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Finally may I thank you for your co-operation and wish you the very best for the coming Cross Country Season.

Cliff Franks.

H. J. Hall
1982

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1981 / 1982.

EXPENDITURE.

1980/81
£44:40
£92:26
£73:18
£3:00
£16:00
£1:92
£1:17

Numbers
Awards
Extra Awards
Presidents Placques
Affiliation M.C.C.C.A.
Postage
Phone
Honorarium 1980/81
Affiliation Overpayment
Excess Income

1980/81

61 - 00
101 - 96
66 - 67
6 - 30
3 - 00
26 - 74
1 - 90
20 - 00
6 - 00
23 - 93

38 Clubs at £6 - 00
Affiliation paid in twice.
F.Cull
J.Mills
A.Wright
Presidents Placques
Extra Awards
Donations

228 - 00
6 - 00
5 - 00
6 - 30
72 - 20

INCOME.

BALANCE SHEET AT THE TWENTY SIXTH OF JULY 1982.

Cash at Bank 14-8-1981
Cash in Hand 14-8-1981
Excess Income over Expenditure

64 - 14
7 - 30
23 - 93

Cash at Bank 26-7-82
Money owed Secretary for
Postage/Phone to be deducted

124 - 01
28 - 64

£95 - 37.

£95 - 37.

Audited and found correct :-

C.B. Franks.

J. McNamee

C.B. Franks. Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

D. McNamee

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY INVITATION LEAGUE. (1926 - 1982)

Affiliated to the M.C.C.C.A.

President :- Ken Walklate, 31, Werburgh Drive, Trentham, Stoke on Trent

Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Glos.

57th. Annual General Meeting.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 57th. Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium, Stadium Way, Off the Walsall Road, Perry Park, Perry Barr, Birmingham, to be held on Wednesday the 15th. September 1982 at 7:30p.m.

Clubs are reminded that they are entitled to send three delegates to this meeting. Please inform your delegates of the A.G.M. and urge them to attend.

Yours faithfully

Cliff Franks.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies.
2. Obituary. (Riley Newey President 1967 -69.)
3. Confirm Minutes of the 56th. A.G.M.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Presidents Report.
6. Hon. Secretary's Report.
7. Composition of the League.
8. Fixtures and Venues.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Affiliations.
11. Any Other Business.
12. Date of the 58th. A.G.M. and Venue.

23-26
2-52
5-04
56-86
78-44
99-01

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1st. Division
2nd. Division
3rd. Division
President.
Secretary/Treasurer
Auditer.

1st. Division. : 2nd. Division. : 3rd. Division.

Race Secretary :-
Referee :-
Timekeepers :-

£71-44

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Final Placings 1981 1982.

1st Division.

1. Sparkhill Harriers.
2. Staffs. Moorland.
3. Tipton Harriers.
4. Coventry Godiva.
5. Birchfield Harriers.
6. Birmingham University
7. Gloucester A.C.
8. Worcester A.C.
9. Wolverhampton & Bilston

2nd. Division.

1. Solihull & Smallheath.
2. Halesowen A.C.
3. City of Stoke
4. Leamington A.C.
5. Cheltenham & County
6. Newcastle A.C.
7. Shrewsbury A.C.
8. Cannock Chase
9. Rugby & District.
10. Stafford A.C.
11. Telford A.C.

3rd. Division.

1. Loughborough University
2. Warley A.C.
3. Bromsgrove & Redditch.
4. Nuneaton A.C.
5. Stourport A.C.
6. Dudley & Stourbridge.
7. Hassey Ferguson.
8. Tamworth.
9. Sutton Coldfield.
10. Michelan A.C.
11. West Bromwich Harriers.
12. Lozells Harriers.

Aston Uni., Burton, Daventry, Harborne, Northampton and Wenlock must reapply before the A.G.M. for re-election to the League.

May I remind Clubs of rule (9) which states "Any Club which fails to pay its affiliation fee prior to the first race, after the date of the A.G.M. shall have their invitation to the League withdrawn. I will be available to receive 1982 -83 affiliations at the A.G.M.

Audited and found correct :-

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BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE A.G.M. *1982*
Minutes of the 57th. Annual General Meeting held at the Alexander Stadium,
Birmingham on Wednesday the 15th. of September 1982 at 7:30p.m.

Present.

K.J.Walklate (President) K.Dare, J.Freeman, J.Mills, E.Powner and E.J.Skidmore (Past Presidents) D.McNamee (Auditor) C.B.Franks (Secretary/Treasurer) J.D.Griffiths, R.Tilling (Birchfield) P.Fisher, C.B.Clark (Bromsgrove & Redditch) P.Carroll (Birmingham Prison A.C.) D.W.Bowger, S.Lathbury (Burton A.C.) K.Buckle Cheltenham) J.Mountford City of Stoke) W.Adcocks, P.Miller (Coventry Godiva) B.Heatley (Dudley & Stourbridge) A.Daley (Gloucester) R.Bunn, C.Grant, K.Perry (Halesowen) M.Botterill (Leamington) M.Keen (Lozells A.C.) G.J.Griffiths, I.Brown (Massey Ferguson) J.Nolan (Michelin) & (Newcastle) B.Ewington, E.Rowland (Nuneaton) G.A.Charles, R.A.Potter (Royal Sutton Coldfield) B.Acford, A.W.Francis (Rugby) D.Bacon, H.Mitchell (Solihull & Smallheath) F.J.Gargini (Tamworth) K.Banks (Telford) D.Johnson, Mrs.H.Johnson, N.Piotrowski (Warley A.C.) S.Williams (Wenlock Olym.) G.W.Lock (Wolverhampton & Bilston) R.Rowley (Tipton) 45 present.

Apologies.

W.Carr, R.Cox, M.Daws, B.Dickinson, E.Hutchins, G.Healey, P.lisseman, C.Mattock, D.Mobbs, A.Wright, F.J.Wood.

Obituary.

Jim Skidmore said a few words about Riley Newey who was President of the League for the 1967 - 1968 season. The meeting then stood in silence for a short while in memory of Riley.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the 56th. Annual General Meeting, held on the 9th. September 1981 at the Alexander Stadium had been circulated and were passed as a true record of the meeting after they had been proposed by K.Dare and seconded by C.Grant.
There were no matters arising.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer went through the balance sheet and warned that despite the League making a healthy profit of £23 - 93p this would have been greatly reduced, had he been charged for all the stationary that had been used in the last twelve months. He stated that it was unlikely that the League would get away without a bill for this item again. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by the President and was unanimously approved by the meeting. The President then thanked the Treasurer for the work he had put in on behalf of the League.

Discussion arised out of the accounts when M.Keen (Lozells) thought that Clubs could afford to pay an extra pound affiliation so that awards could then be given in the Young Athletes Races. After much talk a vote was taken and the large proportion of the meeting showed that they were in favour of keeping the present system of awards for the Senior races only.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Treasurer to the Auditor Mr.David McNamee. This vote of thanks was endorsed by the delegates present.

Presidents Report.

Mr.Ken Walklate told the meeting that he had been to races in each of the three divisions and had enjoyed the Sport and the organisation at all of them. He also stated that it was the first time he had ever been to a third division fixture. He particularly found the final race in division one exciting when Sparkhill took the League title by a mere one point from Staffordshire Moorlands. Finally he thanked the delegates for electing him to Office he considered it a great honour to be elected President of what he believed to be the best Cross Country League in the Country, he backed this statement by saying that any League that can provide four teams in the first five teams home in the National must be worthy of this praise. He also congratulated David Moorcroft and Tom O'Reilly for their athletic achievements during the past year.

Secretary's Report.

Division One.

A near disaster happened at the end of the first race held at Wolverhampton, with only about thirty athletes home all the finishing discs were accidentally dropped on the ground. However, with quick thinking Officials and the tremendous cooperation of all the athletes the result was in fact got out in record time and without missing one single runner. The race was won by Bob Westwood of Tipton from Andy Wilton Staffs Moorland. Former University runner Mark Burnhope of Sparkhill was third. Tipton 93pts. came out as top team followed by Sparkhill 111pts. and Staffs. Moorland 122pts. Only forty four points at this stage separated the bottom four Clubs. Birchfield's parkland course saw A.Bristow of the University win the second fixture, he beat B.Westwood with Terry Colton of Wolverhampton third. Birchfield 82pts. pulled

out all the stops on their own course beating the powerful Tipton team 96pts. The consistant Staffs Moorland team were third with 130pts.

In this penultimate fixture promoted by Sparkhill, Birchfield filled the first three places with Darren Pemberton, Ray Smadley and Richard Partridge. However despite this magnificent start the black vested men from Birchfield had to play second fiddle to Sparkhill who packed all their scoring six in the first eighteen home.

The Final League race saw an intriguing position where only twenty seven points seperated the first three teams. Sparkhill leading from Tipton and Staffordshire Moorlands the title holders. Indeed Birchfield who were in fourth place still had an outside chance of taking the League Title being only 79pts. behind the leaders. The question on many lips was could the National Champions Tipton regain the League Title that they lost last season.

With the race held on the Tipton course and the home team taking the first two places through John Wild and Steve Empson the omens looked good for them. However the Staffs Moorland team had no intention of giving up the title without a fight and placed six men in the first 17 home and with the Sparkhill team only four points behind the Moorlands Tipton had to be satisfied with third place in the League. Now came the Crucial totting up of points of all four races to decide who was first and second in the League. It was to be the much improved and jubilant Sparkhill team who took the title by one meagre point from Staffordshire Moorlands. Wolverhampton and Bilston were relegated to the second division.

It was pleasing to see Andy Wilton who was a very good Youth runner come through and make the grade as a Senior and take the award for the most consistantly good athlete in the division.

Birchfield won the Young Athletes fixtures beating Gloucester A.C. quite comfortably David Clarke (Birchfield) won the best young runners award.

Division Two.

Halesowen placed six men in the first twenty seven home to speed into a 48pt lead over Cheltenham in the first race held at Telford. Solihull & Smallheath were third. The race itself was won by M. Hirst of Stoke followed by S. Willimott Cannock and N. Gray Solihull & Smallheath.

The second race held over parkland at Solihull saw Halesowen slightly increase their lead at the top of the second division, however the challenge from Cheltenham dropped and Solihull & Smallheath came through to take second place. M. Hirst scored his second individual victory being chased home by J. King and S. Willimott.

Solihull & Smallheath began to stamp their class on the third race, sweeping to a clear victory that also placed them comfortably at the top of the division. Halesowen who had won the previous two races now dropped back to fourth, however they still hung on to the second promotion spot. So dominant was Solihull & Smallheath's victory that they supplied the first three individuals home as well on the varied Leamington course P. O'Callahan, J. King and N. Gray. The relegation battle was also beginning to warm up with only twenty nine points seperating the bottom three Clubs Telford, Stafford and Rugby. An interesting final race was in prospect.

The final race saw Solihull & Smallheath pushed all the way by City of Stoke A.C. the former scraping home by a mere three points. This final rush by Stoke nearly gave them promotion with Solihull & Smallheath. However Halesowen hung on by the narrow margin of one point to take second position in the League. In the relegation battle it was Telford who were the unfortunate Club to have the poor last race and to end up having to contend the third division next season. Paul Davis-Hale of Cannock won the individual race at Rugby and was followed home by Tim Redman and Steve Willimott. Steve Willimott's third place in this race gave him the award for the most consistant athlete in the division.

Clinton Bradsley of Stoke showed himself to be an excellent prospect for the future in winning all four Young Athletes races and helped his Club to the Leading Young Athletes team in the Second Division.

Division Three.

With a Huge field that gave 225 finishers in the first League race at Tamworth, newcomers Loughborough University showed they did not wish to stay long in the bottom division and fielded six men in the first twenty two home. A. Rayment of Loughborough beat R. Bradley Wenlock, with A. Maddocks of the University third in a tight race. Bromsgrove were runners up in the team race some eighty six points behind the leaders.

Bradley turned the tables on Rayment in the second race at Sutton Coldfield coming home a clear winner by seventeen seconds. S. James of Nuneaton finished third. Despite the reversal in the individual race Loughborough still stamped their class on the team event, placing six men in the first twenty. Warley showed much improved form and moved through to take the second team position with Bromsgrove and Redditch third. Again well over two hundred runners finished the race.

R. Bradley had an easy victory in the third race held at Burton, coming in some forty eight seconds ahead of S. James Nuneaton and A. Scholfield of Loughborough. However in the Team competition Loughborough continued to improve their position at the top of the Third Division table, this time placing six men in the first fifteen to score an exceptionally low score of forty four points. Warley consolidated second place ahead of Bromsgrove and Redditch who were a comfortable third.

The final race saw R. Bradley complete a fine season by winning yet again, as before he was followed home by S. James and A. Scholfield. Having won three out of the four races and finishing second in the other Bradley won the award for the most consistent runner in the Division. Again Loughborough University won the team event and thus take the League Title and with it promotion to the Second Division. However they had to work harder for their victory in the final race as they were pushed all the way by Bromsgrove & Redditch who were competing on their home course. Warley were just one point behind Bromsgrove, although the Warley team still hung on for second place in the overall League table.

In the Young athletes races Warley A.C. came out as the top team with Tamworth second and Wenlock third. C. Udall of Burton ran very well and was the leading Young Athlete over the four races.

RACE FACTS.

	<u>1st. Division.</u>	<u>2nd. Division.</u>	<u>3rd. Division.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
First Race.	176	176	225	577
Second Race.	144	175	213	537
Third Race.	137	174	205	516
Fourth Race.	142	168	197	507
<u>Young Athletes.</u>				
First Race.	29	46	32	107
Second Race.	21	34	28	83
Third Race.	20	26	19	65
Fourth Race.	15	30	28	73

The Secretary reiterated the Presidents remarks of congratulations to the League Clubs who had done so well in the National Championships.

He then thanked the following :-

Race Secretary's :- Bill Carr, Tom O'Reilly, and John Buckby.

Race Referees :- Ken Evans, Ted Clifford and David Johnson.

Timekeepers :- Arthur Birt, John Perkins, Ted Powner, Cliff Grant, Jim Skidmore, Derek Bacon and John Andrews.

He also thanked the following :-

Jack Freeman, Ken Dare, Pete Lisseman, Tom Talbot and Mrs. Johnson who were always ready to stand by to help in any way they can. Without all these Officials above there is absolutely no way that the League could continue to run. Clubs and Athletes should be particularly grateful to them.

Thanks were also given to Arthur Wright, Frank Cull and John Mills for their very kind donations to help with postage costs. And to David McNamee for the excellent job he does in auditing the Associations books.

Finally the secretary thanked the hard working President Ken Walklate who had very kindly donated the Placques for the leading Young Athletes awards for each of the three divisions.

Ken Dare proposed that the Presidents and Secretary's reports be accepted with a vote of thanks to them both, this was seconded by Cliff Grant. Passed unanimously.

constitution of the League.

The League make-up for the 1982/83 season is as follows:-

<u>1st. Division.</u>	<u>2nd. Division.</u>	<u>3rd. Division.</u>
Birchfield Harriers.	Bromsgrove & Redditch A.C.	Birmingham Prison A.C.
Birmingham University.	Cannock Chase A.C.	Burton A.C.
Coventry Godiva Harriers.	Cheltenham & County Harriers.	Dudley & Stourbridge A.C.
Gloucester A.C.	City of Stoke A.C.	Harborne Harriers.
Halesowen A.C.	Leamington A.C.	Lozells Harriers.
Solihull & Small Heath A.C.	Loughborough University	Massey Ferguson R & J, C.
Sparkhill Harriers	Newcastle A.C.	Michelin A.C.
Staffordshire Moorlands.	Rugby & District A.C.	Nuneaton Harriers.
Tipton Harriers.	Shrewsbury & District A.C.	Royal Sutton Coldfield.
Worcester A.C.	Stafford A.C.	Stourport A.C.
	Warley A.C.	Tamworth A.C.
	Wolverhampton & Bilston A.C.	Telford A.C.
		Wenlock Olympian Society.
		West Bromwich Harriers.

Burton A.C., Harborne Harriers, and Wenlock Olympian Society had reapplied for re-election to the League, their re-election was passed. Aston University and Northampton Phoenix had not reapplied for membership of the League, the Secretary was instructed to write to both Clubs stating that their invitation to run in the League has been withdrawn. Daventry A.C. wrote to say they could no longer field a team in the League and wished to withdraw their membership of the League.

Four new Clubs had applied to join the League, Birmingham Prison A.C., Rowheath Harriers Stone Master Marathoners and Royal Doultons A.C. Unfortunately it was found that the later three Clubs had not as yet affiliated to the Midland Cross Country Association so the meeting had no option but to refuse the applications made by these Clubs. The Secretary is to write explaining the situation to the Clubs and suggest that they affiliate to the M.C.C.C.A. and then reapply next year for membership of the League. Birmingham Prison A.C. were unanimously elected to membership of the League. Closed Clubs and Universities are asked to note that they must submit first claims for to the M.C.A.A.A. for clearance to run in first Claim Competitions. Only those athletes cleared by the M.C.A.A.A. will be allowed to run in the League races.

Fixtures and Venues.

	<u>1st. Division.</u>	<u>2nd. Division.</u>	<u>3rd. Division.</u>
November 6th. 1982.	Solihull	Wolverhampton.	Michelin.
November 27th. 1982.	Coventry	Warley.	Massey Ferguson.
January 29th. 1983.	Birchfield	Redditch.	Sutton Coldfield.
February 19th. 1983.	Tipton	Rugby	Burton.

Elections of Officers.

President :- Mr. Basil Heatley of Dudley & Stourbridge was proposed by Ken Dare and was unanimously elected into the chair. Basil as a competitor had a reputation second to none, it was probably in the sport of Cross Country that he was most feared by his fellow athletes having won the International in 1961 and the National on three occasions, he was also a member of the English Cross Country team spanning a sixteen year period. An International on the track at 5000m. and 10000 metres, holding the world record for 10 miles track race. Highlight of athletic career must be his Olympic Silver medal in the 1964 Tokyo marathon. Basil has recently become the Secretary of the Midland Counties Cross Country Association and has been the team manager of the Midlands Cross Country teams for several years. As President, Basil's first job was to present the Presidents Plaque to the outgoing President Ken Walklate. He then thanked the meeting for electing him President.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B. Franks proposed by Basil Heatley.

Auditor :- David McNamee proposed by C.B. Franks.

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	Cliff Grant.		

Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A.:- Jim Skidmore, Derek Bacon and Jack Freeman.

Affiliations.

The meeting agreed that the League Affiliation should remain at £6 - 00. for the coming season.

Any Other Business.

A reminder to Host Clubs putting on League fixtures that they MUST inform all other Clubs in their Division, The Race Secretary, Referee, Timekeepers, The President and the Hon. Secretary of the venue and travel directions at least TEN DAYS before the fixture.

Date of the 58th. A.G.M.

The date of the 58th. A.G.M. of the League will be the 14th. September 1983, the meeting venue will be at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. Our thanks to Birchfield Harriers for allowing us to use their Club facilities for the Meeting.

There being no further business the President thanked the delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting.

SECOND DIVISION RACE SECRETARY.

At present we do not have a race secretary for the second division. If one is not forthcoming there will be great difficulties in running the second division. There are twelve Clubs in the Division of which the following Clubs are already providing League Officials:- Cheltenham, City of Stoke, Leamington and Wolverhampton. What about one of the other eight Clubs providing a Race Secretary. Please contact the Secretary if you can help.

Basil Heatley
21/9/83

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Cliff Franks.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.
Names and addresses of Club Secretaries and League Officials.
1982 - 1983.

President :- Basil Heatley, 6, Kirkstone Crescent, Wombourne, Nr. Wolverhampton. (092400)
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Race Secretary :- We still need one. Any volunteers???

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Division Three.

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UNLESS THERE IS A RACE SECRETARY WHO COMES FORWARD FROM THE SECOND DIVISION CLUBS THE
WHOLE OF THE SECOND DIVISION RACES WILL BE IN JEOPARDY. Anyone interested in saving the
Second Division from chaos during the coming season please contact the Hon. Secretary
Phone Cheltenham 28548 evenings only.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1982 / 1983.

EXPENDITURE.

1981/82.
£61:00
£101:96
£66:67
£3:00
£0:00
£0:00
£0:00
£1:90
£0:00
£26:74

Numbers 78 - 50
League Awards 107 - 75
Extra Awards 81 - 23
Affiliation to M.C.C.C.A. 3 - 00
Bank Charges 0 - 98
Stationary (Arle School) 5 - 50
Envelopes 5 - 60
Phone 5 - 65
Engraving Div.II Trophy. 6 - 44
Postage 35 - 59

£330 - 24p.

INCOME.

1981/82
£228:00
£5:00
£72:20

Affiliations 40 Clubs @ £6:00 240 - 00.
E.Boot. }
F.Cull. } Donations
D.Johnson. } 7 - 30.
A.Wright. }
Extra Awards. 32 - 15.
Loss on the Year. 50 - 79.

£330 - 24p.

BALANCE SHEET AT THE THIRTY-FIRST OF AUGUST 1983.

Cash at the Bank 26-7-1982 £124 - 01.

Cash at the Bank 31-8-83 44 - 58.
Money owed Secretary from
1981 - 82 season. 28 - 64.
Loss on Year 1982 - 83. 50 - 79.

£124 - 01p.

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Audited and found correct :-

C.B. Franks

J. H. H. H.

C.B. Franks. Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE. (1926 - 1983)

Affiliated to the M.C.C.A.

President :- Basil Heatley, 6, Kirkstone Crescent, Wombourne, Nr. Wolverhampton.

Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Glos.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 58th. Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium, Stadium Way, off the Walsall Road, Perry Park, Perry Barr, Birmingham, to be held on Wednesday the 21st. September 1983 at 7:30 p.m.

Clubs are reminded that they are entitled to send three delegates to this meeting. Please inform your delegates of the A.G.M. and urge them to attend.

Yours faithfully

Cliff Franks.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies for absence.
 2. Obituaries.
 3. Confirm the Minutes of the 57th. A.G.M. and matters arising from them.
 4. Statement of Accounts.
 5. Presidents Report.
 6. Hon. Secretary's Report.
 7. Correspondence i) Loughborough University. ii) Newcastle A.C.
 8. Discussion Paper One.
 9. Structure of the League (Discussion Paper Two.)
 10. Fixtures and Venues. 1st.Division : 2nd.Division : 3rd.Division.
November 5th. 1983. : : :
November 26th. 1983. : : :
January 28th. 1984. : : :
February 18th. 1984. : : :
 11. Election of Officers. President. Secretary/Treasurer Auditor.
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1st.Division : 2nd.Division : 3rd.Division.
Race Secretary :- : : :
Referee :- : : :
Timekeepers :- : : :

Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A. (3)
 12. Affiliations.
 13. Any Other Business.
 14. Date of the 59th. A.G.M. & Venue.

FINAL PLACINGS 1982 - 1983.

1st. Division.

1. Staffs. Moorland.
2. Coventry Godiva.
3. Tipton Harriers.
4. Sparkhill Harriers.
5. B'ham University.
6. Gloucester A.C.
7. Birchfield Harriers.
8. Solihull & Small.
9. Halesowen A.C.
10. Worcester A.C.

2nd. Division.

1. City of Stoke A.C.
2. Wolverhampton & Bilston.
3. Leamington A.C.
4. Cheltenham & County.
5. Newcastle A.C.
6. Shrewsbury & District.
7. Bromsgrove & Redditch.
8. Warley A.C.
9. Cannock A.C.
10. Rugby & District.
11. Stafford A.C.
12. Loughborough University.

3rd. Division.

1. Telford A.C.
2. Stourport A.C.
3. Wenlock Olympians.
4. Nuneaton Harriers.
5. Michelin A.C.
6. Massey Ferguson.
7. Rowheath Harriers.
8. Dudley & Stourbridge.
9. Burton A.C.
10. Royal Sutton Coldfield.
11. Tamworth A.C.
12. Lozells Harriers.
13. B'ham Prison.
14. Royal Doulton.

The following Clubs must reapply in writing before the A.G.M. for re-election to the League :- West Bromwich Harriers, Harborne Harriers, Aston University and Droitwich A.C.

I remind Clubs of rule (9) which states, "Any Club which fails to pay its affiliation prior to the first race, after the date of the A.G.M. shall have their invitation to League withdrawn". I will be available to receive 1983-84 affiliations at the A.G.M.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Discussion Paper One.

Without wishing to burden the League or Clubs with unnecessary meetings and rules. (The joy of the Birmingham League is its simplicity and straight forward manner of working) There have been two occasions this past season when it would have been helpful to have had an executive committee or a General Meeting that would have the power to take decisions on the day to day running of the League or to act as an appeals committee.

1. General Meeting. (The best time to hold this meeting would probably be after the first two races.)

- i) If this suggestion was taken up then the advantage would be that the Club's would have another chance each year to express their views - more consultation on League matters.
 - ii) A wider body of opinion would be consulted if any Club had a protest.
- Disadvantages.
- i) Yet another meeting to attend.
 - ii) Some years there would be virtually nothing to discuss. - A meeting just for the sake of having a meeting.
 - iii) With a larger body meeting it may be more difficult to come to a consensus of opinion.

2. Executive Committee.

Advantages.

- i) Small body of people - Would suggest the President, Hon. Secretary and two or three other members elected by the A.G.M.
- ii) Would only need to meet when circumstances demanded. - The Executive Committee might not even have to meet at all.
- iii) For some smaller decisions the Secretary could even get a consensus of opinion over the phone.
- iv) Decisions would be more democratic than at the present time, where the Secretary takes decisions on his own, usually having consulted senior Cross-Country Officials in the area. These Illustrious persons however may not be the choice of the A.G.M.
- v) An Executive Committee would be an ideal body to which Clubs could appeal if they felt it necessary

Disadvantages.

- i) Clubs would be leaving some decisions to a small select number of persons, all be it, elected by the A.G.M.
- ii) It would bring perhaps a degree of more formality into the proceedings of the League, but hopefully, would not destroy the friendly atmosphere generated by the member Clubs.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE

Discussion Paper Two.

Yet again, even at this early stage, I am receiving applications to join the League. Whilst this is most encouraging that Club's are keen to join the League and that we are in the business of promoting our Sport it does bring its problems.

The main problem of course is one of numbers. We are already in the position where all three divisions can expect two hundred runners or more in the senior races. So we must start thinking about the Clubs who promote our fixtures and ask how much larger can we make these divisions before promoting Clubs say enough, enough we can't cope with the changing of so many athletes, or that our courses will not cope with such numbers.

What then are the possible solutions to these problems? For your ideas and thoughts I offer you the following in the hope that it will stimulate Clubs into thinking about the problem and perhaps to come up with an idea that will both continue to promote our Sport and to encourage New Clubs and yet keep the divisions to a manageable size for Clubs to cope with.

1. Continue to except Clubs into the League (willy-nilly) and to frequently have to re-adjust the number of Clubs in each division (as has been done twice in the past five years.)

Advantages.

- i) The continuation of promoting the sport in our area.
- ii) Gives the athletes experience of running in large fields (Good experience for running in National or Area Championships)

Disadvantages.

- i) The number of Clubs able to offer to stage promotions will diminish due to the large increase in numbers.
- ii) The burden on the Race Secretary's would be increased.
- iii) The number of Officials for each division would need to be increased to cope with the greater number of athletes.

2. Keep the quantity of Clubs at the present level. Putting new applications to the League into a vote with those Clubs who have to re-apply for re- election each year to the League. This vote to be taken by the A.G.M. each September.

Advantages.

- i) Easy to administer, keeps the level of League competition high.

Disadvantage.

- i) Does not promote the Sport by allowing new Clubs into the League or support the smaller weaker Clubs.

3. To bring in a Fourth Division, leaving say twelve Clubs in division three, leaving all the other Clubs and any new applications to make up Division Four.

- i) This will continue to promote the sport by allowing new Clubs into the League.
- ii) Will make the League more competitive to the Clubs who are at present in the bottom third of the Third Division, these Clubs would be the likely contenders for the new Fourth Division.
- iii) Quite easy to administer.

Disadvantages.

- i) There will be a problem of getting extra Officials to run the extra division.
- ii) Could be a problem in finding four new venues for a fourth Division. At present it tends to be the Clubs in the top third of division three that are promoting League fixtures.

4. To keep the first two divisions as they are and then to split the Third Division into two. Looking at the Geography of the Clubs situation, i.e. rather like the old football League system - third division North, Third division South

Advantages.

- i) It would keep two reasonably strong and equally balanced divisions
- ii) Smaller Clubs would have less distance to travel for races.
- iii) Easy to administer.

Disadvantages.

- i) An extra set of Officials would be required.
- ii) Four more venues for fixtures would need to be found.
- iii) Some adjustment would have to be made to these divisions each year depending on who has been relegated from division two.

These two discussion papers are most certainly not in any way definitive document, they have been produced to stimulate discussion by member Clubs. In the hope that you have ideas.

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BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE * * 1983 * *
Minutes of the 58th. Annual General Meeting held at the Alexander Stadium,
Birmingham on Wednesday the 21st. September 1983 at 7.30p.m.

Present

B.Heatley (President) K.Dare; J.Mills; E.Powner (Past Presidents) D.McNamee (Auditor) C.B.Franks (Secretary/Treasurer) R.Tilling (Birchfield) G.Holmes; I.Hurley; P.Surman (B'ham Prisons) J.D.Robinson (Bromsgrove & Redditch) E.J.Trott; D.Fellows (Cannock) K.Buckle; D.Thomas (Cheltenham & County) J.Mountford (City of Stoke) W.Adcocks; P.S.Miller (Coventry) D.Freer (Droitwich A.C.) R.Bunn; K.Perry (Halesowen) J.W.Carr; G.W.Lock; L.Rawlins (Harborne) M.Botterill; H.Mortimer; P.Muddeman (Leamington) M.Keen (Lozells) P.Brown; W.J.Cunningham; T.Lawson (Massey Ferguson) S.Banbury (Michelin) J.Nolan (Michelin/Newcastle) B.Ewington; P.D.Harrison; T.B.Taylor (Nuneaton) M.J.Lightfoot (Royal Doulton) R.A.Potter; M.Sadler (Royal Sutton Coldfield) B.Ackford; J.B.Evans; J.K.Richards (Rugby) D.G.Carter (Shrewsbury) D.A.Bacon; M.Mitchell (Solihull & Small Heath) C.N.Hubbladay; G.Heeley (Sparkhill) P.Darby (Stourport) J.Culshaw; F.Gargini (Tamworth) K.Banks (Telford) S.Walton (Tipton) Mrs.M.Johnson; D.Johnson (Warley) J.Buckby (West Brom.) K.Evans; P.Lisseman; G.W.Lock (Wolverhampton & Bil.) S.Williams (Wenlock) R.Cox (Worcester) 60 present. This is the largest attendance at an A.G.M. in the history of this Association.

Apologies

E.Clifford; C.Grant; J.Goodhand; J.Griffiths; T.Haines; C.Holway; J.Skidmore; K.Walklate.

Obituary.

The President said a few words about M.Price (Gloucester) who was a contemporary of his and of D.Price who was the President of Tipton Harriers. The meeting then stood for a short while in silence in memory of these two workers for Cross Country.

Minutes

The Minutes of the 57th. Annual General Meeting, held on the 15th. September 1982 at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham had been circulated and were passed as a true record of the meeting after they had been proposed by D.Johnson and seconded by J.Nolan. There were no matters arising.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer went through the balance sheet and stated that although it showed a loss of £50-79p. on the year things were not that bad. He explained that he still had in stock League Placques to the value of about £49-00p. and he had sent out the A.G.M. Notices for this year £7-87p. which had been included in the postage on this year's balance sheet, this would normally be shown on next year's balance sheet. Taking this into consideration the League had made a small profit of between £6 and £7. However the Treasurer thought that this was a bit close for comfort as this sum would be easily gobbled up with inflation in the coming year.

P.Lisseman said that he believed that the stock of plaques held by the League should be shown as an asset on the Balance Sheet, this was agreed by the meeting and the Treasurer will do this in future.

Adoption of the Balance Sheet was proposed by John Mills and was seconded by R.Potter and was accepted unanimously by the meeting.

The Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditor Mr. David McNamee which was endorsed by the delegates present.

Presidents Report.

Mr. Basil Heatley told the meeting that his association with the League had began in 1950 as an athlete and that he estimated the League had doubled its size since those days. He reported that the present running boom was most certainly being shown in the League with the ever increasing number of Clubs each year wishing to join the League and the increased fields in each of the divisions. However he thought that the continuing expansion of the League may call for structural changes to its make-up in the near future.

It was gratifying to see such a good turn out of delegates, showing that interest in the League has never been higher. He believed that organizations such as the League are here to give competition for all those athletes that want it. Certainly, catering for well over 600 athletes in the three divisions, must make the Birmingham & District Cross Country League one of the largest Senior Mens Leagues in the Country as well as being of the highest quality.

The President then apologised to the delegates for missing the third and fourth races but he had E.C.C.U. commitments. He went on to congratulate Staffordshire Moorlands for winning the first division and Andy Wilton who was the leading runner in that division finishing second on three occasions and first in the final race. His congratulations also went to City of Stoke A.C. and Telford A.C. for winning their respective divisions.

Finally he thanked the following:-

The clubs who had promoted League fixtures.
The league Officials

The Secretary for his work with the League.
The Delegates for electing him President.

Secretary's Report.

Division One.

Staffordshire Moorlands who won three out of the four fixtures were comfortable winners of this Division. The only Club to beat them were last years winners Sparkhill Harriers in the third race. Coventry Godiva Harriers ran consistently to take the number two spot in the League, their highest placing since the 1978-79 season. Tipton Harriers were fourth.

Individually the First Division provided four different winners R. Westwood (Tipton), A. Bristow (B'ham University), R. Partridge (Birchfield) and A. Wilton (Staffs. Moorland). However it was fitting that Andy Wilton should win the last race as he had finished no lower than second in the other three fixtures. This of course gave him the most consistent Individuals Plaque.

Only two Clubs finished a team in the Young Athletes races. Gloucester A.C. just beating Tipton Harriers by five points. Nathan Bishop Gloucester A.C. was the leading Young Athlete.

Division Two.

An excellent team battle took place between City of Stoke and Wolverhampton and Bilston, with the Wolves getting a great start by winning the first two League races from Stoke who were runners up on both occasions. However City of Stoke weathered the Christmas celebrations better than their Wolverhampton counter-parts turning on the power to comfortably take the final two races, whilst Wolverhampton struggled to find their form and to get their strongest team out. In winning these two races Stoke overhauled their rivals to become Division Two Champions, Wolverhampton hanging on for the second promotion spot.

Despite Paul Davies-Hale winning two races, the other two being won by Terry Colton (Wolves) and Tim Redman (Leamington), the Leading runners plaque went to Clinton Bradeley (Stoke) who finished 6th, 5th, 2nd and 4th. A remarkable achievement considering that only the year before he had been winning the Young Athletes Plaque in the same Division. Certainly this is an athlete to watch in the future after this promising start to his Senior career.

Like the First Division only two Clubs completed a team in all four League races. Cannock beating Warley quite comfortably. K. McFarlane (Cannock) had done enough in winning the first three races to be the leading young athlete, despite finishing third in the final race.

Division Three.

Huge fields and good competition were the high-light of this Division. Stourport started the season on a high note by winning the first League race, but then the more experienced Telford showed their time in the higher division was not wasted and won the next three races to take the Division Three Title. Stourport hang on to take the second spot. It is always pleasant to see another Club arrive on the scene and this year saw the Wenlock Olympians team finish third after struggling for the last few years to field a Senior team.

M. Dalloway (Stourport) won the first two races with R. Bradley (Wenlock) taking the third race and S. James (Nuneaton) the last one. In finishing not lower than second in any of the races R. Bradley won the leading athletes plaque.

Dudley and Stourbridge were the only Club to complete a team in all four fixtures in the Young Athletes Races. However there was a splendid performance by G. Cowdrill (Telford) who won all four races.

The Secretary apologised to Telford, Stourport and Wenlock for not having the Winners Plaques at the final League Race, this was due entirely to an administrative slip up on his part. He also informed Telford that he had been trying to get the third Division Trophy back from Loughborough University, however it transpired that the Trophy had now been handed over to them.

RACE FACTS.

	<u>1st. Division.</u>	<u>2nd. Division.</u>	<u>3rd. Division.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
First Races.	205	199	225	629
Second Race.	169	176	247	592
Third Race.	179	149	242	570
Fourth Race.	139	135	180	454
	<u>Young Athletes</u>			
First Race	29	40	44	113
Second Race	42	43	42	127
Third Race	24	27	24	75
Fourth Race	27	20	22	69

He gratefully acknowledged the very kind donations made to the League by Ernie Boot, Frank Cull, David Johnson and Arthur Wright.

Thanks were also delivered to all those Clubs who promoted a League Fixture last season and to the League Officials:-

Referees :- David Johnson; Ken Evans and Jim Skidmore.

Race Secretary's :- Bill Carr; Pete McBreen and John Buckby.

Timekeepers :- Arthur Birt, Derek Bacon; Cliff Grant; Ted Powner; Ted Clifford; John Andrews and John Perkins.

and to :- Muriel Johnson; Ken Dare; Jack Freeman; Pete Lisseman and Tom Talbot who are ever willing to step in and help out on the day, wish there were more like these Officials.

Finally the Secretary thanked the President Basil Heatley for his support and advice throughout the year.

Correspondence.

i) The Secretary explained a letter from Loughborough University saying that they had recieved no information or directions to the second League Race and asking for that fixture to be declared void. However at the first Division Two fixture the Secretary had been present and had ascertained that Jack Buckner was the University Captain he then duly passed this information to Nick Piotrowski (Warley) who then promptly handed the directions for the second fixture to Jack Buckner as he had done to all the other competing Clubs that afternoon.

As the fault for the unfortunate mistake seemed to be in the hands of poor internal communications at Loughborough and that the University in common with every Club in the League had been sent a sheet with all competing Clubs secretaries and their home addresses and where-ever possible their Phone Numbers the Secretary took the decision that the race result should stand. The meeting endorsed the decision of the Secretary in this matter.

ii) The second piece of correspondence came from Newcastle A.C. with regard to the disqualification of one of their athletes in the second League Race. With the help of other senior cross-country Officials the Secretary had looked into the matter and had decided that with the information available to him that the Race Referee had no alternative to the decision that he took, and his decision was upheld. However together with Newcastle the secretary wondered if protests should not come through the Clubs Team-manager and not from individual athletes, although this found some support when David Johnson, one of the Leagues Referees, stated that he would wish to interview the athletes to gain first hand knowledge of the situation it was generally agreed to make no changes to the present method.

Discussion Paper One.

After some discussion a proposal by Bill Adcocks (Coventry) that the Association should have an Executive Committee was passed unanimously. There then continued further discussion on how the Executive should be constituted, which was finally resolved by asking the Secretary in conjunction with Senior Cross Country Officials to formulate a proposal for next years A.G.M. The proposal or proposals to be sent out with next years agenda for the A.G.M.

Structure of the League (Discussion Paper Two.)

The President started proceedings on this topic by explaining that six new Clubs had applied to join the League for the coming season:- Alvis Running Club; Centurion Joggers; Harper Adams Agricultural College; Northbrook A.C.; Potteries Marathon A.C. and Sandwell Valley Running Club. Of these Alvis Running Club and Northbrook A.C. were not affiliated to the M.C.C.C.A. therefore they could not be considered for membership of the League as the rules state that any Club wishing to join the League must be affiliated to the M.C.C.C.A.

The Secretary also reminded the President that there were three Clubs who had reapplied to join the League :- Droitwich A.C.; Harborne Harriers; and West Bromwich Harriers. These Clubs were all re-elected on block. Aston University had not reapplied to join the League.

The President then put to the meeting the question of whether they were in favour or not of the four Clubs being given an invitation to join the League. John Nolan proposed and Keith Banks seconded a proposal that the Clubs be given an invitation to join the League. Proposal passed by 33 votes to 11 against.

It was then agreed in principal that the present structure of the League had just about reached saturation point, however after discussion with possible third division Clubs who might promote a fixture in the coming season, it was decided to add the new Clubs to the Third Division and to leave the first and second divisions as they stand at present.

If there are new Clubs applying next season then the League, if it is to accept new applicants, will have to look into the possibility of forming a fourth division of some description or other. The Secretary then made the point that if new clubs were accepted then he thought a maximum of 800 athletes could be coped with by himself when doing the results, without making life too unbearable for him.

Fixtures & Venues.

	1st.Division.	2nd.Division.	3rd.Division.
November 5th.1983.	Birchfield.	Redditch.	Tamworth.
November 26th.1983.	Gloucester.	Leamington	Massey Ferguson.
January 28th. 1984.	Solihull.	Cheltenham.	Sutton Coldfield.
February 18th.1984.	Tipton.	Rugby.	Michelin.

Telford also applied for a Division Two race but in a vote lost out. The President thanked them for offering to put on a race and asked them to apply again next year when he thought they would be looked upon favourably.

Election of Officers.

President :- Mr. Ken Dare proposed Mr. Ken Evans (Wolverhampton & Bilston) and was seconded by Basil Heatley the outgoing President, Ken was unanimously elected by the meeting.

Ken Evans has acted as a League Referee for many seasons both in Division One and Division Two. As Secretary of the very successful Wolverhampton and Bilston A.C. he has always found time to help organisations such as the Birmingham League. We are grateful for all the work that Ken puts in on our behalf and wish him an enjoyable year as President.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

C.B. Franks.

Proposed D. Johnson.

Auditor

David McNamee. Proposed K. Dare.

	1st.Division.	2nd.Division.	3rd.Division.
Race Secretary	Bill Carr	Henry Mortimer.	John Buckby.
Referees	Ken Walklate	David Johnson.	Jim Skidmore.
Timekeepers.	Arthur Birt.	Cliff Grant.	John Andrews.
	Derek Bacon.	Ted Clifford.	John Perkins.
	Ted Powner.		

Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A. :- Derek Bacon; David Johnson and Roy Tilling.

Affiliations.

Ken Dare proposed a rise in affiliation to £7-00p., however Basil Heatley proposed an amendment to the proposition asking for the affiliation to be raised to £8-00. Ken dropped his proposal in favour of the amendment. The Amendment was carried by a large majority.

CLUBS PLEASE NOTE THAT AFFILIATION FEE OF EIGHT POUNDS (£8 -00.) IS NOW DUE. NO CLUB WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN THE FIRST LEAGUE RACE UNLESS THEIR AFFILIATION HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.

Any Other Business.

Basil Heatley gave out one or two M.C.C.C.A. notices, one stating that he was still taking entries for the Everill Cup.

Graham Heeley made a proposal that the Secretary should get the League Trophies photographed and to look into the cost of valuation and insurance of the League Trophies. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

Date of the 59th.A.G.M.

The date of the 59th.A.G.M. of the League will be the 12th. of September 1984 at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. This date could be put back one week if it clashes with the Birchfield Midland International Games.

There being no further business the President thanked Roy Tilling and Birchfield Harriers for the use of their Club room for the meeting. He also thanked the delegates for their attendance. The meeting closed at 22:32hrs.

Make-up of League.

1st Division.	2nd.Division	3rd.Division.
Birchfield Harriers.	Bromsgrove & Redditch.	Birmingham Prisons A.C.
Birmingham University.	Cannock Chase A.C.	Burton A.C.
City of Stoke A.C.	Cheltenham & County.	Centurion Joggers
Coventry Godiva Harriers.	Halesowen A.C.	Dudley & Stourbridge.
Gloucester A.C.	Leamington C & A.C.	Droitwich A.C.
Solihull & Small Heath.	Newcastle A.C.	Harborne Harriers.
Sparkhill Harriers.	Rugby & District A.C.	Harper Adams Agricult. Coll.
Staffordshire Moorlands.	Shrewsbury & District.	Loughborough University.
Tipton Harriers.	Stourport A.C.	Lozells Harriers.
Wolverhampton & Bilston.	Telford A.C.	Massey Ferguson
	Warley A.C.	Michelin A.C.
	Worcester A.C.	Nuneaton Harriers.
	3rd.Division Cont.	Potteries Marathon A.C.
	Stafford A.C.	Rowheath Harriers.
	Tamworth A.C.	Royal Doultons A.C.
	Wenlock Olympians.	Royal Sutton Coldfield.
	West Bromwich Harriers.	Sandwell Valley Running Club.

11. 16/10/84
12/9/84

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.
Names and addresses of Club Secretaries and League Officials.
1983 - 1984.

President :- Ken Evans, 27, Langley Road, Merryhill, Wolverhampton, Staffs. (0902 765409)
Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Glos. (0242 26548)

Division One.

Race Secretary :- B. Carr, 28, Newman Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton, West Mid. (021 556 2366)
Referee :- K. Walklate, 31, Werburgh Drive, Trentham, Stoke on Trent, ST4 8SP. (658858)
Timekeepers :- D. Bacon, 86, Baldwins Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 0QE. (021 745 2951)
A. Birt, 20, Wilton Road, Gloucester. (27519)
E. Powner, 7, Field End Close, Trentham, Stoke on Trent, (657057)
Birchfield Harriers. J.D. Griffiths, 146, Lazy Hill Rd., Aldridge, Walsall, W.M. (0922 52667)
Birmingham University Cross Country Captain, Sports Union, B'ham University, Edgbaston, B'ham.
City of Stoke A.C. J. Mountford, 8, Arbourfield Drive, Berryhill, Stoke on Trent. (0782 264730)
Coventry Godiva Har. P. Miller, 6, Arnold Avenue, Styvechale, Coventry, CV3 5LX. (0203 411290)
Gloucester A.C. T. Haines, 48, The Triangle, Gloucester. (94 410885)
Solihull & Small Heath. K. Dare, 106, Bryn Arden Road, Birmingham, B26 1JY. (021 706 5245)
Sparkhill Har. G. Heeley, 46, Painswick Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 0HF. (021 777 5322)
Staffs. Moorland. M. Bishop, 67, Beggars Lane, Leek, Staffs. (0538 384308)
Tipton Harriers. D. Fownes, 18, Mayfair Gdns., Park Lane Estate, Tipton, West Mid. (021 557 5992)
Wolverhampton & Bil. G. Lock, 19, Wistwood Hayes, Moseley Parklands, Bushbury, Wolverhampton.
(0902 782987)

Division Two.

Race Secretary :- H. Mortimer, 19, St. Nicholas Road, Radford Semele, Leamington Spa, Warks., CV31 1UJ
Referee :- D. Johnson, 18, Summerfield Avenue, Halesowen, Birmingham. (Bus. 021 236 0465)
Timekeepers :- C. Grant, 6, Waverley Crescent, Romsley, Near Halesowen, B'ham. (710659)
E. Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warks. (0926 20765)
Bromsgrove & Redd. J. Robinson, 17, Hennalls Avenue, Redditch, Wore's. (45448)
Cannock Chase. E. Trott, 9, The Pingle, Slitting Mill, Rugeley, Staffs. (088 94 2492)
Cheltenham & Cty. D. Thomas, 122, Paygrove Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester. (31209)
Halesowen A.C. R. Bunn, 4, Pinewoods Avenue, Hagley, Stourbridge, West Mid., DY9 0JF (0562 884207)
Leamington A.C. P. Muddeman, 61, Stow Drive, Southam, Warks., (092 681 4377)
Newcastle A.C. J. Nolan, 33, Cambridge Drive, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs., ST5 3DD. (0782 625726)
Rugby & Dist. B. Ackford, 91, Lower Hillmorton Road, Rugby, Warks., (0788 3156)
Shrewsbury & Dist. D. Carter, 31, Haygate Drive, Wellington, Telford, Salop, TF1 2BX. (0952 55670)
Stourport A.C. P. Darby, 13, Dunley Road, Stourport, Wore's., DY13 0AY. (029 93 4697)
Telford A.C. K. Banks, 72, Lincoln Rd., Wrockwardine Wood, Telford, Salop, TF2 6LQ. (0952 618018)
Warley A.C. P. Wyld, 11, Grove Road, Oldbury, Warley, B68 9JL.
Worcester A.C. R. Cox, 157, Battenhall Road, Worcester, WR5 2BU. (0905 354845)

Division Three.

Race Secretary :- J. Buckby, 26, Hall Green Rd., Stone Cross, West Bromwich, West Mid. (021 588 2539)
Referee :- J. Skidmore, Trelawney, The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Mid. DY8 5BN. (038 4 283219)
Timekeepers :- J. Andrews, 15, Hazelton Road, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, B60 1EX. (0527 74057)
J. Perkins, 9, Harden Manor Court, Chadbury Rd., Halesowen, West Mid., B63 3EU.
(021 550 8829)
B'ham Prison A.C. P. Hedley, (Staff) Sec. B'ham Prison A.C., c/o H.M.P. Winson Green, Birmingham.
Burton A.C. Mrs. J.M. Bowgen, 13, Rosliston Rd., Walton on Trent, Near Burton, Staffs, DE12 8NQ.
(0283 71 2137)
Centurion Joggers. P. Gallagher, 17, Denise Drive, Kingshurst, B'ham, B37 6NN. (021 770 1108)
Dudley & Stour. B. Dickinson, 14, Cherry Tree Rd., Kingswinford, Brierley Hill, West Mid.
(0384 292299)
Droitwich A.C. D. Freer, 9, Percheron Way, Droitwich, Wore's. (0905 775493)
Harborne Har. R. Rawlins, 14, Hartledau Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.
Harper Adams Agri. S. Taylor, Cross Country Sec., Harper Adams Agricultural Coll., Near Newport,
Shropshire.
Loughborough Uni. Cross Country Captain, Loughborough Students C.C.C., Union Building, Ashby
Road, Loughborough.
Lozells Har. M. Keem, 495, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warks. (021 354 7803)
Massey Ferg. T. Lawson, 209, Upper Eastern Green Rd., Eastern Green, Coventry. (468975)
Michelin A.C. J. Nolan, 33, Cambridge Drive, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 3DD. (782 625726)
Nuneaton Har. B. Ewington, 16, Homsworth Drive, Bulkington, Nuneaton. (0203 314990)
Potteries Mar. Club. G. Millington, 4, Maylea Crescent, Sneyd Green, Stoke on Trent, ST6 2NF.
(0782 264144)
Rowheath Har. C. Holoway, 41, Amesbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8LE.
Royal Doulton. M. Lightfoot, 21, Skellern Avenue, Bradeley, ST6 7PN.
Sutton Coldfield. R. Potter, 33, Chartley Rd., Erdington, B'ham. B23 7PU. (021 328 0477)
Sandwell Valley. G. Hill, 3, Newnham Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton, West Mid. (021 556 4443)
Stafford A.C. D. Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford, ST16 3TH. (0785 53480)
Tamworth A.C. F. Gargini, 128, Summerfield Road, Tamworth.
Wenlock Olympian. R. Griffin, 20, Greenway Ave., Alveley, Bridgenorth, Shropshire.
West Bromwich. J. Buckby, 26, Hall Green Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich. (021 588 2539)

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE. (1926 - 1984)
Affiliated to the M.C.C.C.A.

President :- Ken Evans; 27, Langley Road, Merryhill, Wolverhampton.

Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

59th. Annual General Meeting.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 59th. Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium, Stadium Way, off the Walsall Road, Perry Park, Perry Barr; Birmingham. To be held on Wednesday the 12th. September 1984 at 7:30p.m.

Clubs are reminded that they are entitled to send three delegates to this meeting. Please inform your delegates of the A.G.M. and urge them to attend.

Yours faithfully

Cliff Franks.

AGENDA.

To take a pre-agenda item - Recommendation from the adhoc committee regarding the alteration to RULE SIX.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Confirm the Minutes of the 58th. A.G.M. and matters arising from them.
3. Statement of Accounts.
4. Presidents Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Adhoc Committee, proposals for the Executive Committee.
7. Recommendation for a separate declaration sheet for each race.
8. Fixtures and Venues 1st Div. : 2nd. Div. : 3rd. Div.
November 3rd. 1984 : :
November 24th. 1984 : :
January 26th. 1985 : :
February 16th. 1985 : :
9. Elections of Officers. President. Secretary/Treasurer. Auditor.
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 1st.Div. : 2nd.Div. : 3rd.Div.
Race Secretary:- : :
Referee:- : :
Judges:- : :
Timekeepers : :
Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A.(3)
10. Affiliations.
11. Any Other Business.
12. Date of the 60th. A.G.M. and Venue.

FINAL PLACINGS 1983 - 1984.

<u>1st.Division.</u>	<u>2nd.Division.</u>	<u>3rd.Division.</u>
1. Birchfield Harriers.	1. Cannock Chase A.C.	1. Massey Ferguson.
2. Tipton Harriers.	2. Bromsgrove & Redditch.	2. Wenlock Olympians.
3. Staffs. Moorland.		
4. B'ham University.	3. Warley A.C.	3. Nuneaton Harriers.
5. Coventry Godiva.	4. Halesowen A.C.	4. Michelin A.C.
6. Sparkhill Harriers.	5. Cheltenham & County Harr.	5. Royal Sutton Coldfield.
7. Gloucester A.C.	6. Worcester A.C.	6. Rowheath Harriers.
8. Solihull & Small.	7. Leamington A.C.	7. Loughborough University.
	8. Stourport A.C.	8. Stafford A.C.
9. City of Stoke A.C.	9. Rugby & District A.C.	9. Tamworth A.C.
10. Wolverhampton & Bilston.	10. Telford A.C.	10. Dudley & Stourbridge.
		11. Burton A.C.
	11. Newcastle A.C.	12. Potteries Marathon Cl.
	12. Shrewsbury & District A.C.	13. West Bromwich Harriers.
		14. Centurion Road Runners.
		15. Sandwell Valley.
		16. Droitwich A.C.
		17. Birmingham Prisons.
		18. Lozells Harriers.
		19. Royal Doulton A.C.

The following two Clubs must reapply in writing before the A.G.M. for re-election to the League:-

Harborne Harriers.

Harper Adams Agriculture College.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1983 / 1984.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>INCOME.</u>	
<u>1982/83.</u>		<u>1982/83.</u>	
£78-50	Numbers.	£240-00.	Affiliations 43 Clubs @ £8-00.
£3-00.	Affiliation M.C.C.C.A.		E.Boot.
£107-75.	League Awards.	£5-00.	F.Cull. } Donations.
£81-23.	Extra Awards.		D.Johnson.
£5-50.	Stationary (Arle School)		A.Wright.
£35-59.	Postage.	£32-15.	Extra Awards.
£5-65.	Phone.		Monies owed for extra awards
£5-60.	Envelopes.		Massey Ferguson £9-15.
£0-98.	Bank Charges.		Nuneaton £9-66.
	Excess Income.		

	£165-33.		£48-68.
	£422-99.		£18-81.
			£422-99.

BALANCE SHEET AT THE 24th. AUGUST 1984.

Cash at the Bank 31-8-1983	£44-58.	Cash at the Bank 24-8-1984.	£223-11.
Excess Income over Expenditure.	£165-33.	Monies owed for extra Awards.	£18-81.
Monies owed to the Secretary			
for the 1983/84 season.	£32-01.		
		
	£241-92.		£241-92.

C.B. Franks.

C.B. Franks., Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

D. McNamee.

D. McNamee., Hon. Auditor.

Birmingham and District Invitation Cross Country League.

Minutes of Adhok Committee
held at Basil Heatleys house on Monday the 21st of May 84

As instructed by the last A.G.M. the secretary called a meeting of leading Cross Country Officials in the area to discuss:-

Item one The A.G.M. recommendation that an Executive Committee be formed to oversee the League

Item two The ever increasing problem of numbers of Clubs and Athletes competing in the League

Present at the Meeting.

Ken Dare (President E.C.C.U.); Jim Skidmore (President M.C.C.C.A./Race Referee); Ken Evans (President Birmingham & District Cross-Country League); Basil Heatley (Secretary M.C.C.C.A.); David Johnson (Race Referee); and Cliff Franks (Hon. Secretary of League).

Apologies for Absence.

Ken Walklate (Race Referee)

Item One.

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that this adhok committee should recommend the following format for an executive committee for the Birmingham and District Invitation Cross Country League to the A.G.M. in September.

The Executive Committee shall consist of:-

- i) The President.
- ii) The Hon. Secretary
- iii) The Race Referees
- iv) One representative from

each of the Divisions, to be elected each year at the A.G.M.

This Executive should be instructed to meet once a year after the close of each season to discuss relevant matters from the preceding season. Perhaps, one of the duties of this committee shall be to make recommendations for items for discussion at the next A.G.M.

Also this Executive would have the powers of an appeals committee and as such could be asked to meet, at the discretion of the Secretary if any problems arise through out the season.

Item Two.

This item caused a great deal of discussion and many of the issues raised in the Discussion Paper Two, which was put to last years A.G.M., were talked through at length. There was by no means unanimous agreement over any of the items in the discussion document, however after much talk it was agreed to put the following proposal to the next A.G.M. to change the constitution of the League:-

Rule 6 shall be altered to read:-

That the League be divided into four divisions containing Clubs of equal strength. The two Clubs finishing first and second in the 2nd., 3rd., and 4th. Divisions to move to the higher Division, and the two Clubs at the bottom of the tables in Divisions 1; 2 and 3 to move into a lower division. Winners and runners up in each Division to receive League awards respectively, also the Individual winner, on points, in each Division to receive a League award.

It was agreed that the recommended format for each Division should be as follows:-

1st Division	10 teams.
2nd. Division	12 teams.
3rd. Division	10 teams.
4th. Division	The rest of the teams.

This proposal is to be put to the A.G.M. at the beginning of the meeting, so that the proposal, if passed, can be instituted for the 1984 - 85 season.

Two problems arise from the above proposal:-

- a) The need to find four more venues, perhaps Clubs that are now in the third Division could look to the possibilities of putting on a League fixture.
- b) Extra Officials will be needed. At the moment we are running the three Divisions on the minimum number of

Officials possible. Clubs in all Divisions could help the League considerably if they have Officials who would come out and help the League as Judges; Time-keepers; Recorders; Disc Stewards; Funnel Stewards or as a Race Secretary.

A.O.B.

It was recommended by the adhoc committee that a seperate Declaration sheet be provided to each Club for each seperate Race, this would then solve the problems of having to buy extra numbers to cope with the numbers of athletes now competing in the League.

There being no other business the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Basil Heatley and his wife for providing refreshments and a venue for the meeting.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.** 1984 **
Minutes of the 59th. Annual General Meeting held at the Alexander Stadium
Birmingham on Wednesday the 12th. September 1984 at 7:30p.m.

Present

K. Evans (President) K. Dare; J. Freeman; B. Heatley; E. Hutchins; K. Walklate; A. Wright (Past Presidents) D. McNamee (Auditor) C. B. Franks (Secretary/Treasurer) D. Bacon (Solihull & Small Heath) J. Mountford (Stoke A.C.) S. Banbury (Michelin) J. Nolan (Michelin & Newcastle) D. Thomas (Cheltenham) G. Heeley, E. Huddleday (Sparkhill) R. Bunn, K. Perry, C. Grant (Halesowen) R. Potter (Royal Sutton) H. Mortimer, P. Muddeman (Leamington) B. Ewington, U. Wilson, P. Harrison (Nuneaton) S. Smiley (Wolverhampton) J. Culshaw, P. Piper, P. Richardson (Tamworth) A. Jones, M. Glassborow, T. Lawson (Massey Ferguson) P. Miller, W. Adcocks (Coventry) M. Keen Lozells) T. Dillon (B'ham Prisons) W. Berry (Dudley & Stourbridge) T. O'Reilly, P. Gallagher (Centurion) G. Mumford, T. Allsopp, B. Foster (Sandwell Valley) D. Carter (Shrewsbury) P. Darby (Stourport) S. Walton, W. Carr (Tipton) R. Hodgkins (Wenlock) P. Powell, D. Jones, A. Lloyd (West Bromwich) J. Richards, B. Acford (Rugby) J. S. Andrews, C. Cartland, J. Louis (Rowheath) D. Johnson, Mrs. M. Johnson Warley) R. Tilling (Birchfield) J. Andrews (Bromsgrove & Redditch) There are 59 persons in attendance according to the meeting register, one less than last year which was a record attendance. However I do believe that this years attendance was greater than this as I have already added names to the list that were not on the attendance record. If your name is not above and you attended the meeting please let me know and it can be added.

Apologies

E. Trott, J. Robinson, T. Haines, P. Lisseman, J. Mills, J. Skidmore, T. Clifford and E. Powner.

Pre-Agenda Item.

Before the meeting was officially opened by the President a pre-agenda item was discussed. The recommendation from the adhoc committee that rule six should be altered to include reference to a fourth division was very fully talked through. The Pros and cons were aired fully with the following points taking up much of the discussion:-
Points for:- The fields were now getting so big that it was becoming increasingly difficult to cope a) with finding venues and b) for the overworked Officials.

The opportunity for encouraging new Clubs to partake in the sport of Cross-Country would still be possible. If a new division was not formed then the number of Clubs would have to remain as at present.

Points against:- The finding of four more venues might present a problem.
Finding a complete team of race Officials from the Clubs in Division four would also be a problem.
The Secretary informed the meeting that he felt he would not wish to cope with more than a thousand athletes when doing the results.

After giving the topic some three quarters of an hour discussion the President called for a vote which resulted in an overwhelming majority in favour of forming a fourth division. The A.G.M. proper was then allowed to proceed with:-
Minutes of the 58th. A.G.M.

The minutes of this meeting held on Wednesday the 21st. September 1983 had been circulated and were passed as a true record after a proposal by K. Walklate which was seconded by J. Nolan.

Matters arising.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had taken photographs of all the Leagues trophies. It was agreed that these photographs be kept in the minute book.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer went through the balance sheet showing how the League had made a surplus over the year of £165-33p. The main reason for the turn about in the League finances was due in the main to the increased affiliation fees last year.

The Hon. Auditor D. McNamee told the meeting that he had studied the accounts and had found them correct. The meeting thanked the auditor for his work on behalf of the association in auditing the Leagues books.

D. Johnson proposed and J. Freeman seconded that the accounts be accepted, this proposal was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer.
Presidents Report.

The President reported that he had thoroughly enjoyed his year as President and that it put the icing on the cake after being associated with the League for thirty five years, firstly as an athlete and then as an official. He was impressed with the standard of the promotions in division two and three and at the rapid way in which they got the results out

He was also impressed with the standard of running from some of the new Clubs to the League, who started out catering for the joggers of the community and who had now developed very competitive teams. Congratulations were given to Birchfield, Cannock and Massey Ferguson who had all won their respective division of the League.

Briefly the President went on to outline some of the good performances

By Birmingham League Clubs and athletes in the National and Area Championships, especially to Andy Holden and John Wilde.

The one disappointing note was the poor turn out of Young Athletes in the races put on for them by the League. He would like to see Clubs bringing more of their Young Athletes to League races.

Ken ended his report by thanking all of the Officials, Clubs who promoted fixtures for all of their work in making the League so successful. Finally he thanked the delegates for having made him President.

Secretary's Report.

Division One.

Birchfield produced their first Championship League win since 1956, they had a marvelous season winning all four League races ending up with the exceptionally low aggregate total of 261 points. Tipton finished runners up with Staffordshire Moorlands third.

Andy Holden who finished 9th; 3rd; 3rd; and 4th. took the individual title and it was pleasing to see him go on to gain selection for England in the World Cross-Country Championships in New York. The division itself supplied four different individual winners for the second year running. Winners of the four races were Dave Moorcroft (Coventry); Richard Partridge and Steve Emson (Birchfield) and John Wilde (Tipton)

Division Two.

Like the first division this division turned out to be a one horse race with Cannock winning all four races comfortably. The second promotion spot, however, was keenly contested with first Worcester and Halesowen making the early challenge only to be overhauled by Warley and Bromsgrove and Redditch in the last two races. Bromsgrove finishing the stronger of the two and clinching the second promotion spot.

Despite Cannock providing all four individual winners as well, Paul Davies-Hale winning three races and Kenny Baker taking the other, Ian Atkins of Worcester won the Individual title with 21 points.

Division Three.

The third division provided the most exciting team races of all three divisions with Nuneaton making the early running, holding the League leadership after the first two races. However, Massey Ferguson were getting stronger with every race and took over the League leadership after the third race, a lead they were not to relinquish. Nuneaton still held the second promotion spot but Wenlock had closed to within 30 points of the Warwickshire Club with one race to go. This late charge by Wenlock was to stand them in good stead, for they finished second to Massey Ferguson in the final race and hence gained promotion into the bargain.

D. Leese of Michelin ran consistently well finishing no lower than 9th. place to take the individual title of the third division.

Young Athletes.

The secretary reiterated the President's words in being disappointed with the turn out in the Young Athletes races, with only 38 competitors as the biggest field in any of the races and 13 being the lowest number of competitors. He made comment of whether it was still worth while running a Young Athletes race in conjunction with the League.

RACE FACTS.

	<u>First Division.</u>	<u>Second Division.</u>	<u>Third Division.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
First Races.	212	236	276	724.
Second Races.	156	206	275	637.
Third Races.	185	184	316	685.
Fourth Races.	152	163	244	559.
Totals	705	789	1111	

These figures represent record fields in all divisions. This is the first time ever that over five hundred athletes have turned out in each of the four League dates.

The secretary informed the meeting that he had called a meeting of Senior League and Cross-Country Officials in the area to discuss such matters as a fourth division and the make up of an executive committee for the League as last years A.G.M. had instructed him. Minutes of this meeting had been circulated.

The secretary concluded his report by thanking the following:-

Arthur Wright; Frank Cull; David Johnson and Ernie Boot for their kind donations to the League.

Race Officials:- Ken Walklate; Dave Johnson; and Jim Skidmore (Race Referees)
Bill Carr; Henry Mortimer; and John Buckby (Race Secretaries)
Arthur Birt; Derek Bacon; Cliff Grant; Ted Powner; Ted Clifford; John Andrews; and John Perkins. (Timekeepers.)

Ever helpful hands:- Muriel Johnson; Ken Dare; Jack Freeman; Pete Lisseman; Ted Hutchins; Tom Talbot; Basil Hantley and his wife.

Finally the secretary thanked the President for his support throughout his year of office

On discussion of the Secretary's Report, the question was raised of why it takes so long for the results to appear in Athletics Weekly. The meeting was informed by some of its members that some of their Club athletes had complained about how long the results took to get in the magazine. The Secretary then made the statement that he got the results to Athletics Weekly as soon as it was possible for him to do so i.e. the same time if not slightly before the Clubs received their full copy of the results. However he thought that it was perhaps the policy of Athletics Weekly to put in all the League results for a particular Saturday in at the same time. Hence it was usually four to five weeks after the race had taken place before it was printed. He added that he thought the Birmingham League usually did very well compared with other Leagues on the number of finishers that Athletics Weekly printed.

One solution to the problem put forward was that the first ten from each division be sent to Athletics Weekly with the first three teams. This was however dismissed by the meeting in favour of the Secretary writing to the Editor asking if it would be possible for the League to have its results put in more promptly.

G. Heeley proposed and K. Dare seconded the adoption of the Presidents and Secretaries Reports with a vote of thanks to both of them. This was unanimously carried.
Adhoc Committees Proposal for Executive Committee.

J. Nolan proposed and K. Richards seconded that the adhoc committees recommendation be accepted. This was passed unanimously. The recommendation reads:-

The Executive Committee shall consist of:-

i) The President.

ii) The Hon. Secretary.

iii) The Race Referees.

iv) One representative from each

of the four divisions, to be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

That the Executive should meet at least once a year; soon after the season closes to discuss relevant matters for the the preceding season and the A.G.M. This committee could be called more than once a year if it was thought necessary and will have the power to act as an appeals committee.

Declaration Sheets.

It was proposed by H. Mortimer and seconded by K. Dare that a separate declaration sheet be issued to each Club at each fixture. This would have several advantages in that in wet weather if the sheet got damaged it would not be needed again after that fixture, also it would save on the number of numbers needing to be issued. The motion was unanimously endorsed.

Fixtures & Venues.

	<u>Div. 1.</u>	<u>Div. 2.</u>	<u>Div. 3.</u>	<u>Div. 4.</u>
Nov. 3rd. 84	Birchfield	Telford	Tamworth	Centurion R.R.
Nov. 24th. 84	Coventry	Massey Ferguson	Nuneaton	Royal Doulton/Potteries
Jan. 26th. 85	Tipton	Leamington	Royal Sutton	Burton
Feb. 16th. 85	Solihull	Rugby	Michelin	Droitwich

Election of Officers.

President:- Mr. Ken Dare proposed Mr. John Andrews (Bromsgrove & Redditch) and was seconded by Mr. Ken Walklate. John was elected unanimously by the meeting.

John's first connection with the League was as a competitor in the 1940's (and he's still 21?) For at least the last twelve years John has been the mainstay of Timekeeping in the third Division. Whilst his Club have moved between all three Divisions during these years John has always been willing to fill the gap in the Third Division and not said "My Clubs gone up I'll go up with them" It is pleasing to see that in John's year of President, his Club have gone into the First Division, so he will see them for the first time for some time in the League competing at the highest level. We thank him for all the hard work he has done for us in the past and wish him an enjoyable year as President.

Hon Secretary/Treasurer :- C. B. Franks. proposed J. Freeman, seconded B. Heatley.

Auditor:- David McNamee. proposed W. Berry, seconded B. Heatley.

The Auditor Dave McNamee was thanked by the meeting for his continued service on behalf of the League by the delegates present.

	<u>1st Div.</u>	<u>2nd Div.</u>	<u>3rd Div.</u>	<u>4th Div.</u>
Race Secretary.	W. Carr	H. Mortimer.	B. Ewington.	T. O'Reilly.
Referees.	D. Johnson.	K. Evans.	J. Skidmore.	E. Hutchings.
Timekeepers.	D. Bacon	E. Powner.	J. Perkins.	
	A. Birt.	C. Grant.	B. Jackson.	
		E. Clifford.		
Judges.	Mrs. M. Johnson.	K. Walklate.	J. Freeman	
		P. Lisseman.		

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TWO TIMEKEEPERS AND A JUDGE FOR DIVISION FOUR, ANY OFFERS PLEASE TO THE SECRETARY