



**DORKING AND MOLE VALLEY ATHLETICS CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

## **Record of Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Dorking and Mole Valley Athletics Club (DMVAC) was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, starting at 20:00 at The Pavilion, Pixham Lane Sports Ground, Pixham Lane, Dorking. 36 members were in attendance.

Chair John Baker (JB) started the meeting, thanking everyone for attending and thanking Jo Lloyd for her work as previous chair.

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence received – confirmed by Secretary Paula Carter (PC)**

Tim Dadswell	Dawn Cook	Gayle Priestly
Patrick Martin	Sylvia McDonald	Rachel Russell
Keith Winter	Kev Stroud	
Charles Wheeler	Wendy Wakelin	

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes of Previous AGM March 2023**

A link to the minutes on the website was sent by email to all club members in advance of the AGM.

Motion to approve of minutes of previous AGM 2023:

Proposed by: Rob Russell

Seconded by: Chris Edwards

Approved unanimously

### **3.0 Club Awards**

6 awards in total

- Junior Athlete of the Year – Male
- Junior Athlete of the Year – Female
- Alan Archer Award for Outstanding Youth Performance
- Lesley Taylor Award for Outstanding Youth Performance

Junior awards will be awarded at track session – members present asked not to disclose youth winners outside of the meeting! (*Note – these minutes will be republished including the names once they have received their awards*)

- Most Improved Senior Female Athlete – Sharon Walker
- Most Improved Senior Male Athlete – Richard Crump

*Full transcript of the reasons for the awards for senior athletes in Appendix 1*

### **4.0 Chair's Report**

*A copy of the transcript of the Chairs Report is in Appendix 2*

In summary:

- Ladies Cross Country team – promoted to Division 1. Alice was 1<sup>st</sup> individual. Drilona was 4<sup>th</sup> in her age category.
- Over 2023, 26 club records set – notably Ava Spackman (60m indoor 8.27 sec), Euan Workman (60m indoors 7.69 sec), Sharon Walker V50 1hr 26min half marathon and a 2hr 58 min marathon. Thank you to Rob for keeping records up to date.
- Success at the England Athletics Southeast Region Volunteers Awards - Graham and Leslie Taylors' joint winners in Services to Athletics and Running category.
- Christmas party club awards included: Club person – Paula Carter, Peter Trill – Jo Lloyd and Charles Wheeler, MABAC awards: Howard Jones and Caroline Whelan
- Women's Cross Country Report supplied by Hannah Morris - Strong performance this year, with new member Alice Crane winning twice. Team was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall which means promotion to Division 1. Notable performance – U20 Elise Hollis – first season as a senior woman – she was also selected to represent Surrey. Special mention to Nicola Cobold for commitment to the team.
- Men's cross-country team report supplied by Bruce Harrold, stepping down after 6 yrs as captain. Tough year - Men's team came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams - relegation to Div 3. Special mention to David Moore – 2<sup>nd</sup> V50 over the season. Also competed in Reigate Relays, South of Thames and Surrey County Championships placing 10<sup>th</sup> as a team.
- Youth Squad Report given by Rob Russell – *full notes in Appendix 3*
  - 6 youth groups in total – Total over 100 athletes
  - U11 - Coach Linda Davey – Competed in quad kids – Introduction to club – seen a good transfer up to U13
  - U13 – Coaches Chris Edwards, Kev Irvine and Ken Caldwell. Dawn Cook – on her way to completing level 2 coach
  - Sporthall U13 – U15 – with Josh Gorecki – 3 individuals selected to run for Surrey at Sportshall
  - Winter Indoor – Ava Spackman & Euan Workman breaking club records for 60m and Long Jump. Euan also qualified for nationals - only one person done this before from the club.
  - Summer – U13 and up - Ebbisham and Lily B leagues – a lot more athletes competing – captains Sue Rust and Chris Lazenby – 10-15 athletes now
  - Cross Country – lot of success Epsom Downs league, quite a few competing in Surrey League and a full boys team in championships – not so good at older age groups.
  - Elise Hollis - selected to run for county and represented county in National competition. She finished 60<sup>th</sup> out of 150<sup>th</sup> and Surrey country won team gold
  - Entering Youth Development League this coming summer
  - All coaches and assistants do fantastic job – could always do with more. Let us know if want to do coaching
- Mabac report supplied by Patrick Martin – MABAC rep for the club  
DMVAC 2nd in 2023 – winners of internal league Howard Jones and Caroline Whelan  
DMVAC event at Denbies Tues 11th June 2024 – ask everyone to run or marshal. This year Denbies will open toilets and The Hatch will be open.  
BVR clinched top spot last year –but after 2 races in 2024, we are back on top. Patrick does make a plea for more runners – especially women – runners mean points!

- Phil Sears Winter Handicap – Thanks to all who help organise, especially Jacqui Cooper, Fiona Fidgett, Graham Taylor, Brian James, John Jelly.
  - Last year's winners Women – 1<sup>st</sup> Geraldine Tucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicola Cobold, 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Friend
  - Last year's winners Men – 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Parrott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Giles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Persad
  - 2023/2024 – one race left – 6 possible winners in women's race and 4 in men's.
- Vets Track / Southern Athletics League (SAL) – small group enjoyed vets track events producing PBs and club records. SAL less popular – well done to Ness Kingham and Kevin Stroud for their participation.
- Dorking 10s – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Entries now open – Look out for requests for help
- All weather running surface – Jo Lloyd JL started with meetings with Mole Valley District Council, PC and Rob Russell met with people using Westhumble Fields and JB and PC will be meeting with them again to answer questions. Location - Westhumble Fields is owned by Fields in Trust – Used by Dorking Wanderers, Dorkinians Football and Cricket club. Proposal - 300-350 track – 60-80 m sprint lanes. Can be used all year round. JB contacted EA for rough quote on costs £120K, nowhere near as much as stadium track. Sports England – EA, ECB, FA – all need to approve sports facilities. We will continue to talk to Westhumble users and Sports England/ EA etc
- Renewing Long Jump and High Jump – Quotes received and need to talk to council re planning permission – this is longer term. In short term High Jump needs to be repaired before coming season. Chris Edwards is happy to look into this.
- Club members helped collect money at Brockham Bonfire raising £700. Organised by Sean Rix. We need volunteers – suggest dedicate monies raised for youth and ask parents.
- Thanks to:
  - All Committee members – special mention to Jo Lloyd, Kevin Irvine and Hannah Morris who stepped down in last year.
  - Club Captains – Bruce Harrold and Hannah Morris, Charles Wheeler (vets track) and Patrick Martin (Mabac)
  - Coaches , assistants, run leaders – special mention to Howard Jones who does risk assessments, first aid, coaches training, beginners courses.
  - Club officials – Graham & Lesley Taylor, Martin Crayton – Lesley also runs the popular circuit training
  - Elizabeth Horner and team for post-handicap meals, Zahra Sharples for pub Christmas dinner, Martin Schlaeppli and team for summer BBQs
  - D10s organisers – John Jelly and his committee and team
  - Winter Handicap team - Jacqui Cooper, Fiona, Graham Taylor, Brian James John Jelly.
  - Sam Knivett for Club kit – expanded the offering to include more technical running quality and better hoodie
- Dates:
  - Pixham training – TBC after reseeding - late April / early May
  - Ranmore runs – 16<sup>th</sup> April
  - Vets Track – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July
  - D10s – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- Denbies Mabac – 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Bench to Bench – 18<sup>th</sup> June

JB handed over to Paul Hundermark for Treasurer's report and election of auditor

## **5.0 Treasurer's Report**

- Club is in robust financial health. Have been able to spend on things such as:
  - New shed - £5700
  - Long Jump cover - £1000
  - New High Jump stands - £200
 Some sizable investments have been made
- Club subs – slightly down but still stronger than have been in past
- D10s – contributed £5000 surplus
- Donation from Brockham Bonfire - £700
- Club kit deficit – result of decision to give juniors free shirts to represent the club
- Expenses:
  - Pixham Sports Ground cost £4100 - largest expense
  - Hiring St Martins School £2600
  - £1700 for painting Pixham ground, coaching equipment, lights, toilet hire for Mabac
  - £1200 coaching courses
  - £1700 entry fees for club competitions
  - Medals and engraving - £500
  - First time expense – coach to Nationals - net £1200
- Surplus for the year - £2400 - could be attributed to D10s
- Cash slightly down because of investments but good financial health
  
- Questions:
  - Richard Grassly – Interest from bank or building society - PH confirmed that he was waiting for statement

Motion to approve 2023 accounts

Proposed by Nick Seaman

Seconded by: Ruth Kirkpatrick

Unanimously approved

## **6.0 Election of Auditor**

Propose our existing auditors The Accountancy Practice remain as appointed.

Proposed by: Jacqui Cooper

Seconded by: Jo Lloyd

Unanimously approved

## **7.0 Thank you from Graham & Lesley Taylor**

Graham Taylor asked to thank committee members for the nomination for volunteer award. He showed the trophy they had won. Would not have been possible without their enthusiasm.

## **8.0 Election of Officers and Committee**

The current Committee Members stood for re-election.

John Jelly took over meeting. Huge thank you to JB for stepping in last year. He asked for proposal for the motion to re-elect John Baker as chair

Election of Chair

- John Baker (Chair) #

Proposed by: Brian James

Seconded by: Graham Taylor

Unanimously Approved

JB submitted the motion for a block vote for the rest of the committee:

- Paula Carter (Secretary) #
- Paul Hundermark (Treasurer) #
- Nicolette Hutton (Membership Secretary) #
- Howard Jones (Coaching Co-ordinator) #
- Kevin Stroud (Welfare Officer) #
- Ruth Kirkpatrick (Welfare Officer)
- Chris Edwards (Youth Representative) #
- Jacqui Cooper

Proposed by: Brian James

Seconded by: Ness Kingham

Unanimously Approved

JB introduced the motion for a block vote for new members and invited anyone else to stand up. In addition to Caroline Whelan and Dan Jeffries, Matthew Cluett and Dan Campbell stepped up. As committee could be at full capacity, proposed that Dan Campbell be co-opted until he leaves for university in September.

- Caroline Whelan
- Dan Jeffries
- Matthew Cluett
- Dan Campbell – co-opt

Proposed by: John Jelly

Seconded by: Howard Jones

JB asked if anyone wanted to stand for the vacant post of Vice Chair. There was no interest in the room. Paula Carter stood as she is already working closely with John as Secretary.

- Paula Carter (Vice Chair) #

Proposed: Ness Kingham

Seconded: Howard Jones

All new members unanimously approved

# = Club (or UKA) official post.

## 9.0 Membership Fee Proposal

JB confirmed that the Committee has decided to keep the membership fees at their current level:

- Individual Adult Member (over 25) £45.00
- Family Membership £90.00 (not including EA licences)
- Young Persons Membership for 18-25yr old £30.00 (must be 25 and under on April 1st)
- Youth membership U11 - £40.00
- Youth Membership 11- 18yrs (EA licence compulsory and included) – TOTAL £59.00
- Second claim members £30.00
- The EA licence has been confirmed as £19.00.  
IMPORTANT: MUST apply and pay for this when renewing your adult and family club memberships and as an element of the same transaction IF you wish to take part in cross country / track events. All family members aged between 11-18 yrs MUST have an EA licence.
- Part way through year memberships:
  - Available for adult memberships only at a cost of £35 from October to March - .
  - Youth memberships – full amount throughout the year due to the extra fixed costs for running the sessions – hall hire, additional coaches, kit for competition etc
  - Can be reviewed on a case by case basis
- New online payment option has been in operation in 2023
- Questions:
  - Martin Schlaeppli – Asked about the rolling over of fees if someone joining towards end of the year, e.g. if joined in March, it would rolled forward to end of next year. JB – Keeping fees as simple as we could. NH confirmed - Roll over not currently implemented. If a new member wants to join towards end of the year, we say wait until April to join.
  - Rob Russell - Family membership – parents do need to remember to add EA licenses. NH confirmed it is written clearly on the subscription. JB – Incumbent on leaders and coaches to check with members that they have paid, remind them and remind about EA too

Motion to accept membership fee proposal:

Proposed by: Jo Lloyd

Seconded by: Chris Edwards

Unanimously approved

#### **10.0 Life membership nomination**

One way that we recognise those who have given a lot to the club.

List of current life members read out by JB – *Appendix 4*

Proposal for new Life Memberships:

- John Jelly
- Howard Jones

Motion to approval Life Members nomination

Proposed by: Lesley Taylor

Seconded by: Nick Seaman

Unanimously approved

#### **11.0 Charitable Giving Motion – proposal circulated ahead of meeting**

Some members felt it would be good to give to local charities. Prior to AGM, a statement was sent out (*Appendix 5*) which proposed:

- Using D10s proceeds
- Local community charities
- Approx. £2000 40% of profits
- Start next year 2025
- Subcommittee to decide on short list of charities – with poll sent out to members for final decision

John Jelly explained that one of options could have been to donate couple of £s of entry fee to charity – entrants may have questioned, why not lower entry fee instead. Decided to change it to % of profits – protects the club also in case D10s not as successful. Takes it away from a deduction from race fee. JJ and JB had looked into finances – D10s does contribute but shouldn't have huge impact to the club

**Motion 1** - This agm supports the making of regular, focused charitable donations to local charities annually going forward until such time as reviewed by a future agm.

Proposed by: Ruth Kirkpatrick

Seconded by: John Jelly

Unanimously approved

**Motion 2.** This agm supports the use of monies raised from the Dorking10s races in this manner.

Proposed by: David Holloway

Seconded by: Nik Dargue

Unanimously approved

**Motion 3.** This agm agrees to establish a small sub-committee to administer the scheme and chose a shortlist of charities to benefit in the coming year. Members will then be polled online to choose two to benefit.

Proposed by: John Jelly  
Seconded by: Chris Edwards  
Unanimously approved

**12.0 Any Other Business.**

Rob Russell confirmed that from April 2026 – EA are changing the ages group definitions for youth.



# Appendix 1: Senior Award Winners

## **Most Improved Senior Female Athlete – Sharon Walker**

Sharon has achieved PBs and Overall club records at Half marathon (86min 10secs -1st women Barns Green) and Marathon (2 hours 58min 34 secs – 4th woman Brighton) which make her nationally the 11th fastest runner in her age group at marathon distance. She achieved a parkrun pb of 20 mins 10 sec. She completed the Hundred Hills 50k – 4th woman in 5:18:44 and Thames Towpath 100 (miles) – 2nd woman 19:11:48  
Also a valuable member of women’s team, 2nd place in her age group for the Surrey Masters Cross Country Champs

## **Most Improved Senior Male Athlete – Richard Crump**

Richard took 20 minutes off his marathon PB in 2023, to set a new time of 3.13.44. He also set PBs in half marathon and 5 mile road races. In his last race of the 2022/2023 cross country season, Richard finished 142<sup>nd</sup>. Richard steadily improved his position, finishing the last cross country league race of the 2023/2024 season in 57<sup>th</sup> position. He looks set to continue his improvements over the coming road season. The improvement is testament to the hard work Richard puts in at training. He comes a fair way to train and works diligently. When unable to train with us he will put the work in on his own. Richard also inspires the younger members of the training group with his hard work but also with his ready wit. He is a valued member of the group and great ambassador for the club.

# Appendix 2: Chair’s Report

## **DMVAC AGM club report 2023-24**

Thank you all for coming tonight. The club report gives me as chair the opportunity to look back over the past year and pick out highlights, as well as to thank all those members of the club who volunteer and contribute so much to its smooth running.  
First a few highlights, and then a look at the competitive activity the club undertakes.

## **Women’s cross-country promotion**

Highlight of the year is that the women’s cross-country team has been promoted from Division 2 to Division 1 in the Surrey Ladies cross-country league. Well done to all who competed. Congratulations too to Alice Crane, a new club member, who won the women’s individual competition, with two firsts and a second place, and Drilona Madhi, who was 4th in the V35 section.

## **Club records**

In terms of individual performances, no fewer than 26 club records were set in 2023 and the early months of 2024. These cover all age categories, but four stand out, being the fastest times achieved by club runners of any age.

From the youth squad: Ava Spackman ran 60m indoor in 8.27 sec and Euan Workman ran 60m indoors in 7.69 secs. And from the seniors, Sharon Walker competing as a V50 ran a 1hr 26min half marathon and a 2hr 58min marathon, taking 13 mins off her previous PB. You can see all the club records on the club website. My thanks to Rob Russell for keeping it up to date through the year – do take a look and let him know if you have a record to add to the list.

### **England Athletics Southeast Region Volunteers awards**

The club had success again this year in England Athletics' Southeast Region Volunteer Awards, when EA recognised Graham and Leslie Taylor for their huge contribution to athletics and DMVAC, awarding them joint first spot in the Services to Athletics and Running category. The presentation was made at an awards evening at Windsor on 15 November. This follows on from Rob Russell's award in 2022 for coach of the year. Thanks to Paula especially and all those who helped put the entries together.

### **Club awards**

At the Christmas dinner here in Pixham in December, we recognised several members for their contributions to the club. Paula Carter was named Club Person of the Year, and quite rightly given her efforts for the club as committee secretary par excellence and her commitment to competing for the club. The Peter Trill awards for commitment to the Surrey cross-country league by those not necessarily going to win went to Jo Lloyd and Charles Wheeler. And the Mabac awards went to Howard Jones and Caroline Wheeler, who topped the rankings of DMVAC runners in these cross-country league events.

### **Competition reports**

Women's cross-country team

So, now on to the competition elements of the club's year. First, the women's cross-country team report, supplied by captain Hannah Morris. The women's team had another strong performance this year, especially in the Surrey cross-country league. While the numbers of competing women were lower than usual, performances were high.

In the league races, the usual stalwart runners were joined by new member Alice Crane who took the field by storm, winning twice and coming second once despite being ill.

The team came third overall, which means promotion into Division 1. While this is a massive achievement for the team, a promotion will be a challenge. Hannah says 'we'll need more runners for a stronger turnout and brave faces when we line up against the top runners in Surrey. But, she adds, 'the current team is more than capable of taking this on and leaving the comfort of Division 2. If not, we'll be back in Division 2 before we know it!'

So, congratulations to all the first-time runners and consistent returners to the league.

Other notable performances in the season came from Under 20 runner Elise Hollis. This was her first season as a senior woman, with excellent performances across all the races (which she did a lot of!). Elise was also selected to represent Surrey, which is a great achievement and a credit to her consistent training.

A special mention to Nicola Cobbold for committing to the team this year. When she wasn't working, she was racing every weekend, signing up for the Surrey League, Surrey champs, Southern, South of England and more!

The 2023-24 season produced excellent results, great comebacks and strong team spirit. Well done to everyone who turned up racing or supporting. It's greatly appreciated.

### **Men's cross-country team**

The men's team report has been provided by captain Bruce Harrold, who after six years as captain is standing down as he is moving club. I'm sure we would all like to thank him for all his efforts over that period in captaining the team and running well for the club.

At the start of this Surrey Cross-country League season in October, it looked a tough proposition for the men's team to retain their position in Division 2, and so it proved, with a final position after the four races of tenth out of ten teams, meaning relegation to Division 3 for next year.

Despite being bottom of the league, says Bruce, we battled hard and weren't completely cut adrift. We finished 285 points behind 8th position.

The squad had been weakened by the loss of our two best runners to rival clubs from Division 1. Nevertheless, the club was well represented in each race with between 15 and 23 runners competing in each of the league races. There was a great camaraderie amongst the team and everyone ran with commitment and full effort.

It was great to see several runners competing in the league for the first time, which included four U20 runners, who will hopefully be representing the club for many years to come.

Special mention should go to David Moore, who was ranked as second best V50 over the season.

The men also competed in a number of other events. For the Reigate relays, three teams were entered, finishing 8th, 19th and 36th. In the two South of Thames cross-country races a full team of six scored for both races. In the short course race (5 miles) at Beckenham Place Park the team was placed 14th and in the Championship race (7.5 miles) at Lloyd Park, the team was placed 13th.

At the Surrey County Championships, held at Denbies, the team placed 10th, and in the South of England Championships, at Beckenham Place Park, the team was placed 41st.

The England National Championships at Telford were unfortunately cancelled due to flooded car parks. The race has been provisionally rearranged for 14 September.

Youth squad report – given by Rob Russell

### **MABAC report**

And so to the Mabac league report from Patrick Martin. My thanks to Patrick who is our representative on the Mabac committee and organiser of this event for us. The Mabac league is a local Surrey one, which allows all members to compete roughly monthly through the year, mainly over 5 miles cross-country, in a slightly less competitive and more social way.

As well as the overall team league placing – where we came second this year - Patrick also keeps an internal league of individual men and women DMVAC runners. As already mentioned, winners this year were Howard Jones and Caroline Whelan.

DMVAC had an excellent turnout and strong effort this year, especially at our own new Denbies event in June, which we do hope to repeat on Tuesday evening June 11th - please put a note in your Diary to either run, marshal or help generally!

But after that event, we began to be pushed off top place in the league table by an overwhelming mass mobilisation by BVR, who clinched the top spot by the end of the season. After two races this year, we are back on top after a strong showing at Reigate last month, with the usual stalwarts being backed up by a good general turnout which we hope will become normal again.

Patrick does make a plea for more runners to take part in these fun events, especially women where our participation is sometimes lower than other clubs. Runners mean points!

### **Phil Sears Winter handicap**

And finally, to our own Phil Sears Winter handicap, a series of six Thursday evening races from Denbies over the September-March period. My thanks go to all who help organise this event, especially Jacqui Cooper, Fiona Fidgett, Graham Taylor, Brian James, John Jelly, etc... Last year's winner was Geraldine Tucker in the women's races, with Nicola Cobbold second and Emily Friend third. The men's winner was Phil Parrott, with Ian Giles second and Paul Persad third.

This year there is now just one race to go and it's looking pretty close. In the women's race it looks as if no less than six runners are in with a chance, while in the men's it looks as if there are four in the running. Best of luck for the final race in April.

### **Vets track league/Southern Athletic league**

A small but select group of over 35s enjoyed the four Vets track events last summer, producing plenty of PBs and club records. This is a chance for older runners to compete in a fun environment and push themselves as hard as they want. The events are from 100m to 5000m plus field events, all run over various age categories from V35 to V70!

The Surrey Athletics League continues to be less popular but well done to Ness Kingham and Kevin Stroud for their participation at several events last summer.

### **Dorking 10s**

Arrangements are progressing well with the date set for 2 June and entries now open. This is our premier showcase event for the club each year and acts as the Surrey 10-mile championship as well, thus attracting a good field of top-class runners. Look out for requests to help with the event this year, as it does require plenty of marshals and other helpers on the day.

### **Update on plans**

That, I think, covers the main regular competitions the club takes part in or runs.

Now a few concluding remarks, at last!, on other topics; well-deserved thanks, and a few notable dates that are coming up.

All-weather running surface. This idea has not been forgotten since last year's agm. We have made progress with the idea of a track at Westhumble playing fields and have had a meeting there with the current football and cricket club users after meeting with a favourable response to our idea.

Paula and I are meeting them again next week to answer their questions and discuss further. After asking EA for a rough quote on the cost of a 300m track with sprint straight and some lighting (£120,000), they surged into action and now the EA, FA and ECB are all involved!

At the same time, we have been looking into the cost of renewing the long jump and high jump surfaces at Pixham, and possibly relocating them away from the cricket nets. Whatever happens in the longer term, these areas will need to be repaired for the coming season so the Youth Squad can use them as part of their training.

### **Brockham bonfire**

As in previous years, club members helped collect money from visitors to the Brockham Bonfire, in an effort organised by Sean Rix. Approx £700 was raised by club members for the club by volunteering on the evening. We need volunteers for this year and Sean suggests we dedicate the monies raised to the Youth Squad if some parents can come along and add to the fundraising effort.

### **Thanks**

Just to finish, but most importantly, I'd like to stress the huge amount of voluntary work that goes into running this club and making it so effective and friendly.

So, my thanks are most appreciatively given to:

- All the committee members active over the last 12 months, and special mentions to Jo Lloyd, Kevin Irvine and Hannah Morris who have now stepped down after sterling service
- The club team captains again: Bruce Harrold and Hannah Morris, plus Charles Wheeler for the Vets track organisation and Patrick Martin as Mabac representative
- All the coaches and assistant coaches and run leaders, etc... who make possible the core activity of the club. A special mention here to Howard Jones, who not only coaches several sessions but draws up run risk assessments for the club, organises first aid training and coaching training, and runs two sessions each year for beginners...
- Club officials – Graham and Leslie Taylor and Martin Crayton – who represent the club as England Athletics officials and give their services at many cross-country and track and field events over the year. Leslie also runs a circuit training sessions at St Martin's school. This moved to the Tuesday evening this year and has proven to be very well attended.
- Elizabeth Horner and her team for post-Handicap meals and the excellent Christmas dinner at Pixham; Zahra Sharples for the pub Christmas dinner, and the team who produce the popular summer BBQs
- All who organise the Dorking 10s – race director John Jelly and his committee and team – for a great contribution to the club's standing and presence as well as finances
- And, again, the Winter handicap team – Jacqui Cooper, Fiona, Graham Taylor, Brian James John Jelly, etc...
- Finally, Sam Knivett, for organising the club kit ordering and sales. She has recently expanded the offering to include a better quality running vests and a better hoody.

### **Dates**

Finally, a few upcoming dates:

Pixham training night – late April or early May (tba)

Ranmore runs – 16 April

Vets track meets – 13 May, 3 June, 17 June, 8 July

Dorking 10s – 2 June

Mabac Denbies – 11 June

Bench to bench - 18 June

Thank you all for your attention and now I'll hand over to Paul, our treasurer, who will give the financial report.

## Appendix 3: Junior Report Notes

### **AGM Junior Report**

Over 6 groups, from ages u11 up, have about 150 athletes.

U11 competed in quad kids.

U13 and u15 had successful Sportshall, 3 individuals being selected for the county team for the nationals. Also won a couple of the team awards.

U13 and up competed in Lily B and Ebbisham track and field. Numbers are up on previous years but still could be better.

Highlights include Ava Spackman breaking the u15 and overall club 60m record and Euan Workman breaking the u15 club record for long jump and overall club record for 60m.

We had a lot of u13s competing in the xc season; downs league and Surrey xc league but again, not many in older age groups. Elise Hollis was selected to run for the county at the national inter-counties earlier this month, in the u20 age group.

We have entered the Youth Development League, jointly with Holland Sports this year.

As ever, we need more helpers and coaches!

## Appendix 4: DMVAC – Honorary Life Members

Lesley Taylor

Graham Taylor

Brian James

Luke Caldwell

Fran Davey

Linda Davey

Rob Russell

Lou Ionascu

John Barron

Dave Stead

Alan Waring

Sheena Bassett

Elizabeth Horner

Steve Parrot

## Appendix 5: DMVAC charitable giving

There has been some discussion in the club and at committee level since Covid about DMVAC supporting local charities through donations to their causes.

The committee understands, however, that due to our sports charitable status with HMRC we cannot simply donate funds we already hold as a result of membership fees, as these have to be used in furtherance of club activities.

However, we could use the annual Dorking 10s event and allot a proportion of the profit (40% -around £2000) to a charity pot.

Other races do this and we would make it clear on the race web site that the club was using part of the race revenue to this end. This would some benefit to the club in terms of it being seen as a supporter of the local community. This would be for the 2025 race onwards.

The monies raised could then be distributed to two local charities chosen by the club, again potentially with some publicity attached to highlight the social activities of the club.

Charities would be decided each year by a sub-committee of interested members and a members' vote, and chosen with the proviso that they benefit local people. As we are a running club it would seem fitting to choose charities that support people to achieve better physical and mental health outcomes in some way.

Motion 1. This agm supports the making of regular, focused charitable donations to local charities annually going forward until such time as reviewed by a future agm.

Motion 2. This agm supports the use of monies raised from the Dorking10s races in this manner.

Motion 3. This agm agrees to establish a small sub-committee to administer the scheme and chose a shortlist of charities to benefit in the coming year. Members will then be polled online to choose two to benefit.