

Proposals etc. for League Programme for the coming season.

At the outset, the Harborne delegates informed the meeting that they were present at the request of their committee to ascertain what conditions they would have to fulfill should they become members. Those present were greatly in favour of their joining, but until the matter had been put before their Committee, they regretted that they could give no definite promise at the moment.

The Chairman stated that should they decide to join, Harborne Harriers would be welcomed as a most suitable Club, their courses, accommodation, and management, being all that could be desired. It was decided that the Harborne delegates be invited to take part in the discussion, with voting power if necessary.

Mr. J. Mc. Kenna proposed that the method of racing be altered from home and away fixtures to a combined run of all Clubs at each headquarters. He agreed that the home and away fixtures last season were most enjoyable, but that no harm would be done to make a further experiment.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. R. S. Angell.

In support of the proposal, Mr. B. Dashford stated that with combined races, and large amount of useful experience would be gained, for the races would resemble miniature championships. In each race there would be upwards of 150 runners, and it would mean that each club would have to make special arrangements on one Saturday in the season for their accommodation. Further, the period of racing would be decreased, and such a competition would mean that there would probably a direct championship result obtainable, and, we should therefore, not be called upon to bear the cost of two sets of Gold Medals.

After a long discussion, the motion was eventually carried.

It was decided that a copy of these minutes be sent to the Clubs who were not represented, asking them to let us have their views in good time to enable us to go prepared with our programme to the Midland Counties A.C.C. Association meeting on Thursday Aug. 26th.

It was decided that a delegates meeting should be held in the second week of September for the purpose of drawing up rules of competition etc.

The meeting was then declared closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A. E. Maclean
Sept. 14/27.

L. W. Aday
Chairman

THE BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.
Delegates Meeting held at Exchange Restuarant, Mon. Oct.4/1926.

Chairman. Mr.T.W.ADEY (Lozells H)
Present.

SMETHWICK H. Messrs. R.Howard, W.F.Watson, W.Lindsay.
LOZELLS H. Messrs. R.J.Serleys, J.Girling, F.Canning.
WEDNESBURY H. Messrs. T.H.Millington and W.Duffield.
SMALL HEATH H. Messrs. A.Wroe and E.T.Hughes.
DUDLEY H. & A.C. Messrs. R.Newey, W.Paskin, W.Homer, M.Weaver.
and
Mr.J.Mc.Kenna (Hon.Treasurer and Small Heath Harriers)
Mr.B.Bashford (Hon.Secretary and Smethwick Harriers)

An apology was announced from Mr.C.E.Lindsay.

The Minutes of Meeting held on Aug.20th.1926 were read and duly confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING.

The Hon.Sec. stated that copies of Minutes had been send to Dudley H. Wednesbury H. and West Bromwich H.

A letter was read from Mr.H.A.Butler regretting his inability to accept the presidency, and it was decided that Mr.J.R.Roberts (Dadley H.) be asked to accept.

A letter was read from West Bromwich Harriers stating that they agreed with combined races.

A letter was read from Harborne Harriers stating that they had decided not to apply for membership this season.

Mr.M.Weaver stated that his Club were not in favour of combined races. After a discussion the question was put to the vote, and it was agreed by 10 votes to 5 that combined races be held.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

An application from Walsall Harriers Athletic Club was accepted

An application from Sparkhill H. had since been withdrawn.

DELEGATES TO MIDLAND COUNTIES CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.

The following were elected to represent the League.

MR.C.E.Lindsay (Smethwick H)	104, Farm Rd. Langley.
Mr.A.Wroe (Small Heath H.)	97, Bristol Road, Birmingham.
Mr.A.Wesson (Wednesbury H.)	Hall End, Wednesbury.

FIXTURES.

1926. November 6th. at Walsall.
November 20th. at Small Heath.
December 18th. at Lozells.

1927. January 1st. at Smethwick.
January 22nd. at Dudley.
February 19or26th. at Wednesbury.

Should West Bromwich H. decide to continue as members,

their race to be held at West Bromwich on March 19th.

It was decided that West Bromwich Harriers be given until Thursday evening Oct. 7th. to state whether they wish to continue their membership.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Several desirable rules were read by Mr. J. Mc. Kenma, and it was decided to send a copy of these to the Clubs in membership.

The meeting was then declared closed.

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T. Noake.

Delegates Meeting held at The Exchange Restaurant, Bham
Thursday January 20th 1927.

Chairman Mr. J. Noaks

<u>Quilley M.A.C.</u>	M. Weaver	R. Newey
<u>Lovells M.</u>	J. Wadley,	J. Kibble.
<u>Small Heath M.</u>	E. J. Hughes.	A. H. Roe.
<u>Widnesbury M.</u>	J. K. Mullington.	
<u>Walsall M.A.C.</u>	P. Cook	
<u>Smethwick M.</u>	G. C. Lindsay,	H. J. Watson, R. Howard.
	and	

Mr. J. McKenna (Small Heath & Hon. Treasurer)

Mr. B. Baskford (Smethwick M. & Hon. Secretary)

The Minutes of Committee Meeting held on October 21/1926 were read and duly confirmed.

Proposed. Mr. M. Weaver, seconded. A. H. Roe.

Business Arising

It was announced that Mr. J. R. Roberts had consented to become President.

With regard to the Fixture at Wednesbury, it was confirmed that this race be held on February 26.

Finance.

The Hon. Treasurer gave a report on the finances of the League during which he stated that The Sunday Mercury had been communicated with re their verbal promise to give a set of Medals this season, asking for definite information in this respect. The Hon. Secretary had also written. No reply to either Communication had been received.

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It was felt therefore that steps should be taken to procure funds for the purpose of obtaining this Season's medals, and to wipe out last year's deficit we had, therefore, asked the Hon. Secretary to get out collecting boards for each of the six Clubs in Membership, and it was hoped that those concerned would do their best to make the effort a successful one.

It was proposed by Mr. J. H. Mullington and seconded by Mr. E. J. Hughes that cards be circulated.

The Hon. Treasurer was given permission to pay the following accounts.

Factorini & Sons.	Medals.	£6 on 7/6.
Colmore Press.	Numbers.	13/6.

Arrangement for presentation of Shield and Medals:-

It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary should make arrangements with the White Horse Hotel for a concert and presentation of prizes after the last Race.

Individual Medal

After a long discussion it was decided that the Individual Medal be awarded to:

The runner counting the most points in races 10 points to count for a win, and so on, 1 for tenth place.

The Medal to be of the same value as those given to Winning Team.

Prizes

It was agreed that 6 Gold Medals (at 10/-) be awarded the League Champions, and six Silver Medals to the runners up.

M^r. G. Lindsay gave notice of motion as follows to be included on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting:-

That Prizes for the season be fixed

Inter League Race.

The verbal suggestion of the Warwickshire Cross Country Association that a match between the two leagues came in for the long discussion, and it was decided that they should be invited to take part in such at the "Bulls Head" Yardley on March 5.

General Business

M^r. G. Lindsay asked whether it would be possible to run a small sports Meeting, and it was agreed that same should be placed on the Agenda for the February meeting.

The Meeting was then declared closed.

J. W. Adley

Delegates meeting at White Horse Hotel, Birmingham
Monday Aug. 22nd. 1957

Chairman Mr J. W. Adey (Loyals Cb)

Neasbury Cb. J. H. Millington. A. Knowles. H. W. Bluck

Dualy Cb. Mr Weaver. W. Pashin.

Small Heath Cb. J. Roake.

Smechurcl Cb. R. Howard

and

J. M. Kenner, Hon. Sec (Small Heath Cb.) & B. Bashford (Hon. Sec)
Smechurcl Harriers).

The minutes of meeting held on January 20th 1957
were read and confirmed.

Business Arising

It was stated that no reply had been received
from "The Sunday Mercury" re medals.

With regard to Inter-League Race, with
Warwickshire C. C. League. Although the latter
body were in favour, the date chosen was that
of the Inter Counties Championship, and the
idea, therefore, had to be abandoned for the time
being.

Proposals for the Coming Season

A long discussion took place re arrangements
for the coming season, during which it was
decided to recommend the following to the
Annual General Meeting.

1. That the League membership be still
confined to the existing six Clubs
2. That a vote be taken on the question
of whether home and away fixtures

or combined races be held.
③ That Home Clubs devise means and ways to raise funds at each League fixture, with the possibility of a levy.

Finance

Mr. J. McKenna gave a statement of the League's financial position, which showed that since the inauguration of the League

The Expenditure had been

Receipts

showing a deficit of £9.17.7.

It was essential that this deficit should be cleared of prior to the commencement of the new season, and it was decided to ask each Club to raise the sum of £20 as their share in an attempt to put the League in a sound financial position.

An offer from Ince Church Co was received wherein they stated they had decided to send 2 Books of their Christmas Draw tickets to the Clubs, 50% of the proceeds of the sale of which would be handed to the League Hon. Treasurer.

Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that this meeting be held on September 14th.

The meeting was then declared closed.

A. E. Mackin
Oct. 13. 27

Chairman.

Annual General Meeting
held at The White Horse Hotel
Wednesday Sept. 14th 1927.

Chairman Mr. A. E. Machin.

Present:

Smeethurst Co.	R. Howard.	J. A. Bassford.	A. Wheeler
Small Heath Co.	J. Noake.	A. Wise.	E. J. Hughes.
Mednesbury Co.	A. Knowles.	R. James.	J. C. Millington.
Loyell's Co.	E. Screeys.	J. W. Adey.	J. Kettle
Dudley Co.	M. Weaver.	W. Homer.	R. Newey

Also the following unregistered delegates.
G. Barnett. A. E. Howard (Smeethurst) J. G. Ashton
(Small Heath) W. J. Garnion. A. Wilson (Loyell's Co.)
and

J. McCanna (Hon. Treasurer)	Small Heath Co.
B. Washford. (Hon. Secretary)	Smeethurst Co.

The Minutes of A. G. M. held on August 20th 1926 were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary's report circulated to delegates present was taken as read.

The Hon. Treasurer gave a report on the League's finances, in which he announced the receipt of 10/6^d donation from Mrs. J. Watson (Dobby).

Election of Officials

President Mr. A. E. Machin was asked to accept, but asked to reserve his decision until the retiring President had been asked whether he would again take office or otherwise.

Vice-Presidents: Alf Cannon, J. Knowles, G. E. Lindsay
J. Roberts, G. A. Porter.

Hon. Treasurer Mr. J. McKenna.
Secretary - B. Bashford.
Auditors Messrs J. H. Millington, W. Garrison.

Discusses It was decided that combined races again be held, and the following were arranged.

Oct. 29. Dudley
Nov. 11. Loyello
Dec 17. Small Heath
Dec 31. Wednesbury
Jan 21. Walsall

with the first race at Incehwell on a date to be agreed upon.

Prizes It was agreed that the seasons awards be deferred until a meeting to be held prior to the first league race.

General Business. The Hon. Secretary asked what action should be taken should Walsall H. not continue their membership. He was instructed to write a registered letter asking Walsall to state their intentions, and should they resign, invitations should be issued to best Bromwich upportwell bowlers.

The meeting was then declared closed, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin for presiding.

Chairman J. W. Atley.
Sept. 5th 1898.

Delegates meeting held at The Exchange Restaurant.

Thursday October 13/57.

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Chairman

M^r. A. E. Machin.

Present.

Vice-Presidents :-	A. G. Cannon. C. E. Lindsay Esq. Porter.
Sparkhill H ^o :-	J. Kelley & Wakefield A. B. Chess.
Dudley H ^o :-	R. Newey, W. Parkin. W. Weaver
Letchworth H ^o :-	J. A. Bashford. R. Howard. A. Wheeler.
Widnesbury H ^o :-	R. A. James I. H. Millington.
Small Heath H ^o :-	E. J. Hughes.
Lozells H ^o .	J. W. Adey J. E. Kibble.

and.

J. M. Keena (Hon. Treasurer)
R. Bashford (Hon. Secretary)

An apology was announced from M^r. R. Roberts (L.P.)

At the outset of the meeting M^r. A. E. Machin was unanimously elected president for the ensuing season.

Excursion of Club vice Walsall H^o & A. C.

The Hon. Sec. stated that invitations had been sent to

West Bromwich H^o

Sparkhill H^o.

The latter Club expressed their willingness to become members, and they were accordingly elected to membership.

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Business

The two outstanding fixtures were arranged as follows :-
Jan'y 14. Sparkhill
Mar. 3 Letchworth

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Finance

Mr. McKenna gave a report on the financial position during which he stated that he would require at least £7 to cover the cost of the Medals for the ensuing season. X

An appeal to Clubs had been made asking them to each raise £2. Should this be realized £12 would be raised in this manner.

Mr. A. E. Machin kindly gave £2.2.0 towards the funds.

It was decided that Card numbers should be purchased (6-300) and that each club in membership be charged 4/6d for the 50 numbers allotted to them. The cost of the numbers would be 13/6d.

Individual Championship

A long discussion took place as to the method to be adopted in determining the individual Championship, and it was eventually decided to count 25 points for the actual winner down to 1 point for the competitor in the 25th position.

The meeting was then declared closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A. E. Machin
Feb. 23/26
Chairman.