



# RACE WALKING ASSOCIATION

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## Formal Notice and Agenda for AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Race Walking Association will be held as a virtual (online) event on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 at 2pm.**

The meeting will be held using the "Zoom" platform. Joining instructions will be circulated with the publication of reports on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Due to the nature of the meeting, all reports will be circulated prior to the meeting (but will not be read out in the meeting). Any comments on reports received before the AGM will be read out at the AGM followed by debate or discussion of the report if appropriate.

**One motion has been received to amend Rules 6 and 7 of the association. The proposition is appended to this notice along with the current wording of these rules for reference. If passed, this motion will affect the subsequent nominations of officers, the implications of which are detailed within the agenda.**

In accordance with rule 8(d), if there is only a single nomination for any post, then the nominated candidate will be declared elected unopposed.

The Rules of the Association place no restrictions upon attendance at the Annual General Meeting; anyone interested may attend and speak but may only vote according to the voting rights defined in rule 10 of the association (one delegate from each affiliated club or body, one delegate from each area, past presidents, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Championship Secretary).

Votes may be submitted in writing or electronically prior to the meeting and such votes will be anonymous to the meeting. The Honorary General Secretary (HGS) will receive and validate advance votes. As current president, the HGS will chair the meeting and, as per the rules of the association, will only vote where a casting vote is required. Advance votes must be in writing and will be available for scrutiny by the other officers of the RWA after the meeting. Voting in the meeting will be open (i.e. not-anonymous), advance votes will be then be added after the live vote to obtain the result.

Votes for affiliated bodies will only be accepted (both in advance and on the day) from delegates who have been formally authorised by the secretary of the body (or other official duly acting on behalf of the secretary). Letters of authority may be sent either electronically or by post.

The deadline for receipt of reports (officers and areas etc.) and for receipt of letters of authority will be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022. All reports will be circulated on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The deadline for advance votes and comments on reports to be read out in the meeting will be Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

**Colin Vesty**

Honorary General Secretary  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Race Walking Association – Annual General Meeting  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

**Agenda**

- 1. President’s Opening Remarks**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Minutes of previous AGM** held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 4. Presentation of Officers’ Reports**
  - a. Honorary General Secretary
  - b. Honorary Treasurer (+ accounts for 2020/21)
  - c. Honorary Championship Secretary
  - d. Press & Publicity Officer
- 5. Presentation of Sub-committee Reports**
  - a. Rules and Officials
  - b. Coaching and Development
  - c. International
- 6. Presentation of Area Reports**
  - a. Northern Area
  - b. Midlands Area
  - c. Southern Area
- 7. Motion** in the name of Leicester Walking Club to amend rules 6 and 7 of the association in accordance with the attached proposal.
- 8. Election of Officers**

Being the only nominees notified by the scheduled date, the following are declared elected unopposed:

a. President:	Chris Hobbs
b. Vice President:	Allan Callow
c. Chairman:	Glyn Jones
d. Honorary Treasurer:	Mark Easton

Should the motion to amend rules 6 and 7 be passed then nominations for the positions of Honorary general Secretary and Honorary Championship Secretary may be taken from the floor. If the motion is not passed then there is no provision for the election of these two officers at the AGM.

## 9. Election of Other Posts

Should the motion to amend rules 6 and 7 be **passed** then election of the following posts will take place:

- a. Officials' Secretary
- b. Trophies Secretary
- c. Assistant General Secretary
- d. Press and Publicity Officer
- e. Honorary Auditor

Should the motion to amend rules 6 and 7 be **rejected** then election of the following posts will take place:

- a. Coaching and Development Chair
- b. International Chair
- c. Press and Publicity Officer
- d. Minutes Secretary
- e. Honorary Auditors

In either case, nominations for any of the above positions by any duly authorised representative of an affiliated club or body may be taken from the floor.

## 10. Formal Closure

Following on from the AGM, it is hoped to hold an "open floor" session where anyone may speak, either to quiz the officers or committee on current issues or make suggestions for the future. To keep things focused, the chair will invite people to speak in turn and will impose a 2 minute limit on the initial speech. The chairman will then, where necessary, use his best discretion to regulate the length of any subsequent discussion any the topic raised.

Following the "open floor" session, any remaining attendees are welcome to stay on as long as they wish for a social catch up.

## **Proposition to 2021 RWA AGM**

### Revision of RWA rules 6 and 7

#### **Proposed New Rules:**

#### **6. OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT**

- (a) The management of the Association shall be vested in a committee called the General Committee and shall consist of:
- (I) The Officers – President; Chairman; Honorary General Secretary; Honorary Treasurer; Honorary Championships Secretary.
  - (II) Officials Secretary; Trophies Secretary; Assistant General Secretary; Press and Publicity Officer.

All the above positions shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- (III) Three Midland Area delegates; three Northern Area delegates; three Southern Area delegates. These delegates should be elected annually by the Area Committees and their names forwarded to the Honorary General Secretary. Substitute delegates may be sent to General Committee.

- (IV) Co-opted Members:

1. the National Race Walking Coach or the equivalent thereof
2. any British member of the I.A.A.F. Walking Committee
3. a representative of the English Schools' Athletic Association
4. a representative of the England Athletics Masters Association
5. a representative of the U.K. C.A.U.

The general committee shall have the right to co-opt a representative from other appropriate bodies or any individual with specialist knowledge or influence where the general committee considers that doing so can positively contribute to the workings of the association.

All co-opted members shall have the right to vote

- (b) The President shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from nominations made in writing by the Area Committees, such nominations to be received by the Honorary General Secretary no later than eight weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations will be circulated to affiliated clubs and bodies with the formal agenda of the AGM.

- (c) There shall be a Vice-President of the Association who shall not, by virtue of holding that post, be an Officer of the Association or have the right to a vote at meetings of the General Committee but shall have the right to attend such meetings.
- (d) Upon a President's cessation of office during his term of office, the Vice-President shall succeed to the Presidency without need of nomination or election.
- (e) If the Vice-President shall have given notice in writing to the Honorary General Secretary of his decision not to succeed to the Presidency, not later than eight weeks before the date of the Annual General meeting, then the Honorary General Secretary shall call for nominations for President and Vice-President. These nominations shall be made in writing by Area Committees to the Honorary General Secretary no later than four weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations will be circulated to affiliated clubs and bodies with the formal agenda of the AGM.
- (f) If the Vice-President shall not have given notice of his decision not to succeed to the Presidency upon the previous President's cessation of Office, then the Honorary General Secretary shall call for nominations for Vice-President to be made in writing by Area Committees not later than four weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations will be circulated to affiliated clubs and bodies with the formal agenda of the AGM.
- (g) Save in exceptional circumstances and where expressly sanctioned by the General Committee, no person shall serve as President for more than two consecutive years.
- (h) If no valid nomination for Vice-President is received as provided in Rules 6(e) and 6(f), the General Committee shall, as soon as possible, appoint a person to the position of Vice-President.
- (i) If, for any reason, the Presidency shall fall vacant other than at an Annual General Meeting, the Vice-President shall thereupon become President for the remainder of the year during which the vacancy occurs. The remainder of the year concerned shall not count as part of the maximum term of two years as provided in Rule 6(g).
- (j) The Chairman, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Championships Secretary shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from nominations made by affiliated clubs and bodies. Such nominations shall be received by the Honorary General Secretary not later than four weeks before the date of the Annual General meeting and circulated to affiliated clubs and bodies with the formal agenda of the AGM.
- (k) If no nominations for the positions in rule 6(j) are received by the nomination deadline, then nominations from duly authorized delegates of affiliated clubs or bodies can be taken from the floor of the meeting. In such circumstances, this clause will be expressly highlighted in the formal notice and agenda for the AGM.

- (l) The Officials Secretary, Trophies Secretary, Assistant General Secretary and Press and Publicity Officer shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from nominations made by a duly authorized delegate of an affiliated club or body. Such nominations may be received prior to the meeting or from the floor.
- (m) The general committee shall have the right to appoint suitable delegates to any athletic or sporting body or committee. Such delegates shall only express the interests of the association within that role.
- (n) The General Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur among the Officers of the Association. Any person so elected shall retain office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (o) Eight members of General Committee, two of whom shall be Officers of the Association, shall form a quorum.
- (p) In the event of any unforeseen exceptional circumstance, an Emergency Committee may be formed and shall consist of the Officers of the association. A decision made by the Emergency Committee shall be binding unless revoked by General Committee or a General Meeting.
- (q) The elected Chairman shall take the chair at all General Committee meetings except that, in the absence of the elected Chairman, the meeting shall proceed to elect its own chairman. The chair at any meeting shall have a casting vote only.
- (r) The General Committee should meet at least three times a year at such times and places as they may arrange or, when in the opinion of the Chairman and Honorary General Secretary, a meeting shall be necessary.
- (s) The General Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees or working groups to address, resolve or oversee specific issues, tasks, or projects, and to delegate to them such powers as may be necessary to deliver on clearly identified terms of reference.  
Sub-Committees or working groups may, where appropriate, include persons who are not members of clubs affiliated to the Association, but the Chairman or group lead must be a member of, and regularly report back to, the General Committee.

## 7. HONORARY AUDITORS

An Honorary Auditor shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and should audit the annual accounts of the Association prior to presentation at the next Annual General Meeting.

## Existing Wording:

### 6. OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT

- (a) The management of the Association shall be vested in a committee called the General Committee consisting of:
- (I) The Officers – President; Chairman, who shall have a casting vote only; Honorary General Secretary; Honorary Treasurer; Honorary Championships Secretary.
  - (II) Minutes Secretary and Press and Publicity Officer.
  - (III) One representative of each of the Standing Sub-Committees, who should normally be the Chairman/Secretary. A deputy may be sent to General Committee.

All the above shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- (IV) Three Midland Area delegates; three Northern Area delegates; three Southern Area delegates. These delegates should be elected annually by the Area Committees and their names forwarded to the Honorary General Secretary. Substitute delegates may be sent to General Committee.

- (V) Co-opted Members:

1. the National Coach or the equivalent thereof
2. any British member of the I.A.A.F. Walking Committee
3. a representative of the English Schools' Athletic Association
4. a representative of the England Athletics Masters Association
5. a representative of the U.K. C.A.U.

All the above shall have the right to vote

- (b) The President shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from nominations made in writing by the Area Committees, such nominations to be received by the Honorary General Secretary not later than eight weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting and circulated with the Agenda to affiliated clubs and bodies.
- (c) There shall be a Vice-President of the Association who shall not, by virtue of holding that post, be an Officer of the Association or have the right to a vote at meetings of the General Committee but shall have the right to attend such meetings.

- (d) Upon a President's cessation of office during his term of office, the Vice-President shall succeed to the Presidency without need of nomination or election. If the Vice-President shall have given notice in writing to the Honorary General Secretary not later than sixteen weeks before the date of the Annual General meeting of his decision not to succeed to the Presidency, then the Honorary General Secretary shall call for nominations for President and Vice-President; these nominations shall be made in writing by Area Committees to the Honorary General Secretary not later than eight weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be circulated with the Agenda to members of the Association.
- (e) If the Vice-President shall not have given notice of his decision not to succeed to the Presidency upon the previous President's cessation of Office, then the Honorary General Secretary shall call for nominations for Vice-President to be made in writing by Area Committees not later than four weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting; these nominations shall be circulated with the Agenda to Members of the Association.
- (f) Save in exceptional circumstances and with the express consent of the General Committee no person shall serve as President for more than two consecutive years.
- (g) If no valid nomination for Vice-President is received as provided in Rules 6(d) and 6(e) the General Committee shall, as soon as possible, appoint a person to the position of Vice-President.
- (h) If, for any reason, the Presidency shall fall vacant other than at an Annual General Meeting, the Vice-President shall thereupon become President for the remainder of the year during which the vacancy occurs. The remainder of the year concerned shall not count as part of the maximum term of two years as provided in Rule 6(f).
- (i) The Chairman, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Championships Secretary shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from nominations made by affiliated clubs and bodies. Such nominations shall be received by the Honorary General Secretary not later than four weeks before the date of the Annual General meeting and circulated to affiliated clubs and bodies.
- (j) The Minutes Secretary, the Press and Publicity Officer and the Chairmen/Secretaries of the Standing Sub-Committees shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from nominations from affiliated clubs and bodies which may be received prior to the meeting or from the floor.
- (k) Representatives to England Athletics and any other athletic body shall be elected by General Committee.
- (l) General Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur among the Officers of the Association. Any person so elected shall retain office until the next Annual General Meeting.



- (m) Eight members of General Committee, two of whom shall be Officers of the Association, shall form a quorum.
- (n) The Emergency Committee shall consist of the Officers. A decision made by the Emergency Committee shall be binding unless revoked by General Committee or a General Meeting.
- (o) The elected Chairman shall take the chair at all General Committee meetings except that, in the absence of the elected Chairman, the meeting shall proceed to elect its own chairman.
- (p) General Committee shall meet at least three times a year at such times and places as they may arrange or when in the opinion of the Chairman and Honorary General Secretary a meeting shall be necessary.
- (q) General Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to delegate to them such powers as may be necessary. Sub-Committees may include persons who are not members of clubs affiliated to the Association but the Chairmen of such Sub-Committees must be members of the General Committee.
- (r) The Standing Sub-Committees shall be:
  - 1. Rules and Officials, to be chaired by the Honorary Championships Secretary
  - 2. Coaching and Development
  - 3. International

Each Standing Sub-Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Chairman/Secretary and two delegates from each of the three Areas with substitute delegates being permitted.

- (s) A Sub-Committee that is not a Standing Sub-Committee shall have such membership as may be determined by General Committee

## 7. HONORARY AUDITORS

Two Honorary Auditors shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and should audit the accounts of the Association prior to presentation at the next Annual General Meeting.