

Minutes of the 92nd AGM held at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, 24th March 2017 at 7.00pm
Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League
1926 – 2017.

The Meeting started with a minutes silence in respect to the passing of Dave McNamee (Past President 1998/99 & Assistant Sec/Auditor), Betty Downs (Past President 1999/ 2000, Birchfield), Ken Westley (Smethwick/West Brom/Halesowen)

Apologies for Absence. These were received from Terry Egan, Bryan Acford (Rugby & Northampton), Stuart Harris (Past President), Pat Taylor (Past President, Nuneaton, Official), Jonathan Randell (Knowle & Dorridge), John Peet (Past President, Sparkhill), Andy Wright (Tamworth), Andy Prohett (Cheltenham & County Harriers), Ray Morgan (Leamington C&AC), Mike Dolby (Official, Sparkhill)

Present at the Meeting.

Martin Ludford, Richard Carney (B'ham Running Athletic & Tri), Kay Adcocks, (Officials, Coventry Godiva), Bill Adcocks (Past President/ Official, Coventry Godiva) Mary William, Andy Rea (Centurion), Bryan Mills, Chris Holloway (Tipton Harriers), Steve Howes, Rebecca Freeman, (Solihull & Small Heath), Ian Clarke (Stourbridge RC), Jim Skidmore (DASH Past President, Officials) Martin Smith (Droitwich AC), David Waldron (Worcester AC), Ruth Burden, (Wolverhampton & Bilston), Noel McKakley (Referee, Wolverhampton & Bilston), Derek Burns, Terry Harvey, Daniel Connolly, (Massey Ferguson), Bob Hughes (President, Cannock & Stafford), Alan Edwards, Steve Webb (Leamington), Tony French (Northbrook), Paul Evans, Lorraine Griffiths (Black Pear Joggers), Bob Carey (Past President, Race Secretary Div 3, Sphinx), Terry Alcock (Past President, Referee), Keith Perry, Paul Allen (Halesowen), George Duggan, George Gandy (Loughbrough Students), Paul Stevens (West Bromwich Harriers), Martin Hollamby (Peel Road Runners), Rita Brownlie (Broms & Redditch & MWCCCL), Graham Heeley (Past President, Sparkhill), Stewart Underhill (Kenilworth Runners), Paul Hawkins (Stratford), John Turner (Stratford, Official), Simon Hudson (Aldridge AC), Craig Taylor (Trentham), Sam Crutchley, Luke Gunn (B'ham Uni) Chris Driskell, Rachel Vines (CLC), Gavin Harrison, Chris Roberts (Sneyd Striders), Phil Pollock, Matt Stevson, P. Jenkins (RSCAC), Paul Sanderson (Telford AC), Michael Tovey (Cobra), Pete Dumbley (Birchfield Harriers), Sharon Timms, Mike Green, Scott Williams (Kings Heath RC), Rob Mulgrue (Dudley & Stourbridge, Official), Dave Williams (Tamworth AC), John Vickers (Official), Vince Carroll (Rugby & Northampton), Seth Atkins, Mike Langley (City Of Birmingham Striders), Graham Allen (Past President) Race Secretary Div 2), Kathy Bailey (Knowle & Dorridge) Carolyn Franks (Hon Sec, Treasurer & Past President)

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Noel McKakley proposed that they be accepted & Bob Carey seconded them. The meeting accepted the minutes of the AGM and the Executive minutes.

Appointment of Chairperson

From the Executive minutes it was recommended that a Chairperson for this meeting be appointed. The Executive put forward Bill Adcocks this was accepted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes.

The Secretary pointed out that from the Executive minutes clubs are advised that all runners should be able to run 6 miles in 60 minutes.

She also pointed out that Newcastle Staffs should have been recorded as needing to re-apply to join the league.

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Rita Brownlie (Bromsgrove & Redditch) enquired about the AOB from last year's AGM with the request to set up a working committee to discuss the running of the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross Country League & the Women's Midland League. The Secretary explained to the meeting that discussions had been taking place with Dave McNamee but with his sudden passing away this had to take a back sit as there were more pressing things to deal with the League & her own club which Dave was a key member of. The Secretary had taken the trouble to ring Noel over this matter. There proceeded a lot of discussion on the way forward with this matter eventually Bob Carey proposed that all clubs are asked to consider Noel Butler's report & to send their thoughts to the Secretary by 30th April & then the Executive to convene & discuss the clubs views & to bring the findings back to next year's AGM. This was seconded by Graham Heeley & was passed unanimously.

ACTION: Executive to convene after 30th April & to report back to the AGM next year.

Graham Heeley gave a vote of thanks to the Secretary for all the work she has done.

Constitution

Point 5: to add a Chairperson. This was proposed by Rob Mulgrue, seconded by Vince Carroll. Passed unanimously.

The Executive put forward the following alterations which were all accepted by the meeting:-

Point 8 update to be in line with the UKA handbook so it will now read Rule 21 (supplement3)

Point 10 to change for this coming season " and the three clubs finishing in the bottom of the tables in Division One and the four clubs in Division Two will be relegated into the lower Division"

Point 10 i Delete the rule "A plaque will be awarded to the winning "B" team.

Point 18 Change the rule to The Race Secretary and the Race Referee to provide a report at the end of the season"

ADD the following rule:-

" Any individual athlete can only compete for one club in the season"

" Any proposals should be sent to the Executive by the 1st February".

Dave Williams (Tamworth) proposed that the rules stay the same. An amendment was put forward by Daniel Connelly (Massey Ferguson) that it should be the Monday after the final race of the season. The vote was 16 for & 23 against.

Leamington C & AC had put forward amendments to rule 4 & 5

4. A Management Committee shall be elected at the AGM and will consist of the following: The President, President Elect, Hon Chairperson, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer. This committee shall have the power to co-opt members if it deems necessary.

This Committee shall be responsible for the day to day management of the League throughout the year.

5. An Executive Committee shall be elected at the AGM and will consist of the following: i) The Management Committee (see rule 4) ii) Immediate Past President iii) The Race Secretaries iv) The Race Referees.

This Executive should be instructed to meet once a year after the close of each season to discuss relevant matters from the preceding season. Duties of this Committee shall be to make recommendations for items for discussion at the next AGM, if thought necessary. Also this Executive would have the powers of an appeals committee and as such could be asked to meet, at the discretion of the Hon Chairperson or Hon. Secretary, if any problem should arise through-out the season. This committee shall have the power to co-opt members if it deems necessary. Their decision will be final.

This was discussed fully by the meeting but in the end it was decided to keep the rules the same.

Statement of Accounts.

The new Auditor had been unable to determine the adjustments to the cleared bank account balance at 29/02/2016. As a result he had to make a new start to the figures which should make it easy to deal with next year.

Presidents Address.

The last twelve months have been a memorable time as President of the Birmingham League and as my term of office comes to a close I would like to give thanks to the League for the honour of the position of President.

At all four meetings I was made welcome by the host clubs, I started the season off at Cheltenham for the Division 1 meeting and I was given the task of starting the race but before the start I gave a tribute to Dave McNamee's who had passed away recently, the runners gave Dave a hearty burst of clapping.

The second meeting I attended was at Stratford where I helped out with the timekeeping, the men's race had a very good turnout of competitors and the weather was quite good as well..

Race three was at Droitwich with Division 3 where I again had the privilege of starting the race but with no starting device it was a case of Gentlemen and then a large shout of Go, (not sure whether the timekeepers were ready) again there was a good turnout of competitors for the race.

The fourth and final meeting was back with Division 1 at Coventry to watch my club's men's team trying to avoid relegation, ah well try again next year. Before the race I paid tribute to Bill Adcocks for his twenty five years as secretary of Division 1 which received a standing ovation and as the runners were standing on the start they couldn't do anything else, Bill was then given the task of starting the race.

So once again I would like to thank the league for inviting me to hold the post of President for the past twelve months.

Bob Hughes.

League Secretaries Reports

These had been sent out prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising from the reports.

There was a plea from the Race Secretaries to ensure the non host club officials arrive at the fixture with the required equipment as outlined in the information sent to all clubs who are not hosting a fixture.

Secretary's Report

The biggest blow to the Secretary was the sudden death of Dave McNamee who assisted so much with his computer skills & his wisdom. Fortunately, within my club I have found 2 whizz kids who have helped me out & are both willing to come to my rescue when needed.

It has been pleasing to see new clubs promoting & seeing two clubs working together to promote a fixture (Massey Ferguson & Northbrook). I managed to visit Cheltenham, Severn AC, Telford AC & Kenilworth AC being made welcome by all clubs. At Cheltenham it became evident that it was too much to expect the Race Secretary to deal with the numbers & the officials. Hence the appointment of an Officials Secretary for each division.

Organisation is vital & I had a lot of chasing up for the Club Information sheets. **(NOTE THESE ARE ON THE WEBSITE FOR THIS COMING SEASON)** If there are changes during the season please inform me first & then they will be cascaded to all in your Division.

Too often the information is not passed onto the correct person in your club, especially the Team Management sheet & the Non Host clubs job specifications. ALL the details for the season will be sent out by POST to the main person stated on your club information form (there is a lot of paper which will save you printing it off!), plus the Past Presidents & appointed officials. This coming year

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the second named person will have the details emailed to them as well. If any club has not heard **THREE** weeks prior to the first fixture please contact the Secretary immediately.

It was very sad that we had to apply Rule 14a but it did have the desired effect for the rest of the season with all clubs providing their official. Please note the new instruction for signing in. By 2.00pm to sign in with the Officials Secretary at the registration desk & then to report to the Race Referee at the finishing funnel by 2.10pm.

Unfortunately, we lost our supplier for the plaques & no one knew where the dies had gone. This took a long time to sort out but special thanks should go to Graham Heeley & Steve Millington (Halesowen) who managed to organise a new die. The result was well worth waiting for & Steve also provided all divisions with the names of winners /possibly winners an extra label to go on the plaques. This was greatly appreciated.

The League is fortunate that Paul New was willing to take over as Auditor & Ray Morgan offered to do the consolidating of the results so that those needing the results by post are still able to see what is happening in the League. During this year the leagues printer has been on its last legs so the Secretary has replaced this with a more powerful one at her own expense as it will be used for a variety of purposes.

The Secretary expressed her grateful thanks to all the Race Secretaries, Race Referees, Appointed Officials & all the non host clubs officials whose work ensured the League races were successful.

Promoting Clubs

Clubs were reminded of the need to get the permits, risk assessments & possibly the First Aid.

Officials for the season

The appointed officials for the season are:-

| | Division One | Division Two | Division Three |
|---------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Race Secretary | Ray Morgan | Graham Allen | Bob Carey |
| Race Referee | Noel McKakley | Terry Alcock | Barry Ewington |
| Chief Timekeeper | John Vickers | John Turner | Margery Ewington |
| Officials Secretary | Bill Adcocks | Rob Mulgrue | Graham Heeley |
| Officials | Kay Adcocks Mike Doyle Derrick Harding Chris Hitchman | John Aylmer Bob Hughes Colin Stone Andy Turner John Turner | Alison Mills Pat Taylor |

The new post of Officials Secretaries & Officials were voted enbloc. It was requested that the job descriptions for the Non Host clubs is put on the website.

Both Graham Allen & Bob Carey informed the meeting that they were considering stepping down as League Secretaries at the end of this coming season & would welcome any offers to work with them during the next season to see what is involved. Chris Hollaway agreed to place this information on the website with a job description.

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League Website

Massey Ferguson have been delighted with the way results are so quickly & efficiently placed on the website. All agreed that it is being extremely well run for the League.

Make-up of the League for the 2017-2018 Season.

- (a) The following club had applied to join the League: Sedgely Striders. The meeting agreed to allow them to join for the League.
- (b) Staffs Moorlands had regrettably informed the Secretary that they will not be re applying this year.
- (c) The following will thus be the make-up of all Divisions:-

| Division One | Division Two | Division Three |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Birchfield Harriers | Black Pear Joggers | Aldridge RC |
| BRAT | Bournville Harriers | Amazing Feet |
| City of Stoke AC | Bromsgrove & Redditch AC | Centurion RR |
| Cheltenham & County Harriers | Cannock & Stafford AC | City of Birmingham Striders |
| Coventry Godiva Harriers | CLC Striders | Cobra R & Tri |
| Kenilworth Runners | Dudley Kingswinford | Coventry Tri |
| Knowle & Dorridge | Dudley & Stourbridge | Droitwich AC |
| Leamington C & AC | Gloucester AC | Kidderminster & Stourport AC |
| Loughborough Students | Halesowen AC | Newcastle (Staffs) AC |
| Royal Sutton Coldfield AC | Kings Heath RC | Nuneaton Harriers |
| Rugby & Northampton AC | Massey Ferguson | Peel Road Runners |
| Tipton Harriers | Northbrook | Sedgely Striders |
| Trentham RC | Spa Striders | Severn AC |
| University of Birmingham | Stratford upon Avon AC | Sneyd Striders |
| University of Warwick | Tamworth AC | Sparkhill AC |
| Wolverhampton & Bilston AC | Telford AC | Solihull & Small Heath AC |
| | Trentham AC | Sphinx AC |
| | Worcester AC | Stourbridge RC |
| | | West Bromwich Harriers |

Affiliation

The Executive recommended the affiliation remained the same as last season at £125. This was accepted by the meeting. **PLEASE NOTE it needs to be paid by 30th April 2017 (see also the details at the end of the minutes).**

Dates Fixtures and Venues for the 2017 –2018 Season.

| | <u>Division One</u> | <u>Division Two</u> | <u>Division Three</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11th November 2017 | Cheltenham& County Harriers | Telford AC | Severn AC * |
| 2nd December 2017 | Trentham | Stratford | Severn AC* |
| 13th January 2018 | Birmingham Uni | Kings Heath | Droitwich |
| 10th February 2018 | Wolverhampton | CLC Striders | ?????? |

***Denotes Severn AC have offered to do one of these dates but we URGENTLY need 2 offers from Division Three to host a fixture. Please let Carolyn Franks know ASAP.**

DIVISION THREE – please note that we had insufficient offers to host Division 3 fixtures. Droitwich AC are happy to do the January fixture & Severn AC will do one of the above. BUT WE DO NEED ADDITIONAL OFFERS TO PROMOTE! SO PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP. THANK YOU.

Election of Officers & Officials.

The Birmingham League Executive proposed Martin Smith as President of the League for the season of 2017 – 2018. Bob Hughes was presented with a plaque as the outgoing President.

President Elect: Kay Adcocks – proposed by Executive. This was accepted unanimously.

Secretary/ Treasurer: Carolyn Franks.

Hon. Assistant Secretary : LEFT VACANT

Auditor : Paul New

Representative to the Midland Cross Country Association - Ian Clarke.

Webmasters: Chris Holloway & Bryan Mills.

It was agreed to approve the League officials en bloc.

Any Other Business:

1. It was reported back to the meeting that Steve Millington was delighted to hear that the League were pleased with the plaques he had produced for the League.

2. The Secretary on behalf of the League informed the meeting that Bill Adcocks had been involved with the League since 8th November 1950 when he ran in the Youths race that was held within the League structure finishing 4th. This was followed by the following placings 3rd /5th/1st/1st& 2nd. His Senior debut was on 5th November 1960 finishing 48th. He continued racing in the league 32 times with his highlight on 30th November 1963 when he won Division One. In January 1965 Bill was 22nd & I was delighted to see that Cliff (my late husband) beat Bill by finishing 19th. I have no idea what happened to Bill until 1990 when he took over as Division One Race Secretary which I make 27 years as Race Secretary for the League starting in the days when it was all done by hand& typed up. Results were printed on a banda & now Bill has mastered using a computer. Bill has worked tirelessly for the league always aiming to be the first one with his set of results showing his competitive edge is still there today. The Secretary then asked Martin Smith (President) to make a presentation to Bill for his sterling work for the League as Race Secretary.

DATE and Venue of the 93rd AGM

It was agreed to hold next years AGM on **Friday 23rd March 2018 at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham at 7.00pm.**

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

AFFILIATIONS to be sent to:-

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Glos GL51 3BT

Cheques made payable to:-

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

or

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if preferred by bank transfer (BACS) The League's account details as follows:

Account no: 11114247

Sort Code : 40 17 10

N.B. Please also include your club name in the reference to help us identify the payment.

Final note: Please also remember to complete your Club Information form which can be downloaded from the website and return to me by Monday 24th July 2017 so that the League has the correct contact details for all written and emailed correspondence about the next 2017/2018 cross-country season. Thank you. Carolyn