



Eastern Masters AC Annual General Meeting Saturday 18 April 2026

The meeting commenced at 13:05

Present

Carey Hollick, Michael Hausler, Elke Hausler, Olatunde Akerele, Wilson Paterson, Yuko Gordon, Shane Lawrence, Jim Lawrence, Graeme Packman, Robert Lands.

Apologies

Jim Brown

Financial Report

RL apologised that the accounts had not been on the website until Friday. RL went through the entries and John Borgars report. WP said that he had been scrutineer for the accounts, he said EMAC were fortunate to have a diligent and competent treasurer. GP thanked JB for his skilful management of EMAC finances.

Acceptance of accounts was proposed by WP and seconded by MH. The AGM accepted the accounts.

JB had referred to an additional expense payable to Opentrack for use of their systems for the T&F League. RL said that Courtney Gunn was stepping back from his work in this area and the committee had approved the expenditure. MH said that a volunteer was needed if we were to do this work ourselves. A short discussion took place, although roster offer some similar programming they cannot automatically check EMAC membership.

GP said that EMAC would need to purchase more vests in the coming year, he will liaise with John Borgars.

Membership fees

RL explained that the committee had decided to recommend an increase to £15 second claim and £39 first claim. The rise reflected the increases in the fees that BMAF & EMAA were asking for in 2026 for each athlete. England Athletics had also increased their fee to £23 for an individual registration so this fee had also risen. RL said the new committee needed to consider if the membership fees were appropriate for future years.

CH confirmed 791 members as at 31/03/2026 an all-time high, of these 29 were first claim, the figure was currently 389 for y/e 31/03/27. MH said that not all the regional clubs offered first claim membership. SL suggested the fee was good value compared with what he paid to a club in Europe.



There was a short discussion on why numbers were higher. EMAC not allowing non-members into our championships and the T&F League requiring participants to be EMAC members were thought to be the main drivers.

The membership fees were proposed by RL and seconded by CH. The AGM accepted the proposals.

Committee

RL ran through the names of people who had agreed to stand on the committee.

John Borgars Treasurer

Rob Lands Secretary

Carey Hollick Membership secretary

Wilson Paterson Welfare Officer and named chair.

Courtney Gunn Committee

Michael Hausler Committee

Graeme Packman Committee

Shane Lawrence Committee

Trevor Bunch, Yuko Gordon and Deb Hill were standing down

RL asked if anyone else wanted to come forward. Shane Lawrence said he wanted to cover cross country. WP proposed and RL seconded this.

With no additional names those offering services were elected, there was one abstention re Shane Lawrence as Cross Country secretary.

RL said the role of Cross-Country secretary needed its parameter fixed at the next committee meeting it is principally liaising between club members and the EMAA organisers for the trial race and international team selection.

Any other business

There was a brief discussion relating to the T&F League and regarding team selection for the Inter Area T&F events.

RL said that the committee had room for new blood and asked attendees to encourage others to come forward. RL said EMAC needed a new team of people to come forward for endurance events.

Robert Lands Secretary 20/04/2024