



# AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Members of the Association

11<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Dear Member

I have pleasure in enclosing the following documents:

1. Papers relating to the final notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held 14 March 2010 including:
  - i) Notice of Annual General Meeting 2010.
  - ii) Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 15 March 2009.
  - iii) Annual Report of the Management Board and Special Associations.
  - iv) Draft Accounts and Financial Report for the year ending 30 September 2009.
2. Location map and directions to Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr BIRMINGHAM B42 2LR.

I trust you will find the enclosed in order but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

I look forward to seeing you on 14 March.

Yours sincerely

Walter Nicholls  
(Secretary)



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the **Amateur Athletic Association** will be held in the Hospitality Suite at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on Sunday 14 March 2010 at 12.00 noon for the purposes of transacting the following business:

1. **To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 March 2009.**
2. **To receive and consider the Report of the Management Board and the Affiliated Associations for the year ended 30 September 2009.**
3. **To receive and consider the audited Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2009.**

4. **To elect Honorary Officers:**

The following nominations have been received for the posts of Officers of the Association in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Association.

As there are only single candidates nominated for each post, they shall be declared elected unopposed.

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| 4.1 | President          | Sir Rodney Walker KB |
| 4.2 | Chairman           | Mr. Chris Carter     |
| 4.3 | Honorary Secretary | Mr. Walter Nicholls  |
| 4.4 | Honorary Treasurer | Mr. Martin Etchells  |

5. **To accept representatives (in accordance with article 7(E)(v) of the Articles of Association) from Road Running, Cross Country and Track and Field disciplines as selected by the representative working group for each such discipline.** The representative for Cross Country is also to represent Fell Running and the representative for Track and Field is also to represent Race Walking and Tug-of-War.

6. **To renew the tenure of the following retiring directors in accordance with Article 16(B) of the Articles of Association:**

- 6.1 Mr A. G. Bunner MBE
- 6.2 Ms F. D. Ratchford
- 6.3 Mr R. H. Float

7. **To appoint the Auditors / Inspectors for the year ending 30 September 2010.**

- 7.1 Messrs Alliotts
- 7.2 Auditors / Inspectors remuneration to be delegated to the Management Board

**Note: All items of Ordinary Business to be passed require a simple majority of votes cast.**

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**Walter Nicholls**  
**Honorary Secretary**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT ALEXANDER STADIUM, BIRMINGHAM  
ON SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009 AT 12.00 NOON**

- Attendances and apologies were recorded in the attendance book.
- The President of the Association, Sir Rodney Walker took the Chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.
- The Notice convening the meeting was read.

**1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

- These were received and adopted as a true record of the business discussed.

**2. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND THE AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

The Chairman, Mr Graham Jessop presented the report.

The Chairman commented that the turbulence of the past was over and the Management Board, in their dealings were conscious of the sentiments of the members.

Mr George Bunner was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Association and was invited to give a résumé of his work over the previous year.

- He reported that good links were being forged with England Athletics.
- An England “Hall of Fame” was being set up and there was a real possibility of the Association’s trophies being put on display so that the heritage of the Amateur Athletic Association and the former Women’s Amateur Athletic Association would not be forgotten.

The Chairman praised the work of the Territories and Special Associations and referred to their reports.

Reference was also made to the work of the AAA Charity for the Young and the grants to athletes. The Chairman thanked the Chairman of the Charity, Mr David Cropper, and the Trustees for their work over the year.

Thanks were also due to Edwin Bellamy for his efforts in relation to AAA Standards.

The President thanked the Chairman of the Board for their work over the past year and congratulated George Bunner particularly on the success of the Pink Relays.

Comments were invited from the floor:

- Mrs Susan Deaves (L.V.P.) referred to the Territorial Reports pointing out that the Territories were the backbone of the Association, but she was disappointed that there were problems in connection with track and field matches.

She expressed the view that these were of great importance and it would be sad to see their demise.

She was also disappointed to note that the former WAAA logo had not been incorporated in any way on official communications of the Association.

- Mr Brian Heywood on behalf of Northern Athletics commented that the quality of the representatives in the matches which Mrs Deaves had referred to was not high enough.

There was a problem in that there was little income for Competition Providers, and England Athletics presently did not recognise that problem.

- Ms Norma Blaine (L.V.P.) agreed that team competition was vital and was a stepping stone to higher levels, and therefore England Athletics should be supportive.
- The President recommended that the Association should write to England Athletics to draw attention to these problems.
- Mr George Bunner said that the Board was keen to reinstate the AAA Championships in some form in order to preserve the heritage of the Association and dialogue was ongoing with England Athletics.

There were problems in fixing a date, but it was hoped that something could be done in connection with a planned England Championships.

Mr Bunner pointed out that 2010 in particular was as important, as the Commonwealth Games were to be held and also this coincided with the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association.

- The President said that he would be pleased to sign a letter proposing the reintroduction of the Championships to UKA and/or England Athletics.
- Norma Blaine said that the athletes would appreciate these moves and the reintroduction of the trophies.
- Mrs Freda Clarke (L.V.P.) stressed the importance of the Commonwealth Games and recommended that there should be some dialogue with the Commonwealth Games Council.
- Trials should be in place to facilitate team selection.
- Susan Deaves expressed concern that the Association no longer had a track and field committee. The Chairman responded that the Board recognised the situation and would put in hand the setting up of such committee.
- The President said that if necessary, he might be able to assist in television coverage through his contacts with the BBC.

Adoption of the Report was proposed by Mr Geoff Durbin, seconded and unanimously approved.

### 3. **The Chairman presented the audited REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS, BALANCE SHEET and FINANCIAL REPORT for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

The fact that there was no longer any real income now dictated the policy of the Board in their endeavours. However, expenditure was considerably reduced; trading losses were in the region of £50,000, but there had been no occasion to dip into the reserves.

The focus and priority of the Management Board was to support athletes and to maintain the Association.

There were no questions on the accounts.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Richard Float, seconded and unanimously approved.

### 4. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Reappointment of Messrs Alliotts was proposed by Richard Float, seconded and unanimously approved subject to suitable remuneration being agreed by the Board.

The Chairman commented that the auditors fees had been much reduced as against previous years.

### 5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

President: Sir Rodney Walker was re-elected unopposed.

Chairman: Mr Chris Carter was elected unopposed.

Honorary Secretary: Mr Walter Nicholls was re-elected unopposed.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr Graham Jessop was elected unopposed.

Mr Carter expressed thanks on behalf of the meeting to Graham Jessop for his excellent Chairmanship over the previous 2 years.

Susan Deaves congratulated Mr Carter on his election as Chairman.

Mr Carter responded to say that maintenance of the status of the Association was a tremendous burden to accept and that he respected and valued the traditions of the Association.

He would try to take the Association forward in face of strong competition from other sports, like cricket and rugby in vying for the participation of youngsters.

It would require great efforts to involve parents, unhampered by C.R.B. checks etc.

Chris Carter finally thanked the members for his election and expressed thanks on behalf of all present to Sir Rodney Walker for his competent Chairmanship of the meeting.

Sir Rodney, for his part, said that he was honoured to be re-elected as President and would be extremely happy to use his influence in any way possible in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.10pm.

**Signed .....**  
**Chairman**

**Date.....**

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