

**128TH SBH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Took place on Tuesday 26 November in the Fez Bar at Allianz Park. The AGM commenced just after 7.30pm to a packed room of approximately 120 members and parents. A copy of the Agenda, Minutes of 2018 AGM, Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending September 2019 are attached following this report.

Chairman **TONY SUNDERLAND** opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, then proceeded with the Agenda.

**Apologies for absence – GEOFF MORPHITIS** read a list of those received.

**Minutes of the AGM held on 27 November 2018** – There were no comments, the minutes were proposed and seconded.

**Matters Arising** – There were none.

**Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2019** – General Secretary **PHILIP CUNNINGHAM** gave a brief update on yet another successful year for the club. He finished by thanking our Officials and Volunteers plus the Parents for their dedication throughout the year. The report was proposed and seconded.

**Accounts and the Treasurers Report for the year ended 30 September 2019** – Treasurer **GEOFF MORPHITIS** gave a detailed report on our expenditure and outgoings for the year, overall we have a reasonably healthy bank balance. The accounts were proposed and seconded.

**Election of Officers** – Commenced with the announcement that **TONY SUNDERLAND** has retired from the role of Chairman, **JOHN KELLY** was introduced as the new Chairman. On behalf of the Club and Myself, we thank him for his outstanding contribution he has made over the many years. **TONY'S** athletic achievements are too numerous to mention, but in 1955 he won the inaugural Shaftesbury Boys open race, also was the Boys cross country champion. In 1962 was the recipient of the Sparta Trophy for Male Athlete of the Year.

The list of Club officers were presented en-bloc, there were no comments, the list was then proposed and seconded. **GEOFF MORPHITIS** pointed out there were 3 positions vacant on the Council, the Council meet 4 times a year in which they discuss and agree all aspects of club policy, the meetings are on a Monday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. We had two volunteers from the floor, **BOB RONCARATI** and **GERALD ALTERMAN** and we thank them for joining the team, if anyone else wishes to volunteer for the remaining position please contact **GEOFF MORPHITIS**.

**Election of Vice Presidents** - There were no comments, the list was proposed and seconded.

**Election of Life Members** – No new Life Members proposed.

**Proposals** – There were no proposals submitted for consideration at the AGM.

**Update on Proposals for Development of Allianz Park** – Prior to this **DAVE BEDFORD** gave a moving eulogy on the passing of **KEITH MOYSE**. **KEITH** was the team manager responsible for Shaftesbury successes in the Young Athletes League and Finals, as well as for the teams for the European Junior Clubs Cup. In the **Young Athletes League** we narrowly missed reaching the final in 1977, but in 1978 we did so, to finish fourth of the eight clubs. We have been in the final every year since then, a record no other club can equal. In 1979 and 1980 we were runners-up to Birchfield Harriers. Then in 1981 we achieved the first of our successes, to be repeated in 83, 84, 85, 87 and 88 – six times in all. In 1989 we were second to Blackheath Harriers, losing by 424 points to 430 after a tremendous meeting.

The **European Junior Clubs Cup** is a major international competition in which Shaftesbury have competed regularly since 1982. In that year we were invited to represent Great Britain on the basis of our success in the Young Athletes Final.

The competition is for Juniors, each country entering its top Junior club, and in the case of some countries this may be the national team. Between twelve and sixteen countries have been represented.

The meeting was held in Liege, Belgium for a number of years, where it all started. At our first appearance in 1982, we were second to Birchfield Harriers, who were there as holders of the title. In 1984 we were again second. In 1985 Shaftesbury we were winners, beating the national team of Greece into second place.

In 1986 it was the turn of Britain to stage the meeting, and Shaftesbury organised it at Copthall. It was put on fully up to international standards, with all the national anthems and flags of the competing countries. The reception that followed was at Wembley Stadium. On this occasion Switzerland were the winners, West Germany second and Shaftesbury third.

In 1987 the venue was Amsterdam, where Shaftesbury were fifth. In 1988 it was held at Krefeld, West Germany, with Shaftesbury second. And in 1989 it was hosted by Aix-Les-Bains, in France, and after

a splendid match Shaftesbury were beaten by just four points by the Hungarian national team. In 1990 Shaftesbury hosted the meeting which was held at Barnet Cophall Stadium.

A moment of silence was held, and **DAVID** is attending his funeral on the Isle of Wight.

**DAVID** then gave an update on the proposed development of Allianz Park - Currently Saracens have a legal commitment to provide SBH and Barnet Schools access to the track and facilities from the beginning of May to end of August/September, to allow the hosting various track & field fixtures. From October to April (Winter rugby mode) we have access to the track (albeit limited at times) for training nights.

In 2020 the rugby season has been extended to the end of June, meaning the period for promoting our track and field meetings is limited to just July and August.

This year various meetings have taken place between SBH, Saracens and the London Borough of Barnet. The main objective was how the Saracens commitment to athletics for 2021 was going to be met. The plan is to provide a new stadium consisting of a 8-lane track, seating for 1,000, floodlights, Shaftesbury clubhouse and associated facilities such as catering and storage. This will be located in the field on the left hand side of Greenlands Lane as you enter Cophall from the Great North Way entrance. To achieve this timetable, the proposals which have been agreed by Barnet Council, will have to be agreed by the Mayor of London and the GLA by the end of 2019.

Following the meeting was the presentation of the awards for the 2018-2019 road and cross country season, and the 2019 track and field.

This being my last AGM as President, it was so enjoyable to meet and present the trophies to all the winners. And to meet in person all those athletes, coaches etc, to which I write about in the SBH weekly newsletter. I would like to thank **FIONA GROOM** for the work done in organising the return, the ordering and engraving the existing and new trophies, also **KENNY GROOM** for taking the photographs which will be available soon.

The presentation finished at 9.40pm.

Finally, a hat was left behind on a seat, please contact **GEOFF MORPHITIS**.

**Attached are the following documents: -**

Agenda for the 26 November 2019 AGM – [Agenda For SBH AGM On 26-11-19 Final Issue](#)

Minutes of the 27 November 2018 AGM – [SBH AGM Minutes 27 November 2018](#)

Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2019 - [SBH Annual Report 2018-2019 Final Issue](#)

Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2019 - [SBH Income & Expenditure Accounts 2019 Sheet 1](#) [SBH Income & Expenditure Accounts 2019 Sheet 2](#)

Best Performance Awards 2019 - [SBH Best Performance Awards 2019 Updated 06-11-19](#)

**ALAN WELLER** President

**SPARTA TROPHY** – It was in July 1950 when Denmark's leading club, Sparta A.C. of Copenhagen, came to London as our guests. In a match at Parliament Hill we won both the Senior and Junior matches by a narrow margin, and we entertained some splendid sportsman. We were presented with what was soon to be called the **SPARTA TROPHY**, the trophy has recently undergone minor repairs, and as you can see the photograph shows what an outstanding trophy it is.



A replica of the two Norseman on top of a column in the Town Hall Square in Copenhagen. Each is blowing a lure, a great curved trumpet. Whether they are calling their kinsman to battle, or blowing a victory salute, doesn't matter: for us they are sounding a fanfare as a tribute to our "Athlete of the Year" to whom the trophy is awarded annually.

The visit was returned in August 1951 when a party of forty from Shaftesbury went to Denmark.

Sparta A.C. turned out in force and beat us in the country's national stadium, though our Juniors were successful. There was also a match with the Attila Club of Nykobing on the island of Falster.

A few years later friendships were renewed, for in 1956 a party of Juniors and Youths travelled to Denmark to meet Sparta again, and there was also a match against Ben Hur (no chariots were used), another Copenhagen club. There were plenty of sightseeing, including a visit to Carlsberg brewery and a trip to Sweden.

There was a return visit the following year with a match at Maccabi Stadium, Hendon, and some forty Danes being welcomed into the homes of our members.

On a subsequent IAAF trip **DAVE BEDFORD** contacted Sparta AC and told them that we still valued the trophy they presented us. Their clubhouse is still part of same stadium.

During the time the trophy was in **DAVE'S** possession as the winner, it was damaged and repairs were carried out, sometime later we added the presentation case.

The Sparta Trophy is presented to the Male Athlete of the Year, these are the recipients since 1950 – [SBH Male Athlete Of The Year 1950 - 2019](#)