

Minutes of the

8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Held at the White Horse Hotel Congreve Street Bham, Wednesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1933.

The President J R Roberts occupied the Chair, and in attendance were A. G. Cannon C E Lindsay J Dainty and A. S. Grimley. (Vice Presidents) J Lees E J Yardley S G Kinsell (Stourbridge A.C.) C. Hubbard E. Morson J Wright (West Bromwich H.) P. V. Dyer H. J. Howe (Small Heath H.) E. W. Lindsey W. Taylor (Ludley H.) W. Allen G. Edwards (Smethwick H.) J. Hyde L. Critchlow W. A. Dobson. Sparkhill M. J. W. Adey. (Logells H.) B. Bashford (Press) and M. Weaver Hon Sec. Treas.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read confirmed and signed

Proposed by J R Roberts } That the Balance Sheet as presented  
Seconded by C E Lindsay } by M. Weaver be accepted.  
A Balance in Hand of £2-0-8 was reported.

Pro. M. Weaver } That Rules be printed and revised  
Sec. C E Lindsay } where necessary

The officials for 1933-4 were elected. President J R Roberts  
Vice Presidents S Law W Caldwell J J Dainty C E Lindsay  
A. E. Porter A. G. Cannon C. H. Frame and A. S. Grimley  
Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer M Weaver  
Hon Auditor. A. S. Grimley. Delegate. McACCA. J Hyde

Owing to only six clubs competing many suggestions were put forward as to the best method of deciding the season's races after much discussion and voting it was decided to form one League and to hold four races, destination of races to be drawn for from the competing clubs

Due to the lack of accommodation Sparkhill agreed to forego their fixture at Home

Dates and venues were fixed as follows

November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Somethwick
" 18 <sup>th</sup>	Stourbridge
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Small Heath
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dudley H.

Mr Roberts (Dudley H.) thanked the League clubs for their attendance and support given at the Dudley Harriers Sports

It was agreed to give first and second medals to the successful clubs the same value as last season.

Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman

Chairman

25.9.24

BIRMINGHAM CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting held at  
the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, Birmingham.

Tuesday 25 September 1934.

In the absence of the President, Mr C.E.Lindsay occupied the chair and in attendance were the following:- Messrs.A.S.Grimley (Vice-President) W.H.Dobson, J.Hyde, A.B.Hollyhead, A.L.Westwood, G.Edwards, H.Glover, A.E.Blakeman, P.P.Dyer, J.E.Jones, J.Lees, T.W.Adey, T.F.Beddoes, A.E.Wilson, B.Bashford and M.Weaver (Hon.Sec)

The Minutes of the last annual general meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Business Arising. The secretary stated that owing to only one division being formed new rules were not needed and were not put in print as recorded in minutes.

Balance Sheet. Proposed A.B.Hollyhead and seconded G.Edwards that the balance sheet as presented be accepted. Cash in hand £2.11.0d was reported. Secretary stated that he had League shield reconditioned and club winners names engraved up to date.

Lozells Harriers. Proposed P.P.Dyer and seconded A.L.Westwood and carried that Lozells Harriers be re-elected to membership.

Election of officials.

The following officials were elected for season 1934-5.

President. Mr.C.E.Lindsay (Smethwick H.)

Vice Presidents: Messrs.J.R.Roberts, C.H.Frame, A.S.Grimley, S.Law, T.J.Dainty, F.Staite, A.G.Cannon, and A.L.Westwood.

Hon.Secretary & Treasurer. Mr.M.Weaver.

Hon.Auditor: Mr.A.S.Grimley.

Delegate to Midland C.C.A. Mr.B.Bashford.

Season's programme. Proposed P.P.Dyer and seconded A.L.Westwood that four races be promoted as last season, venues to be drawn for and clubs not having a race shall be allotted one next season.

Venues and dates were then drawn for as follows:-

Smethwick. 3 November 1934.  
Lozells. 17 November 1934.  
Dudley. 15 December 1934.  
Sparkhill. 19 January 1935.

Stourbridge and Small Heath Harriers do not promote a race but have first choice next season.

MEDALS. A suggestion by Mr. A.S. Grimley ~~xxxxxx~~ that the names of winning clubs be engraved on the League medals met with general approval, and it was decided that the League defray cost of same. Medals to be as last season for first and second teams.

SCORING. It was agreed to bring the disc system into operation for the forthcoming races. An offer by Mr. W.H. Dobson (Sparkhill H.) to provide 150 checks was accepted and thanks were accorded for the splendid offer.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS. A delegate asked if clubs promoting races would please give visitors notice as to the best way of reaching their headquarters. It was agreed that the local Secretary should advise visitors.

Lozells Harriers' Open Handicap. Mr. Grimley stated that his Club (Lozells Harriers) were promoting an open cross country handicap and he appealed to clubs in membership of the League for their support.

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

Chindsay  
2.10.35

Minutes of League Delegates Meeting Held at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, Birmingham Saturday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1935.

The President presided and each club was represented.

It was agreed to call the annual general meeting for Wednesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1935 at the White Horse Hotel, Bham.

It was proposed and seconded that Tepton Harriers and Harborne Harriers compete in League for coming season 1935-6

Chindsay  
2.10.35

BIRMINGHAM CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE. 1934-5.

RULES.

1. That the name of the League be "The Birmingham and District Invitation Cross Country League".
2. That the objects of the League be the promotion of Combined races. Any number of runners may compete.
3. That the management of the League be vested in President, Vice Presidents (one from each club with power to add) three delegates from each club, and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
4. That the headquarters be the White Horse Hotel, Birmingham.
5. Races to be confined to first-class members and the rules of the M.C.A.A.A. and the M.C.A.C.C.A. to apply.
6. The distance of the races to be 5 to 7 miles and races to be counted on championship lines.
7. League champions to hold the "Sunday Mercury" shield for twelve months or less. Winners and runners up to receive medals not above value of club's total contributions.
8. Club subscriptions to be £1.1.0d. plus monies for numbers, i.e. 4/2d.
9. Each race to be started by an appointed starter and a referee, who will be in sole charge of any disputes and he shall decide all points on the day of the race.
10. The Hon. Secretary shall fix Judges and officials for each race.
11. Number of races to be decided at each annual general meeting.
12. *any Club failing to complete a team in all fixtures do not rank in the final League placings*

Winters 1949-50 Div. 1. Birchfield H. runs up Small Heath Harrier  
" " " Div. 2. Smethwick Harrier " " St Gregorys (Cheltenham)  
" " " Div. 3. Oldbury A.C. " " Tamworth A.C.

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Winters 1950-51 Div. 1. Tipton A. runs up Small Heath Harrier  
" " " Div. 2. Halesowen A.C. " " Stourbridge and Westley A.  
" " " Div. 3. Sparkhill A. " " R.A.F. Bridgnorth.

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Winters 1951-52 Div. 1. Birchfield H. runs up Small Heath Harrier  
Div. 2. Bromsgrove A.C. " " Smethwick Harrier  
Div. 3. Lyells A. " " Hasborne Harrier

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the "White Horse"  
Hotel, Wednesday October 2nd 1935.

PRESENT. Chair: Mr.C.E.Lindsay (Smethwick H.) and the following:-

Vice President.	A.G.Cannon.
Smethwick H.	S.Young, H.Glover.
Sparkhill H.	W.H.Dobson, A.B.Hollyhead, J.Hyde.
Stourbridge H.	T.Lees.
Dudley H.	E.W.Lindsey, R.Newey.
Harborne H.	C.E.Shaw, J.R.Bryan, J.Peace.
Lozells H.	A.Robinson, A.Wilson.
Tipton H.	G.E.Rew.
Small Heath H.	H.Grant, J.R.Jones, P.P.Dyer.
A.S.Grimley (Hon.Auditor).	
B.Bashford and M.Weaver.	(Hon.Secretary and Treasurer).

The minutes of the last annual general meeting held on 25th September 1934 were read and confirmed, while the action of a delegates meeting held on 14th September 1935 agreeing to the election of Harborne H. and Tipton was confirmed.

The statement of accounts showing a surplus of 5/6d on the season's working, and leaving a balance in hand of £2.16.6d. was adopted.

At this juncture Mr.Lindsay thanked all clubs and members for the support they had given during the past season. He said the races had been decided without the semblance of a hitch, the disc system being particularly helpful, and thanks were due to Mr.W.H. Dobson for his kindness in providing the discs.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS.

Officials for the 1935-6 season were then elected as follows:-

President: Mr.C.E.Lindsay. (Smethwick H.).  
Vice Presidents: Messrs A.G.Cannon, W.H.E.Smith.  
(Lozells H.) A.L.Westwood (Smethwick H.)  
W.E.Patrick (Tipton H.), J.R.Roberts (Dudley H.)  
J.Peace (Harborne H.), E.Luther (Stourbridge H.)  
F.Staite (Small Heath H.), C.H.Frame (Sparkhill H.)  
Hon.Secretary & Treasurer: Mr.M.Weaver.  
Hon.Auditor: Mr.A.S.Grimley.  
Delegate to Midland Counties Cross-Country  
Association: Mr.B.Bashford.

FIXTURES.

It was unanimously agreed that four races again be held.

A motion by Sparkhill H. asking that the first race should not be held before the last Saturday in November received sympathetic consideration, but as November 30th was the date of the Everill Cup Race, the Sparkhill delegates agreed to the first race being held a fortnight earlier.

The ballot for fixtures, Sparkhill and Harborne foregoing their chances, resulted as follows:-

November 16th.	Lozells H.
December 14th.	Small Heath H.
January 4th.	Dudley H.
January 25th.	Stourbridge H.

It was agreed that the four clubs without a fixture should have first chance of the 1936-7 races.

A W A R D S.

It was agreed that the awards be as in the previous season, i.e., Winners (Gold Centre Medals), Runners-up (Silver Medals), same to be presented with the Championship Shield at a function to be held at the headquarters of the Champion Club.

D I S C S.

In view of the increased membership Mr. Dobson kindly offered to provide a further 50 discs, and he was thanked accordingly.

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

Minutes of Delegates Meeting held at the White Horse Hotel  
Saturday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1936. The President C. E. Lindsay presided

It was agreed to call the Annual General Meeting for  
Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1936.

Dates and Venues for races for 1936-7. were recommended  
as follow. Sparkhill Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Tipton Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Smallthorpe  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Harborne Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

J. W. Staite



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CROWN HOTEL, CORPORATION STREET,  
BIRMINGHAM, ON 24th SEPTEMBER 1936.

Mr. F. W. Staite (Small Heath H.) presided over a representative attendance of delegates and officials.

Apologies for non-attendance were announced on behalf of Stourbridge delegates.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting also delegates meeting held September 12/1936 were adopted.

The Chairman then took the opportunity of congratulating Stourbridge Harriers on winning the Championship, saying that their success had been achieved by the wholehearted enthusiasm of their members in the face of strong opposition.

The Statement of Accounts, showing a surplus on the year's working of £2.16.6d and a balance in hand of £5. 9. 4d, were adopted.

Election of Officials.

PRESIDENT: Mr. A. S. Grimley (Lozells H.).  
proposed Mr. C. E. Lindsay. secd. Mr. W. H. Dobson.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Messrs A. G. Cannon and C. E. Lindsay.  
(past presidents) R. Beighton (Smethwick H.)  
J. Peace (Harborne H.) C. H. Frame (Sparkhill H.)  
F. W. Staite (Small Heath H.) E. Luther (Stourbridge H.)  
W. E. Patrick (Tipton H.) and T. H. Dainty (Dudley H&AC.)

HON. SECRETARY & TREASURER: Mr. M. Weaver.

HON. AUDITOR: Mr. R. T. Jones.

DELEGATES TO M.C.A.C.C.A. Mr. B. Bashford.

PICTURES: The dates and venues recommended by Special Meeting held on Sept. 12 (with the inter-change of the Sparkhill and Harborne venues) were adopted, the list being:-

October 31. at Harborne.  
November 21. at Tipton.  
December 19. at Smethwick.  
January 23. at Sparkhill.

PROPOSALS BY SMALL HEATH H. On behalf of Small Heath H. Mr.P.P.Dyer made various proposals as follows:-

- (1) That the title of the League shall be changed to "The Birmingham & District Invitation Athletic League".
- (2) That the objects of the League shall be the promotion of combined inter-club contests, cross country, track and field events.
- (3) That the League provides competitors numbers (one set only) to each club - free of charge.

The proposals were formally seconded by Mr.A.E.Wilson (Lozells H.) and after a discussion it was decided that they be referred to a special general meeting to be convened after the first race at Harborne, meanwhile clubs to take the proposals to their respective committees.

MEDALS. It was agreed that Medals as last season be awarded for the forthcoming season.

OFFICIALS BADGES. The question of Badges for race officials was raised and it was decided to obtain a quantity of celluloid badges for this purpose.

Arising from the discussion Mr.B.Bashford kindly offered to provide a limited number of medallions (to be procured by Mr.Grimley) for presentation to gentlemen who had given meritorious service to the League.

The Meeting was then declared closed, with Mr.Grimley tendering thanks for his election to the presidency, and promising to do all in his power to further the interests of the League during his term of office.

*A S Grimley*

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.

12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
WHITE HORSE HOTEL, CONORIVE STREET,  
BIRMINGHAM ON 29th SEPTEMBER 1937.

PRESENT: Messrs A.S.Grimley (President), J.Peace (Vice President)  
G.E.Lindsay (Past President), J.R.Bryan (Harborne H.),  
J.Loss, A.Bridge (Stourbridge H.), J.E.Jones, P.F.Dyer,  
(Small Heath H.), A.E.Wilson (Lozells H.), H.Glover,  
A.Cook (Smethwick H.), A.J.Brown (Tipton H.), B.Bashford,  
M.Weaver (Hon.Secretary and Treasurer).

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and those of special general meeting at Harborne were read and adopted.

Apologies were announced on behalf of Messrs W.E.Patrick, R.Beighton, F.W.Staite and delegates of Dudley Harriers.

The Annual Report indicated that Tipton Harriers had won the Championship after a close tussle with Stourbridge Harriers, winners the previous year. The accounts, despite an increased expenditure, showed a balance in hand of £5. 17. 6d. Upon the report being adopted, the president thanked the officials for their co-operation, and congratulated the clubs on the splendid spirit they had shown throughout the season's programme.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS.

PRESIDENT: A.S.Grimley Esq., (Lozells Harriers)  
VICE PRESIDENTS: Messrs J.Peace (Harborne H.), R.Beighton (Smethwick H.)  
C.H.Fraser (Sparkhill H.), R.Newey (Dudley H.& A.C.),  
F.W.Staite (Small Heath H.), E.Luther (Stourbridge H.)  
W.E.Patrick (Tipton H.)

HON. SECRETARY & TREASURER: Mr. M. Weaver.  
HON. AUDITOR. Mr. J. R. Bryan.  
DELEGATE TO M.C.A.C.C.A. Mr. B. Bashford.

Hon.Secretaries were asked to submit names and addresses of delegates to ensure notices being sent out correctly.

FIXTURES.

First Race: Lozells H..... 6 November 1937.  
Small Heath H..... 20 November 1937.  
Dudley H..... 18 December 1937.  
Stourbridge H..... 15 January 1938.

Sparkhill H, Smethwick H, Harborne H, and Tipton H, automatically qualify for the 1938-9 races.

Clubs were asked to advise clubs the best way of reaching their headquarters.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

HON. SECRETARIES MEMORANDUM. On the recommendation of the President, it was agreed to allow the Hon.Secretary the sum of One Guinea as out-of-pocket expenses.

CLUB COLOURS. It was agreed that clubs be asked to get members to wear club colours in all League Races.

AWARDS. Medals as previous season to be given for the 1937-8 season.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE. A motion by Mr. J. Lee that the League recognise the best individual performer in the four League Races was declared out of order, in view of the League's principal object, viz., the encouragement of team racing.

MATCH WITH WARWICKSHIRE A.A.A. It was agreed that the annual match with the Warwickshire A.A.A. be continued with, but that a more representative meeting be held to choose the team. An informal discussion as to methods of selection ensued.

TRACK LEAGUE. Mr. Dyer raised the question as to whether the League clubs could co-operate in the formation of a Summer Track League. It was agreed to convene a meeting in January to consider the possibilities of such a scheme.

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

*W. S. Grimley*