

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE. SEASON 1944-5.

President: C.A.Wright (Dudley H.&A.C.).

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:

K. Weaver.

6, Hill Crest Avenue,
Lyde Green,
Cradley, Staffs.

19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE WHITE HORSE HOTEL, B'HAM
on 29th SEPTEMBER 1944.

The President, Mr. J. Peace (Harborne H.) presided with the following in attendance:-

Dudley H.&A.C.	C.A.Wright.
Halesowen A.C.	C.T. Goode, C.D. Smith, H.A. Gould.
Harborne H.	F.E. Hurdley, A. Jones, H.F.E. Fry, V. Medlicott.
R.A.F. Cosford.	Sgt. F.S. Page.
R.A.F. Hednesford.	Sgt. J.T. Holden.
Rodditch R.A.P.O.	E.W. Carr, D.V. Treadgold.
Small Heath H.	A.J. Marlow, D.J. Marlow.
Smethwick H.	Fk. Cull, C.A. Hammond.
Sparkhill H.	A. Kenney.
Stourbridge H.	E.W. Lindsey.
10th Area Regt RA.	Lt. L.A. Welch.
Tipton H.	
Wolverhampton H.	C. Plimmer, C.M. Walsh, E.C. Stallard.

with Messrs. A.G. Cannon, B. Bashford, and K. Weaver (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Apologies were announced on behalf of J.O. Peters and W.H. Dobson (Sparkhill H.) and J. McKenna.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet. Mr. Weaver stated that both sections of the League had been fairly well supported, with Tipton H. winning the championship shield for the eighth successive season. The accounts showed a surplus on the season's working of 7/10d, representing a satisfactory state of affairs in view of the fact that the cost of medals was double that of pre-war days. The balance now in favour of the League now stood at £8.14. 2.

It was proposed by C.D. Smith, second by C.M. Walsh, and carried, that the report be accepted.

The question of the Hon. Sec's honorarium was raised, and Mr. Weaver stated it was his wish that it had not been paid, as he did not desire to show a deficit on the season's working.

Thanks were accorded Mr. E.W. Lindsey for having audited the accounts.

Membership. The following clubs were elected to membership.
REDDITCH ROAD & PATH CLUB: Propd. B. Bashford. secd. D.J. Marlow.
10th AREA REGT R.A. (Erdington) Propd. C.A. Wright. Secd. A.J. Marlow.

Smethwick H. indicated their ability to again participate in the League, but that they would have to operate from Harborne Harriers quarters until their own quarters were available. The news was received with much satisfaction.

Sgt. Holden stated that R.A.F. Hednesford might only be able to support the early season's fixtures.

Election of Officials:

President: C.A. WRIGHT (Dudley H.) propd. E.W. Lindsey, seconded D.J. Marlow.

At this stage a vote of thanks was accorded the retiring president, Mr. J. Peace suitably replying.

Vice Presidents:-

Dudley H.	W. Walker.	Smethwick.	W. Wheeler.
Halesowen.	H.A. Gould.	Sparkhill.	W.H. Dobson.
Harborne.	B. Hurdley.	Stourbridge.	A. Luther. <i>A Prof</i>
R.A.F. (C).	F/L. Nicklin.	10th Area Rgt.	Lt. L.A. Welch.
R.A.F. (H)	F/L. Edwards.	Tipton H.	S.B. Chilton.
Redditch.	E.W. Carr.	Wolverhampton:	C.H. Walsh.
Small Heath.	A.J. Marlow.		

Walsall. - Hunsley

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

E. Weaver.
B.W. Lindsey.
B. Bashford.

Hon. Auditor:

Delegate to N.C.A.C.C.A.

1944-5 Programme.

A proposal by C.T. Goode, seconded by B. Bashford, that the pre-war policy of one division only be reverted to was carried.

J. Peace proposed, seconded by C.T. Goode, that four races be held, two in the North and two in the South. Carried.

Fixtures were then arranged as follows:-

November 4.	Stourbridge.
December 16.	Smethwick (at Harborne).
February 10	Wolverhampton.
March 17.	Halesowen.

It was agreed that three sets of medals be again awarded, with four men per club to count as last season.

General Business.

A.C. Cannon proposed, B. Hurdley seconded, that Clubs be asked to nominate in writing Vice Presidents for future A.C.H.'s.

Mr. Goode asked that promoting clubs should send out full result sheets. It was felt that this was a League responsibility; one that had been carried out until lack of facilities prevented it. Lt. Welch was thanked for his offer of assistance in this direction.

It was proposed by E.W. Lindsey, seconded by B. Hurdley, that the Hon. Secretary should receive his usual honorarium (£1.1.0) Carried.

Hon. Secretaries addressed were advised as follows:-

<u>DUDLEY HARRIERS A.A.C.</u>	C.A. Wright, 110, Moor St. Brierley Hill.
<u>HALESOWEN A.C.</u>	C.T. Goode, 39/41, Hill St. Halesowen.
<u>HARBORNE HARRIERS:</u>	E.J. Peace, 186, War Lane, Harborne 17.
<u>R.A.F. COSFORD.</u>	P.T. Officer, R.A.F., Cosford, Wolverhampton.
<u>R.A.F. HEDNESFORD.</u>	Sports Officer, R.A.F., Hednesford, Staffs.
<u>REDDITCH R.A.P.C.</u>	E.W. Carr, Tintagel, Astwood Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch.
<u>SMALL HEATH HARRIERS.</u>	D.J. Marlow, 58, Parkerfield Rd. Kings Norton.
<u>SMETHWICK HARRIERS.</u>	Frank Cull, 47, Dibble Road, Smethwick.
<u>SPARKHILL HARRIERS.</u>	J.C. Peters, 354, Ladypool Rd. B'ham 12.
<u>STOURBRIDGE HARRIERS.</u>	J. Lees, 43, Ryder Rd. Wordsley, Stourbridge.
<u>10th AREA REPT. R.A.</u>	Lt. L.A. Welch, 830, Chester Rd, Erdington 23
<u>TIPTON HARRIERS.</u>	S.B. Chilton, 1, Bath Road, Tipton.
<u>WOLVERHAMPTON HARRIERS.</u>	C.T. Bratt, 78, Sweetman Street, Wolverhampton.

Meeting closed.

*btu night
28th Sept 1945*

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting held
at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, Birmingham
Sept 28th 1945.

The President, Mr C. A. Wright presided with the
following in attendance, J. Peace and A. G. Cannon
past presidents B. Bashford, W. Hammond & Cull
W. J. Wheeler. (Smethwick H.) A. J. Marlow (V.P.) D. J. Mathew
F. Froggatt J. A. Carrick, (Small Heath H.) G. I. Price
J. E. Bedford (Tipton H.) J. A. Cole (Dudley H.)
H. A. Gould T. H. Jones, (Halesowen A.C.) E. W. Lindsey
W. J. Robinson J. Lees. (Stourbridge H.) J. O. Peters
A. Kenny (Sparkhill H.) J. E. Pitford, S. D. Gilder, (Hastborne H.)
P. A. Spencer Redditch R. and P.C. and M. Weaver Hon Soc
A minute's silence was observed on behalf of A. Edwards & C. Lindsey
apologies were announced for S. Chilton and C. H. Frame
Past Presidents

The minutes of last A.G.M. were read confirmed and signed

Annual Report and Balance Sheet, Secretary stated that
the League races were well supported. and he wished
to thank all who had assisted. Halesowen A.C
were the winners with Tipton and Small Heath Harriers
gaining second and third awards. All clubs apart from
Cosford R.A.F who resigned after the first race completed
the fixtures.

The Balance Sheet showed cash in hand £11-9-0
a surplus of £2-14-10 on the season

Pro. G. I. Price } That the report and Balance Sheet be
see T. H. Jones } accepted. Carried

The President reviewing the races promised the
promoting clubs

a League Medal presented by Mr A. G. Cannon for the best individual performance was received by J. A. Cole Dudley H. and A. C. who won three of the four races. a vote of thanks was given to Mr Cannon Mr Cole suitably replied.

Election of Officials. President Mr C. H. Frame, Sparkhill H. Pro. A. G. Cannon Sec. F. Cull. Mr Frame was not present Mr Wright continued in the chair. Vice Presidents S. B. Chilton, W. Walker, A. A. Post, P. A. Spencer, A. J. Marlow T. H. Jones E. Hurdley, W. Wheeler, C. M. Walsh & Kenney.

Hon Secretary and Treasurer. M. Weaver

Hon Auditor E. W. Lindsey

Delegate to M.C.A.C.C.A. B. Bashford

1945-6 Programme. Much discussion arose re the forming of two Leagues owing to the weakness of the smaller clubs who had no possible chance of gaining any awards. Pro by J. D. Peters Sec. S. Gilder that minute of the last A.G.M. be rescinded and two League's first and second divisions to operate carried

It was decided to give first medals only in division one, and first medals in division two Six to Count in Division one and Four in Division two

A suggestion to give individual Medals was defeated when put to vote.

Mr A. G. Cannon However offered to provide medals for the best individual performance in each division

Fisctimes were arranged as follows

Nov 10 th	1945	Sparkhill	and	Small Heath
Dec 8 th	1945	Redditch	"	Halesowen
Jan 12 th	1946	Walsall	"	Dudley
Feb 9 th	1946	Hasborne	"	Tipton

It was agreed to award the Sunday Mercury shield to the winners of Division one

It was also agreed that the two bottom Clubs in Division one drop into Division two and the two top Clubs in Division two move into the first Division for season 1946-7.

Mr James Pease agreed to take over Division two

Pro. B Bushford } that we get printed numbers as
See H. Gould } fine was Mr Joe Lees promised
to get same.

Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman

Approved
Sept 10/46

Minutes of the 21st Annual Meeting held at The White Horse Hotel, Birmingham on September 10th 1926.

The President, Mr. G. H. Frame (Sparkhill H) took the chair, with a large number of club representatives present.

Apologies were announced on behalf of Messrs J. E. Sandbrook, J. Froggatt, D. Kolley, G. A. Wright.

Minutes The minutes of the last AGM were read and signed.

answring Mr. J. Cull, asked whether the awards for Division 2 had been made in accordance with agreement, viz one set. The Secretary stated that 2 sets had inadvertently been given.

Accounts The statement of accounts as circulated was approved. (cash in Hand £15-0-11)

Report The Secretary gave his report, indicating that the respective champions had been Tipton H (div. 1) and Sparkhill H (div. 2). Medals had been awarded by Mr. Cannon to J. J. Holden and L. G. Brown, considered best performers in the respective divisions. The report was adopted, with a desire that reference be made in the Minutes to the great honour brought to the League by J. J. Holden, J. A. Carrick, J. Froggatt, J. Corfield, J. A. Cole, R. W. D. Hier, also of whom had taken part in the 1926 International Championship. Also arising from the report, Mr. J. Pearce complained that a League medal had been given to B. Tinsley despite it having been ruled that he was ineligible to represent

Lipton Harriers, and asked that the return of the Medal be called for. Mr Chilton stated that Swamley had lost the medal, but that he was willing to return it if and when found. The Lipton club was instructed to pass the medal on to the next scorer after a lengthy discussion had ensued on the matter.

Officials The election of Officials for the ensuing season
Nov 1916/7 resulted as follows:-

President: Mr. A. A. Post (Stourbridge H.C.H.)
Prop. J. Lees. Sec'd S. Chilton.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. M. Weaver

Hon. Auditor:- Mr. E. W. Lindsay

Mr. A. B. C. A. delegate Mr. B. Buserford

Vice Presidents:-

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| 1. <u>Lipton H.C.</u> S. B. Chilton | 8. <u>Smethurch</u> W. J. Wheeler |
| 2. <u>Hoalsowen</u> | 9. <u>West Brom.</u> J. Young |
| 3. <u>Small Heath</u> A. J. Marlow | 10. <u>Antonine</u> F. E. Hurdley |
| 4. <u>Kolverhampton</u> J. E. Sandbrook | 11. <u>Walsall H.C.</u> |
| 5. <u>Stourbridge</u> J. Lees | 12. <u>Loyells</u> A. B. Deighton |
| 6. <u>Dudley</u> W. Wacker | 13. <u>Bigrove</u> R. E. Giffen |
| 7. <u>Spandhill</u> A. W. H. Stringer | 14. <u>B. Atlanta</u> F. A. Arnett |

Membership Application for memberships from Birmingham Atlanta and Loyells Harriers were approved, but one from Godwa was declined on the score of travelling.

Constitution of Divisions Mr. J. Cull prop^d and Mr. J. Lees sec'd. that seven clubs be included in each division, but an amendment that six clubs form the first division with the balance in the second, was carried by 21 votes to seven.

Constitution would therefore be as follows:

Division 1 :- Tipton, Halesowen, Wolverhampton
Small Heath, Sparshill, Smethwick

Division 2 :- Dudley, Stourbridge, West Bromwich,
Kerborne, Browns Grove, Birmingham
Atalanta, Loxells & Walsall a.c.

Fixtures

The seasons fixtures were agreed upon as follows:-

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Division 2</u>
Sparshill	Nov. 9	West Bromwich.
Tipton	Dec 7.	Cham Atalanta
Halesowen	Jan "	Loxells Hc.
Wolverhampton	Feb. 8.	Walsall a.c.

Scoring

Agreed that six men per team score in Div. 1,
and four men per team in Div. 2.

Awards

Agreed that these be two sets of Medals in
both divisions

Extra

Medals

"It was moved by Mr. J. Peace & said by Mr. J. Bull
that "Clubs advise the League of those to whom
medals additional to League awards are given
agreed.

Officials

A proposal by Mr. J. Lees, second by Mr. B. Baslford
that each club nominates one member for an
Official position at each League race was approved.

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Mr. A. Gannon prop^d and J. Lees said a vote
of Thanks to the officials, including the granting
of One Guinea as honorarium to the Hon. Secretary

Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting held
at the Vine Hotel Harborne Oct 7th 1947

The President Mr A. Post Stourbridge H. took the
Chair with an attendance of 28 officials and Delegates

Minutes of last A.G.M. were read passed and
Signed

Accounts The Statement of accounts as circulated
showing cash in hand of £9-2-11
was approved.

Report Secretary gave a brief report of the
seasons activities, he regretted to state that
several clubs had failed to compete a full
counting team in the second Division in two
races. The First Division was fully supported
Winners of the First Division were again Tipton H.
with Small Heath H. runners up. Winners of
the Second Division were Dudley H. with
Harborne H. runners up. Secretary thanked the
clubs who had promoted the races also Mr
Jim Peace who took charge of Division two.

Officials
1947-8 The election of officials were as follows
President B. Bashford Pro. S. A. Wright
Sec. J. Lees

Vice Presidents. Elected Embler one from
each club

Hon Secretary and Treasurer M. Weaver
Hon Auditor E. W. Lindsay
Delegate to the M.C.A.C.C.A. B. Bashford

An application for Membership from Hyle Hall Harriers was approved after much discussion. J Lees Stourbridge & spoke about admitting clubs who had only just enough members for a County team and suggested they should not be given a race to promote in the first year of membership. It was agreed all new clubs should qualify through the Second Division on the promotion objects.

Mr Barkford spoke about Warwickshire Association Clubs who had promised support to the Warwick League he asked for their continued support to the Oham League.

It was agreed that Six Clubs compete in Division one and Nine Clubs in Division two.

Races It was agreed that we hold three races instead of four as previous.

Fixtures Fixtures were arranged as follows by Ballot
Nov 8th 1947 Halsowen and Stourbridge
Dec 20th 1947 Small Heath and Sparkhill
Jan 10th 1948 Smethwick and Wolverhampton

Awards It was agreed to award 1st and 2nd Medals in each Division.

Scoring J Jerome Proposed J Lees Decided that Six Count for Division Two. An Amendment by S A Wright Decided by W E Harrison that Four Count in this Division Proposition was carried.

4th M It was suggested that the Annual General Meeting takes place next year approx 7 days after the M.C.A.C.C.A Meeting. Mr Pease Promised to book the room at the White Horse Hotel Oham.

a vote of thanks was recorded to the retiring officials
Mr S. A. Wright offered to take over Division Two
and invited the president to the Second Division Race

After much Discussion it was agreed that any club
failing to complete a team in all fixtures do not
rank in the final League placings.

Mr Cannon proposed Secretary's usual Honorary, this was
Seconded by J. Pease and the meeting closed with
the chairman thanking delegates for their attendance

B. Basford
2nd Sept 1948

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held at the
White Horse Hotel, Congree Street, Bham, Sept 2nd 1948

The President, Mr. Bert Bashford (Hulborne Harriers) took the chair with
an attendance of 35 Delegates and Vice Presidents.

The Minutes of the A.G.M held Oct 7th 1947 were read
passed and signed by the President

Secretary gave his Annual report and also read a letter from
A. Wright who had conducted the running of the second
Division races. The winners of Division One were Tipton Harriers
with Halesowen A.C. runners up. Winners of Division two were
Wolverhampton A.C. with Spunkhill H. runners up.

accounts The Statement of accounts was read by the Secretary
which showed a deficit of £2-4-7 this was due
to the extra cost of medals which had exceeded
the Subscriptions of the competing clubs. after a little
discussion of how proposed and of Jerome^{seconded} that the report
and Balance Sheet be accepted. Carried

Election of Officials :- President B. Bashford re-elected.

Vice Presidents nominations from clubs by post to Secretary
Hon Secretary and Treasurer. Mr Weaver. Hon Auditor E. Lindsey
Delegate to the M.C.A.C.C.A. B. Bashford

Membership An application from Oldbury A. and A.C. to compete in
the Second Division was accepted, Secretary stated that
Tameworth wished to join but up to the present time
had not applied.

Fixtures. It was agreed to revert to the usual four races (Pro. of Law.
Sec E Lindsey) this was carried by voting on Show of hands