molloy, Glenys Potter

Apologies – Jenny Palmer, Jenny Manning, Adrian Gledhill

2. **Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 26th November 2024** - The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted and signed off by Brian Wright (Chair)

3. Management Reports

Chairman's Report – Brian presented the Chairman's report and a copy is provided below.

The Club had a very good year with members continuing to excel in all areas of athletics.

In Track & Field we hosted a successful Open meeting at the Ellesmere Port track and continued to deliver great team performances in the Northern and both YDL Upper and Lower Leagues. There were outstanding individual performances at the Northern, Welsh, English and European Indoor Championships, the Northern, North Wales and English Schools T&F Championships, the British Milers Club and the England Schools International. There were several England vests, a GB vest and selections for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme. I must congratulate Victor Oyesola who was named as England Athletics North West Coach of the Year In Cross Country the club continued to host the Schools Cross Country series at EPSV and took part in the North Wales, Manchester and North Staffordshire Cross Country leagues. We were represented in both the Cheshire and the Northern Cross Country Championships and delivered some great individual performances in the European Trial Short Course event. We again hosted three successful road races – the Round the Walls, Spring 5 and Guilden Sutton 10k – all were well attended and provided quality competition for both local runners and those from further afield. On the Roads our Senior and Veteran men's and women's teams delivered strong performances in the Borders League, the North West and Cheshire Road Relay Championships. There were 11 WCAC athletes in the London Marathon and individual podium places were achieved at the Sandstone Trail Half Marathon, the Snowdonia Marathon, the Chester Half, Metric and full Marathons, the Wirral 10k, the Wilmslow Festive 10k and the Northern Masters 10 mile Road Championship amongst many others. Particular mention must be made of the ultra runners who continue to set records across distances up to 100 miles. We celebrated the successes and achievements of our members at the annual Celebration & Awards Evening. The awards were presented by Sabrina Fortune who inspired the audience with the story of her journey to achieve paralympic and world gold medals.

- During the year the club has launched several initiatives:
 - We produced a set of ICE tags which are available to all club members to provide contact and health information in case of emergency.
 - We ran a drop-in session for volunteers to learn more about ways to contribute to the club's activities and following this a trio of volunteers embarked on the coaching pathway joining the much-valued group of coaches and officials who contribute to athletics in many ways not just locally but nationally and internationally.
 - WCAC officials were key members of a group which worked to replace the Cheshire Track
 and Field League with a more inclusive competition. This resulted in the setting up of the
 Cheshire Track and Field Grand Prix series, the first of which we hosted at Ellesmere Port.
 The event was a great success for both the competing athletes and the club itself and we
 look to build on this as we enter the second year of Grand Prix events.
 - We agreed with Active Leisure Events a further extension to our continued involvement in the Chester Half Marathon

- We launched the John Driscoll Road Race Championship in memory of John Driscoll, a founder member of WCAC, which will run throughout the 25/26 season
- We are offering a warm weather training programme to take place next April
- We returned to the North West Sportshall Athletics League after a break of a couple of years

All in all, a busy and successful year for WCAC!

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their efforts and support throughout the year and also acknowledge the support and encouragement from all club members.

- 4. **Membership Report** Jane reported that membership numbers continue to grow and there is a good spread across all ages with almost equal numbers of male and female members.
- 5. **Financial Report -** Sarah reported that the Club's accounts for 2024/25 show no areas for concern. There was an increase of £12k in closing bank balance against £3k last year. However £4k of that is for Warm Weather Training so real increase is £8k

Income

Training and subscription fee income is higher than previous year due to the fee increases from April 25.

Chester Half Marathon support was reviewed and renegotiated at a higher rate hence the increase of £1320 on last year.

Please note a formal thanks to Alan Morris & Richard Batterham for their part in the negotiations with Active Leisure.

Transfer from road race account was £7k this year

Kit sales were £1.7k lower than last year – bobble hats clearly last!

Awards, grants, donations and sundry & social income total £1k lower than last year

Expenditure

Track/Sportshall hire was increased due to the unexpected availability of space at both Deeside and Ellesmere Port. We felt it important to take up these opportunities to increase the availability and variety of training for our athletes especially during the winter months.

Travel is showing as an increase as it includes the temporary costs for warm weather training plus the Committee agreed to subsidise athletes coach travel further from 50% to 80%.

Lower than expected spend was seen in kit costs (despite this including the cost of the ICE tags for all our members) and also in Equipment and maintenance. This is due to the credible work by Eddie Gore who meticulously maintains and monitors the equipment in use by our athletes.

Fees

There will be no increase to club element of membership or training fees. We had anticipated increased costs and lowered income this year but due to the re-negotiations with Active Leisure for our Chester Half Marathon support alongside a control on costs, we feel we can accommodate a fee freeze for the coming year.

The England Athletics fee will increase by £3 from £20 to £23 this year. However due to the better than anticipated financial position of the club, we will \underline{NOT} be passing this increase onto our members this year. This is unlikely to be repeated in future years but we hope our members appreciate the gesture of sticking to our ethos of reinvesting into the club for the benefit of our members.

We do have a hardship fund available for those finding it particularly challenging financially. If you would like more information, please contact your coach.

The Club Accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Alan Morris Seconded: Victor Oyesola

Road Race Summary - Richard Batterham presented a summary of the Road Race accounts

Race	Total Income (£)	Total Expenses (£)	Total Profit (£)
Round the Walls	9678.19	6566.08	3112.11
Spring 5k	5291.47	3803.34	1488.13
Guilden Sutton 10k	3324.12	3120.04	204.08
All three races	18298.73	13489.46	4804.32

6. **Election of Management Committee and Club Officers –** as required by the Constitution, all members of the Management Committee and Club Officers had stood down prior to the AGM to

Position	Annaintaa	Position	Appointee	
President	Appointee Mike Lamb	Road Race Officer	Emma Nutt	
Chairman		Track & Field Off.		
	Brian Wright		Victor Oyesola	
Vice Chairman	Alan Morris	Facilities Officer	Eddie Gore	
Treasurer	Sarah Hibbert	Welfare Officers	Anna Woolgar	
			(lead)	
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Secretary	Dennis Wall	Health & Safety Off	Adrian Gledhill	
Membership Off.	Jane Pughe	Coaching Co-	lan Ackroyd	
		ordinator		
Cross-country Off.	Dave Alexander	Minute Secretary	Jenny Palmer	
Sponsorship and	vacant			
Liaison Officer				
Proposed: Richard Batterham Seconded: Jane		Seconded: Jane P	almer	
Election of Vice Presi	idents –			
The following Vice Pre	sidents were re-elec	ted		
Ellen Molloy				
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Aphra Brandreth MP				
Alan Morris				
Jason Gill				
Proposed: Brian Wrigl	nt	Seconded: Mike La	Seconded: Mike Lamb	

Seconded: Jane Pughe

Seconded: Sarah Hibbert

Seconded: Dennis Wall

Amendments to the Constitution – Currently states that Club Colours are purple vests and shorts.

Date of AGM 2026 - Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 8.15pm in the Trackside Room, EPSV

Brian proposed that this be amended to purple and gold vests/tops.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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Proposed: Sarah Hibbert

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