

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE. ** 1987 **

Minutes of the 62nd. Annual General Meeting, held at the Alexander Stadium,
Birmingham on Wednesday the 16th. September 1987 at 7:30p.m.

Present.

T. Talbot (President), K. Dare, B. Heatley, J. Mills, E. Powner, E. J. Skidmore, K. Walklate (Past Presidents), D. McNamee (Hon. Auditor) C. B. Franks (Secretary/Treasurer), P. Baker, R. Tilling (Birchfield), H. Lambirt, P. Wright (Stourport), S. Walton (Tipton), M. Tunstall, R. Potter (Royal Sutton Coldfield), P. Richardson (Tamworth), K. Richards, P. Jones (Rugby & District), R. Wills (Nuneaton H.A.C.), J. Tate Rugeley & District, P. Powell (West Brom.), G. Munford, T. Allsopp, P. Owen (Sandwell Valley), R. Cudsworth, R. Bunn (Halesowen A.C.), D. Blackburn, J. Pegg (Dudley Kingswinford), M. Petch, R. Arnold (Sphinx A.C.), G. Laurie Northampton Phoenix, J. Cox, T. Wright, G. Perrons (Northbrook A.C.), A. Hemsley, N. Jarvis (Massey Ferguson), E. Trott (Cannock & Stafford) P. Ramsden, P. Miller, W. Adcocks (Coventry Godiva), D. Eades (Dudley & Stourbridge) J. Mountford (City of Stoke), E. Hubbleday (Sparkhill Harriers), G. Gallagher, R. Tucker (Centurion), C. Coates, A. Simpson, K. Bagnall (Potteries Marathon A.C.), R. Tomlinson (Oak Park) J. Thornbury, + one (Wolverhampton & Bilston) S. P. Miles (Michelin), K. Buckle (Cheltenham & County Harriers), R. Pulley (Amazing Feet R.C.), V. Hockley (Solihull & Smallheath), T. Brown (Massey Ferguson), R. Allen (M.C.A.A.A. Development Officer), Bill Carr, Barry Ewington, John Heminsley, D. Bacon, G. Heeley, D. Johnson, Mrs. E. Downes, & Mrs. M. Johnson (League Officials) I. Atkins (Worcester A.C.)

Apologies.

E. Clifford, C. Grant, J. Freeman, E. Hutchings, F. Wood (Past Presidents) Mrs. R. Bradley (Official), N. Treadwell (S.P. Fort), R. Griffin (Wenlock), G. Lock (Wolves & Bil.), M. Naylor (Royal Doulton), P. Bailey (Milton), J. Nolan (Newcastle), T. O'Reilly (Centurion), J. Culshaw (Tamworth)

Minutes of the 61st. A.G.M.

The minutes of this meeting held on Wednesday the 10th. September 1986 had been circulated and were passed as a true record after a proposal by John Cox and seconded by Derek Bacon. The Executive Minutes were also approved by those delegates present who were members of the Executive Committee.

Matters Arising.

i) Clubs had agreed that the reduction in the number of sets of results sent out by the Secretary (As agreed by last years A.G.M) was O.K. The service of only three sets of results will continue.

Accounts.

The Treasurer went through the balance sheet, explaining in detail the figures to delegates. These figures showed that the League had once more made a surplus. This time of £145 - 87p. The League having a current balance at the Bank of £561 - 22p.

Hon. Auditor Dave McNamee spoke to the accounts stating that he had found them to be correct.

Dave Johnson proposed that the Accounts be adopted with a vote of thanks to the Hon. Auditor and the Leagues Treasurer, this was seconded by John Mountford and were unanimously adopted by the Meeting.

Presidents Address.

The President explained to the Meeting that his term in Office had been somewhat unique in that there had been two additional Executive Meetings than normal and that he had in fact visited five League Races (Due to One Race being postponed due to bad weather) He believed himself to be the first President to attend so many fixtures in one season.

He then went on to praise the work of the Secretary and thanked him for all his hard work.

Tom then went on to tell delegates of his visits to various League fixtures. Firstly he visited Tamworth (Div.3), Solihull (Div.2), Sandwell Valley (Div.4), Coventry (Div.1.), and Chelmsley Wood (Div.3). He told delegates that he had never before seen a fixture from any other Division than Division One, but he found the enthusiasm from the lower Division to be very high and very competitive. The organisation and the efficiency of League Officials was also praised by the President.

Regarding the third fixture in the League the President made special mention of Bromsgrove and Redditch, Massey Ferguson and Sandwell Valley who had done a marvelous job in getting their courses runnable in such adverse snowy conditions.

Being in attendance at the final First Division Race at Coventry was a nail biting affair as the final outcome of the race was in doubt right up until the Disc Envelopes were collected in. Indeed the League Championship depended on this race. Indeed the event ended up in smiles for some and disappointment for others (Fittingly it ended in smiles for Tom as it was his Club Tipton who just snatched the Championship from Wolverhampton and Bilston and the Birchfield Club.)

Noting at some races more Officials could help the efficiency of the event the President appealed to member Clubs to bring Officials along who could help out in funneling, Disc Distributors and even Recorders. He thought it unfair that the burden of these jobs was placed on the Promoting Clubs who were already hard stretched.

Finally, he congratulated the successful Clubs and wished all the other Clubs better luck next time. Tom thanked all the Officials for their stirring work on behalf of the League and all those Clubs that hosted League Fixtures. In conclusion he thanked delegates for electing him President of the BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE "The finest League in the Country".

Secretary's Report.

The year opened on a less quiet note than usual, with the appeal of R. Copestake against the decision of last years A.G.M. The Executive met twice to deal with this appeal, which ended with the Executive upholding the decision of the A.G.M. The Secretary's thanks go to Basil Heatley (M.C.C.C.A.) for his advice with regards to the rules regarding appeals and to Tom Talbot (President) for his resolve and hard work in bringing the situation to a conclusion. On top of the valuable work of these two Gentlemen one must thank the Executive members who gave up much time giving their very valid support and advice to the situation.

Division One.

Probably, the most exciting Team Competition ever in the League. With Tipton winning the first race from Wolves and Bill and Birchfield, they looked a good bet for the League Title. However the Wolverhampton side closely followed by Birchfield relegated the green and white hoops to third place in the second fixture. Tipton must never be written off for in the third fixture they came back to just edge there way to the top of the League. With only nine points separating the top three Clubs going into the final fixture there was everything to run for. So it proved at the final fixture at Coventry where a real hum-dinger of a race was evolving. One lap to run and the Wolves were up on my rough calculations but once more the Tipton Club came through well over the final lap to take the race by just four points and the League Title by the narrow margin of 13 points from a very strong Wolverhampton squad. Birchfield ended up a very close third only 46 points behind the leaders.

At the other end of the table it was sad to see Bromsgrove and Redditch who had the individual winner in Adrian Passey who ran magnificently to win three out of the four races, go down, to be joined by the great survivors of the First Division Gloucester A.C.

Division Two.

Staffordshire Moorlands from the start had no intention of remaining in the Second Division for very long, leading the Division from start to finish. They were joined in their Promotion by Cannock & Stafford A.C. who also returned straight back to Division One. However they were pushed very hard by Massey Ferguson who came with a late charge only just failing to gain promotion. Rugby & District with Solihull and Small Heath taking the drop to Division Three.

Individually, Martin Bishop was ultra consistent, winning one race, second in two and third in the other to achieve the low score of 8 points to take the individual placque from Andy Read of Cheltenham.

Division Three.

Despite Sparkhill Harriers winning three out of the four races they could do no better than finish second to Royal Sutton Coldfield who had a run-away victory in the first race of the season. The Sutton Club scraped home to take the Division Title by just 15 points. Both these Clubs were well clear of third place. Wenlock, Tamworth and Centurion finished at the bottom of the table however it was decided later that only Centurion would take the drop to Division Four.

Terry Eagan of Northampton ran very solidly to take the individual Placque for this Division.

Division Four.

Burton won the First and last fixtures in this Division, however this was only to prove good enough for second place in the Division. They were beaten by the very consistent Dudley Kingswinford who take there first League title after only a couple of years in the League.

Another new Club Milton A.C. ran well to finish Third Club and providing the athlete to take the individual honours G. Hewitt.

Young Athletes.

Once again this aspect of the League seems to be improving, with greater number of youngsters competing. Giving worth while races in most Divisions.

Race Facts.

Each year I report even greater turnouts in the Leagues fixtures, this year is certainly no different with once again turnouts hitting record levels.

	1st.Race.	2nd.Race.	3rd.Race.	4th.Race.	Totals.
1st.Division.	254	248	176	209	887(786)
2nd.Division.	265	280	225	235	1005(941)
3rd.Division.	248	211	197	206	862(679)
4th.Division.	221	229	205	216	871(961)
Totals.	988	968	803	866	3625(3367)
Last Years Totals	(929)	(865)	(853)	(720)	

Young Athletes.

1st Division.	24	26	26	23	99 (126)
2nd.Division.	48	53	40	30	171 (172)
3rd.Division.	26	13	12	14	65 (72)
4th.Division.	25	42	12	29	108 (102)
Totals	123	134	90	96	443(472)

This year the Executive had to meet three times, and on each occasion there was a good turn out. Showing how seriously these members take their Executive posts. The League should be most grateful for the work done by this Executive. Certainly my thanks go to all members of the Executive.

Once again the Leagues Officials have done a great job of running the League, together with the Race Secretaries. I would like to thank them for their services.

Thanks also go to all the Promoting Clubs for making us all so welcome at their venues and giving us good courses to run on.

Finally may I thank three people firstly Derek Bacon and Ken Evans who provided the first and second Divisions with a new set of Discs. and to our President Tom Talbot who in many ways had one of the most difficult years of any President I have known, however he came smiling and worked tirelessly for the League. Many thanks Tom.

Rule 6.

Delegates had their attention drawn to Rule 6. They were asked to go back to their Clubs and inform the Athletes and most important their Team Managers of this rule. It was thought to be a good idea if Clubs displayed the Leagues Rules on their Notice Boards for their members to see.

Rule 19.

Ken Dare proposed and Derek Bacon seconded the Executives recommendation that all Clubs who hold a League Trophy MUST return the Trophy not later than the January fixture, to their Race Secretary. The motion was passed.

Team Plaques.

The Executive recommendation that Clubs who win the Leagues Division Title should be awarded with a permanent memento of the occasion was proposed by Ray Potter and seconded by K. Richards and was passed unanimously.

Length of Funnels..

Concern had been shown last season, by the Referees, that the length of funnels at some races were far too short. On the Referees recommendation, the meeting agreed that all funnels for League Races should be 50 metres long in order to cope with the increasingly large fields.

Comment was made by Jim Skidmore, that not only should the funnels be increased in length but that they should also be roped off in front of the funnel in order to keep crowds back at the finish, in order to give the Officials a clear view of the finishing athletes. This suggestion also gained the meetings approval.

Scoring Envelopes.

Bill Carr, backed by other Race Secretaries asked delegates to write the names of all finishers on the back of the scoring envelope instead of just the scoring six. This would then help the Race Secretaries when they are writing out the result. This proposal was followed by a great deal of discussion weighing up the pro's and cons. The meeting finally decided to strongly recommend that all Club Team Managers should adopt the practice of writing the numbers of all finishers on the back of the envelope and their position.

President Elect.

The Executive suggestion that in future we elect two Presidents Elect was received with mixed feelings and the Meeting decided that only one President Elect should be elected as an Officer of the League.

Bill Adcocks proposed that the immediate Past President should keep his post on the Executive Committee for one year after his Presidency, this was seconded by K. Richards and was passed by the meeting.

Make up of League for the 1987-88 season.

i) It was agreed by the meeting that only one Club should be relegated from Division Three.

ii) After a great deal of discussion it was decided to limit the Fourth Division to just twenty Clubs.

iii) On the re-Election of Clubs to the League and the admittance of New Clubs, caused much discussion and controversy. The following arguments and suggestions were put forward by the meeting:-

a) That a qualifying Race should be run in early October so that Clubs who failed to finish a complete Team in the previous season and those Clubs applying to join the League could run off for the remaining places in Division Four (total number of Clubs to be twenty)

b) Use the Midland Championships as a Qualifying Race for entry into the League, based on the basis as stated in (a).

c) To remove the University Teams from the League.

d) to only allow Clubs within the immediate vicinity of the Birmingham & District area (say twenty miles of the City centre) to be members of the League.

e) To withdraw the invitation to be League members from those Clubs who have to re-apply two years in succession for membership of the League, for not having fielded a complete Team in the League.

In the end the A.G.M. decided to re-elect those Clubs re-applying for membership for the coming season and to not accept the applications from the six new Clubs wishing to join the League. This was passed with 37 votes for with 21 votes against.

The meeting then instructed the Executive to meet and come up with proposals by Christmas, so that next years A.G.M. will have firm guide lines for admitting new Clubs to the League.

iv) Reading a letter from Northampton Phoenix on their request for a veterans competition within the League, the Secretary thought that it would be inappropriate to extend the League to a veterans competition. Why not a Junior Mens Competition as well he asked. The burden on Race Secretaries would be added to causing undue problems. The League already caters for all age groupings and no one is barred from competing.

The meeting endorsed the secretaries view and a Veterans competition is not to be held in conjunction with the League.

v) League Make up.

<u>1st.Division.</u>	<u>2nd.Division.</u>	<u>3rd.Division.</u>	<u>4th.Division.</u>
Birchfield Harriers.	Broms. & Redditch.	Burton A.C.	Alvis R.C.
Birmingham University.	Cheltenham & County.	Dudley Kingswinford.	Aston University
Cannock & Stafford.	Gloucester A.C.	Dudley & Stourbridge.	B'ham Prison A.C.
Coventry Godiva.	Halesowen A.C.	Northampton Phoenix.	Centurion R.C.
Loughborough Uni.	Leamington A.C.	Nuneaton Harriers.	Droitwich A.C.
Staffs. Moorlands.	Massey Ferguson.	Rugby & District.	Dunlop Coventry.
Stourport A.C.	Newcastle A.C.	Shrewsbury & District.	Harborne Harriers.
Telford A.C.	Potteries Marathon.	Solihull & Smallheath.	Michelin A.C.
Tipton Harriers.	Rowheath Harriers.	Tamworth A.C.	Northbrook A.C.
Wolves & Bilston.	Royal Sutton Cold.	Warley A.C.	Oak Park Pacers.
	Sparkhill Harriers.	Wenlock Olympian.	Royal Doulton A.C.
	City of Stoke A.C.	Worcester A.C.	Rugeley & District
			Sandwell Valley.
			Sphinx A.C.
			Stafford Harriers.
			Warwick University.
			West Bromwich.
			S.P. Fort R.C.
			Milton A.C.

The above make-up of the League was passed by the A.G.M. for the 1987 - 88 season.

Dates & Venues for 87 - 88 season.

	<u>1st.Div.</u>	<u>2nd.Div.</u>	<u>3rd.Div.</u>	<u>4th.Div.</u>
Nov. 7th. 87.	Telford A.C.	Leamington A.C.	Tamworth A.C.	Sphinx A.C.
Nov. 28th. 87.	Coventry Godiva.	Massey Ferguson.	Burton A.C.	Centurion R.C.
Jan. 16th. 88.	Wolves & Bil.	City of Stoke.	Nuneaton Harriers.	Sandwell Valley.
Feb. 6th. 88.	Birchfield.	Sutton Coldfield.	Rugby & District.	Northbrook A.C.

Election of Officers.

The Executives proposal that Bill Carr of Tipton be elected President of the League was passed unanimously by the meeting.

Our new President Bill Carr has been the Race Secretary for Division One for eleven years, proving himself to be a tireless worker for the League in that time. He has been a most valid member of the Executive Committee since its inception and his council has been most valuable to that committee. Bill still turns out and runs in League fixtures, this on top of organising things for the first Division. We wish Bill an enjoyable year as President.

Bill's first job was to present the Presidents Plaque to outgoing President Tom Talbot and to thank him for all his hard work on behalf of the League.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B. Franks. proposed G. Heeley and seconded by D. Johnson.

Hon. Auditor :- D. McNamee. proposed Ken Dare seconded Derek Bacon.

President Elect :- Peter Lisseman. proposed by the Executive Committee.

	<u>1st. Div.</u>	<u>2nd. Div.</u>	<u>3rd. Div.</u>	<u>4th. Div.</u>
Race Secretary:-	B. Carr.	A. Hemsley.	B. Ewington.	J. Heminsley.
Referee:-	K. Evans.	K. Walklate.	D. Johnson.	E. Hutchings.
Judges :-	P. Lisseman.		Mrs. M. Johnson.	Mrs. J. Bodsworth.
	MRS. B. Downes.	J. Mountford.	G. Heeley.	R. Rogers.
		E. Clifford.	Mrs. P. Hockley.	
			J. Freeman.	
Timekeepers :-	Mrs. R. Bradley.	E. Powner.	J. Skidmore.	J. Andrews.
	T. Lawrence.	C. Grant.	D. Bacon.	J. Perkins.
	T. Talbot.	A. Birt.	V. Hockley.	Mrs. B. Rogers.
		B. Hussey.		
		Mrs. Hussey.		

Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A. :- D. Bacon, D. Johnson, R. Tilling.

Executive Committee :- To consist of the Officers of the Committee, Referees and Race Secretaries.

Affiliations.

It was agreed to keep the affiliation to the League at sixteen pounds for the 1987 - 88 season.

Any Other Business.

i) The Secretary read a letter from Ted Clifford who thought there were too many Timekeepers for Division Two and that perhaps these Officials could be designated two races each. It was thought that the Timekeepers at the first race could organise this if they so wished.

ii) Tom Talbot asked the Meeting if they would accept a chain of Office for the President if he presented one to the League. The meeting greatfully accepted Tom's very kind offer.

iii) Bill Adcocks brought to the notice of the meeting that at the last Division One fixture last season his Club had had problems from the Referee of a Junior Football match because supporters of the League Cross-Country were walking across the centre of the football pitch whilst the match was being played. He appealed to delegates to ask their members to be more considerate to others using Public facilities at venues of League Fixtures. His plea was endorsed by the meeting.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CLUBS MEMBERS DO NOT INTERFERE

WITH OTHER SPORTS AT LEAGUE FIXTURES. PLEASE STRESS

CONSIDERATION AT ALL TIMES. Otherwise we may end up
without any Race Venues.

The meeting gave a vote of thanks to Birchfield Harriers for allowing us to use the Club.
Date and Venue of the 63rd. A.G.M.

It was agreed that next years A.G.M. be held at the Alexander Stadium on Wednesday the 14th. September 1988.

The Meeting ended with a Presentation to the Secretary by the President on behalf of the Race Referees. (An embarrassing Photograph of the Secretary). There being no further business the President called an end to the Meeting

DON'T FORGET YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE UNLESS YOUR AFFILIATION

FEE HAS BEEN PAID BEFORE THE FIRST LEAGUE RACE.

Make your cheques payable to the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League,
and send to C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 5BT.



BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE
Names and Addresses of Club Secretaries and League Officials
1987 - 1988

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Division One

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Judge:- Mrs.J.Bodsworth, 245 Selly Oak Rd., Kings Norton, Birmingham,
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Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League
RULES

1. That the name of the League be the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League.
2. That the objects of the League be the promotion of combined races, allowing any numbers of runners to compete.
3. That the management of the League be vested in a President, Presidents Elect, Three delegates from each Club, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, also an Asst. Secretary & Treasurer, if the A.G.M feel that these Assistant Officers are necessary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year with the Past Presidents.
4. An Executive Committee shall be elected at the A.G.M. and will consist of the following:-
 - i) The President.
 - ii) The Hon. Secretary/Treasurer
 - iii) The Race Referees.
 - iv) One representative from each of the Leagues Four Divisions, (to be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting)This Executive should be instructed to meet once a year after the close of each season to discuss relevant matters from the proceeding season. Duties of this Committee shall be to make recommendations for items of discussion at the coming A.G.M. 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. Secretary, if any problem should arise through-out the season.
5. That the Headquarters be a suitable venue in the Birmingham & District area, where meetings may be held.
6. Races to be confined to FIRST CLAIM MEMBERS of member Clubs.

NO GUEST RUNNERS.

Athletes must have reached the age of Seventeen years by August 31st./September 1st. at the commencement of the coming Cross-Country Season. The rules of the B.C.C.U., M.C.C.C.A. and the M.C.A.A.A. shall apply.

7. That the League be divided into Four Divisions containing Clubs of equal strength. The two Clubs finishing first and second in the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions to move to the higher Division, and the two Clubs at the bottom of the tables in Divisions One, Two and Three 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.
8. That the distances of races be from 5 to 7 miles, races to be decided on Championship lines.
9. Affiliation fee to be decided at the A.G.M. (at present £16 - 00.) per Club per Annum. Numbers and results sheets to be supplied by the League.
10. Any Club which fails to pay its Affiliation Fee prior to the first race after the A.G.M. shall have their invitation to compete in the League withdrawn.

11. Each race shall be in the charge of an appointed Referee whose decision shall be final. League Judges and Timekeepers for each Division shall be appointed by the A.G.M. and will be responsible for giving and recording the Official placings and Times at each Race. The races will be started by an appointed Starter.
12. The Hon. Secretary of the Promoting Club shall arrange for Marshalls, Officials and First Aid Cover for each Race. A Disc System of scoring shall be used. Each Club will provide its own Disc Steward.
13. Any Club failing to complete a team in all four fixtures shall automatically finish at the bottom of the League Tables in the final placings, and will therefore be relegated. Failing to complete a team in the Fourth Division shall mean that the Club must apply in writing (before the next A.G.M.) to the Hon. Secretary for re-election to the League, if it wishes to retain its membership of the League.
14. The dates and venues of all League Races shall be decided at the A.G.M. and those Clubs giving written application to stage a League Fixture shall be given preference when choosing venues for the coming season.
15. The Hon. Secretary of each Promoting Club MUST inform all Clubs in his Division, The President, Hon. Secretary, Race Secretary, Referee Judges, Timekeepers as to the Venue, Travel Directions and the type and distance of the Course at least FOURTEEN (14) DAYS before the Race is to be run. Host Club's will be liable to forfeit the Leagues promotion donation (£20) if they fail to comply with the above instruction.
16. Club Colours MUST be worn. The Referee will disqualify any athlete who does not comply with this rule.
17. Safety pins are not provided by the League for athletes numbers, this is the responsibility of individual Clubs to provide. The Leagues Officials would appreciate if athletes could pin their numbers on the sides, rather than top and bottom of the number.
18. The Young Athletes Race shall be for boys who are over 13 years of age, but under 17 years of age on the 1st. September prior to the first League Race of the season. The distance of the Races shall NOT exceed three (3) miles.
19. The responsibility for the up to date engraving of the Leagues Trophies, is that of the holding Club. Clubs MUST return League Trophies to their Division Secretary by the THIRD RACE of the season.