

Composition of League continued:

1st. Division

9 Clubs

2nd. Division

Sparkhill Harriers
Worcester A C

11 Clubs

3rd. Division

Stourport A C
Tamworth A C
Telford A C
Warley A C
West Bromwich Harriers
West Midland College

15 Clubs

Fixtures & Venues

	1st. Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
November 4th. 1978	Coventry	Sparkhill	Michelin
November 25th. 1978	Wolverhampton	Cannock	Telford
January 27th. 1979	Perry Barr	Leamington	Nuneaton
February 17th. 1979	Tipton	Solihull	Tamworth
	Races to start	2.30pm Young Athletes	3.00pm Seniors.

Election of Officers.

President: Mr E F Hutchings was proposed by S A Wright, seconded by W A Evans, Ted who has been a delegate for Harborne Harriers for over twenty years, and when not competing has officiated at many league races, Ted was duly elected.

Hon Secretary. E J Skidmore. Hon Auditor. E W Lindsey.

	1st Div	2nd Div	3rd Div
Referee	K Walklate	E G Clifford	J Freeman
Race Secretary	W Carr	T O'Reilly	W Aston (J Buckby)
Timekeepers	F E Allcoat	C M Grant	W A Evans
	E Powner	K Cunningham	J Andrews
	R Davies		

Since being elected as race secretary of the 3 Div, Bill Aston has had to resign, due to a change in his employment, and is moving to Surrey. John Buckby has agreed to take over.

I would like to thank Bill for all the work he has done for athletics, and wish him well in his new career.

Delegates to the M C C C A.

W A Evans J Freeman E J Skidmore.

Honorarium.

The delegates unanimous voted that the Hon Secretary should receive £20.00.

Any other Business.

The First Claim Rule was discussed, and the question was asked, could athletes serving a suspension, could they take part in the league races, it was decided that they could not, Referees to enforce this rule, and also that guest runners would not be allowed to take part.

This concluded the business, the President Mr E F Hutchings closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

(The attendance was the most ever at a league meeting.)

E. F. Hutchings
President

12.9.79

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF CLUB CROSS COUNTRY SECRETARIES & LEAGUE OFFICIALS.

President: E.F.Hutchings, 10, North Drive, Heathfield Park, Handsworth, B'ham 20.
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: E.J.Skidmore, "Trelawney", The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, W.Mids.

DIVISION ONE

Referee: K. Walklate, 31, Werburgh Drive, Trentham, Stoke on Trent ST4 8JP
Race Secretary: W. Carr, 28, Newman Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton.
Timekeepers/Recorders: F.E.Alcoat, 51, Alfriston Rd., Finham, Coventry.
" " R. Davies, 11, Bryan Avenue, Penn, Wolverhampton.
" " E.Powner, 7, Field End Close, Trentham, Stoke on Trent.
Birchfield Harriers: R. Tilling, 230, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B21 9QG
Birmingham University: R.D.Osborne, The Athletic Union Office, Sports Centre, B'ham University
Bromsgrove & Redditch: B. Clarke, 11, Amblescote Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3BB
City of Stoke: S.C.Mountford, 8, Arbourfield Drive, Berry Hill, Stoke on Trent.
Coventry Godiva: P.S.Miller, 6, Arnold Ave., Styvechale, Coventry CV3 5LX
Gloucester A.C. A. Daley, 39, Manderville Close, Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 0EY
Staffordshire Moorlands: M.J.Horn, 10, Fairfield Road, Biddulph Moor, Stoke on Trent.
Tipton Harriers: D. Fownes, 18, Mayfair Gardens, Park Lane Estate, Tipton, West Midlands.
Wolverhampton & Bilston: P. Lisseman, 42, Baynton Road, New Invention, Willenhall, W.Mids.

DIVISION TWO

Referee: E.G.Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington.
Race Secretary: T. O'Reilly, 26, Silver Birch Road, Erdington, Birmingham B24 0AS
Timekeepers/Recorders: C.M.Grant, 6, Waverley Crescent, Romsley, Nr. Halesowen.
K. Cunningham, 36, The Gardens, Radford Semele, Leamington.
Cannock Chase A.C. B.B.Silverstone, 20, Pine View, Etching Hill, Rugeley, Staffs.
Cheltenham & County: C.B.Franks, 23, Salisbury Ave, Warden Hill, Cheltenham.
Halesowen A.C. A. Grant, 6, Waverley Crescent, Romsley, Nr. Halesowen.
Leamington A.C. H. Mortimer, 19, St. Nicholas Rd., Radford Semele, Leamington.
Newcastle A.C. D. Rigby, 6, Pool Street, Higherland, Newcastle, Staffordshire.
Rugby & District: R. Turner, 3, Duke Street, Rugby.
Small Heath Harriers: K. Dare, 106, Bryn Arden Road, Birmingham B26 1JY
Solihull A.C.: I. Wilton-Jones, 110, Pierce Ave., Olton, Solihull B92 7JZ
Stafford A.C. D. Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford, ST16 3TH
Sparkhill Harriers: A.Hill, Sparkhill Harriers H.Q.Rear 188 Stratford Rd., Shirley, Solihull
Worcester A.C. J. Tingle, 114, Newtown Rd., Malvern, Worcs.

DIVISION THREE.

Referee: J. Freeman, 21, Paradise, Dudley.
Race Secretary: J. Buckley, 26, Hall Green Rd., Stone Cross, West Bromwich.
Timekeepers/Recorders: W.A.Evans, 121, Ruskin St., West Bromwich
J. Andrews, 15, Hazelton Rd., Marlbrook, Bromsgrove B.60 1EX
Bridgnorth A.C. S. Williams, 2, Richmond Gardens, Bridgnorth, Salop.
Burton A.C. M. Harley, 78, Main Street, Stapenhill, Burton on Trent, Staffs.
Dudley & Stourbridge: D. Eades, 55, York Crescent, Stourbridge.
Harborne Harriers: R.G.Care, 14, Kenilworth Rd., Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands B68 0ND
Lozells Harriers: D. Lake, 42, Heath Side Drive, Birmingham 30.
Michelin A.C. J. Nolan, 7, Kendall Place, Clayton, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs.
Nuneaton Harriers: D. Ewington, 16, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, Nuneaton CV12 9PE
Royal Sutton Coldfield: R.W.Butler, 41, Marlpit Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B75 5EY
Shrewsbury & District: D. Carter, 31, Haygate Drive, Wellington, Telford.
Stourport A.C. P. Darby, 23, Manor Road, Stourport, Worcs. DY13 9DN
Tamworth A.C. J.Graves, 16, Shawbury Lane, Shustoke, Coleshill, Warks.
Telford A.C. K. Banks, 43, Priory Rd., Oakengates, Telford, Salop.
Warley A.C. P. Wyld, 15, Clyde Ave., Halesowen, West Midlands.
West Bromwich Harriers: J. Buckley, See Race Secretary.
West Midland College: S.L.Pearson, Room D15, Cross Country Sec., West Midlands College of Education, Gorway Rd., Walsall.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY CHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1978/79.

EXPENDITURE

1977/78

Numbers 32.60
Awards 54.70
Extra Awards 15.33
MCCA Affiliation 3.00
Postage 16.10
Room Hire 3.00
-
Duplicating 10.00
Honorarium -
Honorarium 1977/78 -
Wreath (F.Allcoat) -

41.00
70.93
45.89
3.00
13.00
4.00
12.00
20.00
5.00
4.00

1977/78

34 Clubs @ £4 140.00
1 Club @ £3 3.00
Donation (F. Cull) 2.50
Donation 5.00
Extra Awards 15.33
Extra Awards (Still outstanding) 79
" " " 10.80
" " " 191.89
Loss 26.93

INCOME

136.00
3.00
2.00
3.00
36.30
79
10.80
191.89
26.93

£218.82

£218.82

B A L A N C E S H E E T A T 2 2 n d A U G U S T , 1 9 7 9 .

CASH AT BANK 16.8.78

106.11

LOSS

26.93

CASH AT BANK 22.8.79

£79.18

Audited and found correct

Edgar W. Lindsey 22.8.79

79.18

ERNEST JAMES SKIDMORE (HON. SECRETARY/TREASURER)

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE *(1926 - 1979)
(Affiliated to the M C C C A)

President E F Hutchings 10, North Drive, Heathfield Park, Handsworth, B'ham B20
Secretary/Treasurer E J Skidmore "Trelawney" The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Mid

54th Annual General Meeting

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 54th Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Alumnwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall, on Wednesday 12th. Sept. 1979 at 7.30 pm. Clubs are reminded that they can send three delegates to this meeting. Please inform your delegates of this A. G. M.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. Skidmore.

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies. *E. Trott - B. Silverstone - F. Cull - F. Evans - Ted Clifford - R. Evans - G. Lock - B. Reid.*
 - 2 Obituaries (F E Allcoat, Coventry Godiva) *ANDERSON, EDGAR LINDSEY. RETIRED.*
 - 3 Confirm Minutes of the 53rd A G M. *ANDERSON, EDGAR LINDSEY. RETIRED.*
 - 4 Statement of Accounts. *ANDERSON, EDGAR LINDSEY. RETIRED.*
 - 5 Presidents Report.
 - 6 Secretary's Report.
 - 7 Composition of the League
 - 8 Fixtures and Venues;

	1st Div	2nd Div	3rd Div
November 3rd 1979	Gloucester	Halesowen	MICHELIN.
" 24th "	GLOUCESTER	HALESOWEN	CHELTENHAM
January 26th 1980	WROTHAM	LEAMINGTON	TAMWORTH
March 1st "	TIPTON.	RUGBY	ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD
 - 9 Election of Officers.

	President.	Secretary/Treasurer	Auditor
	JOHN MILLS	CLIFF FRANKS	
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- | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | 1st Div | 2nd Div | 3rd Div |
| Race Secretary | W Carr ✓ | T O'Reilly ✓ | J Buckby. |
| Referee | K Evans ✓ | K Walklate ✓ | J Freeman |
| Timekeepers | B Powner | C Grant ✓ | J Andrews |
| | R Davies | K Cunningham | J Skidmore |
| | J. SKIDMORE. | E G Clifford ✓ | D. D ACON |
| | | TED POWNER ✓ | F. EVANS ✓ |
- Delegates to the M C C C A. (3) J Freeman, F. Evans, F. Skidmore
- 10 Club Colours, (Should clubs be penalised if their athletes fail to wear club colours)
 - 11 Honorarium 320.00.
 - 12 Any other business
 - 13 Date and Place of the 55th A G M. 10th SEPT 1970

Last Seasons Final Placings

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|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Tipton Harriers | 1 Worcester | 1 Telford |
| 2 Coventry Godiva | 2 Sparkhill Harr | 2 Shrewsbury |
| 3 Birchfield Harr | 3 Small Heath Harr | 3 Dudley & Stour |
| 4 Staffs Moorlands | 4 Newcastle | 4 Warley |
| 5 W'hamton & Bilston | 5 Leamington | 5 Tamworth |
| 6 B'ham University | 6 Stafford | 6 Stourport |
| 7 Gloucester | 7 Cannock Chase | 7 Lozells Harr |
| 8 Broms & Redditch | 8 Halesowen | 8 Michelin |
| 9 City of Stoke | 9 Rugby & Dis | 9 Royal Sutton Coldfield. |
| | 10 Cheltenham & Co | |
| | 11 Solihull | |
- WENLOCK OLYMPIC SOCIETY
- Burton A. C. ~~Bridgnorth A. C.~~
Harborne Harriers. ✓ Nuneaton Harriers.
West Bromwich Harriers. ✓
West Midland College.,

Must apply for re-election to the League.

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BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE A.G.M. 1979.
Minutes of the 54th. Annual General Meeting, held at the Alumwell Centre,
Primley Avenue, Walsall. Wednesday 12th. September 1979, at 7.30pm.

Present.

E.F.Hutchings (President) K.G.Dare, E.Powner (Past Presidents) E.W.Lindsley (Past President & Auditor) E.J.Skidmore (Hon. Secretary) K.J.Walklate, J.Mountford (City of Stoke) P.Lisseman (Wolverhampton & Bilston) H.Mortimer (Leamington) M.Dawes (Shrewsbury) K.Banks (Telford) S.Williams (Wenlock O.S.) R.Potter, R.W.Butler (Royal Sutton) J.Tingle (Worcester) G.Put (Tamworth) B.G.Cole (Tipton) R.G.Humphries (Rugby) C.B.Clarke (Bramsgrove & Redditch) S.M.James, J.Ewington (Nuneaton) J.Buckby (Westbromwich) B.Heatley (M.C.C.C.A. Team Manager.) B.Dickinson, N.Berry (Dudley & Stourbridge) A.Daley (Gloucester) C.B.Franks, D.McNamee, K.Buckle (Cheltenham) P.Miller (Coventry) C.L.Grant, J.Hope (Halesowen) N.Piotroliski, B.Pagan (Warley) J.R.Thornbury, G.Heeley, J.Mills (Sparkhill) R.V.Tilling (Birchfield) T.O'Reilly (Small Heath) A.Lea, J.Nolan (Michelan)

Apologies.

L.Trott, B.Silverstone, F.Cull, W.A.Evans, T.Clifford, K.Cunnington, G.Lock, R.Reid.

Obituary.

Fred Allcoat (Coventry Godiva Harriers) died in the service of the sport that he loved, in a car crash, whilst measuring the A.A.A. Marathon Course. He will be greatly missed by the League, having been a League timekeeper for about twenty years and has on many occasions helped to promote League fixtures. This is the second great loss suffered by Coventry Godiva Harriers in a short space of time. The President asked delegates to rise and observe a few moments silence as a tribute to the memory of Fred. Pleasing news for the meeting was that Basil Adcocks who was also involved in the accident, was making good progress back to health.

Minutes.

The minutes of the 53rd. Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 13th. September 1978 at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall, which had been circulated were proposed by K.Dare and seconded by K.Walklate, were confirmed by the meeting and duly signed by the President.

Statement of Accounts.

A loss of £26 - 93 was shown for the 1978 - 1979 season. This was due almost entirely to inflation. K.Dare proposed that the subscriptions to the League be raised from £4 - 00 to £5 - 00, to cover any further rise in inflation. This proposal was adopted unanimously.

Mr.E.W.Lindsley who has been the Leagues Auditor for over 40 years stated that this would be his last A.G.M. as Auditor. Edgar thought it was time for a younger man to take over the position and wished the new incumbent of the office every success. The President thanked Edgar for all his hard work over many years on the Leagues behalf.

K.Dare proposed and H.Mortimer seconded, the accounts be adopted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Auditor.

Presidents Report.

The President Mr.E.F.Hutchings stated that he had visited two 1st. division races and one each from the other two divisions. He had encountered a wide variety of weather conditions on his travels around the divisions and congratulated all the athletes who had competed in the varying conditions. As President he had been pleased to see that changing facilities were much improved since his days as an active athlete.

He completed his report by thanking all the Clubs who promoted races and all the Officials who had given up their valuable time during the 78 - 79 League season. Finally he thanked all the delegates who had elected him to the post of President.

Hon.Secretary's Report.

Another record breaking year, the first races in November brought together a total of 613 athletes, beating last years record of 544. The second race also beat last years record when 558 finished the races, all divisions had excellent turnout. The 2nd. division had over 180 competitors start in the first race at Sparkhill this is a record for any division, and it should be pointed out to Clubs who organise races, marking out of courses must be of a high standard, also a good finishing area is a must, with the continuing increase of numbers competing in the League.

Division One.

The first race held at Coventry saw 156 finish in the senior race, 35 in the young athletes race. Tipton won the senior race with an excellent score of 58 points, 1st. Division continued over.....

Coventry Godiva finished second 84 points, with Wolverhampton & Dilston a close third 87 points. The second race at Wolverhampton saw Coventry take an enormous lead, (most of Tiptons leading runners had gone to Gateshead) Coventry winning with 77 points, Birmingham University were second with 82 points. Tipton were sixth 191 points. Coventry held a lead of 88 points over Tipton.

In the third race at Perry Barr Tipton came back with a bang winning with the low total of 49 points. Birchfield finished second 91 points and Coventry third 109 points. Tipton had thus cut Coventry's lead to a mere 28 points with one race to go. In the final race Tipton overcame a weakened Coventry team to win the Birmingham League title for the seventh consecutive year. Colin Brown of Coventry Godiva Harriers won the individual title. The final placings were:- 1st. Tipton 358 points 2nd. Coventry Godiva Harriers 392 points 3rd. Birchfield Harriers. Relegated were Bromsgrove & Redditch and City of Stoke A.C. Young Athletes League was won by the City of Stoke A.C. 65 points, second was Gloucester A.C. 95 points. Ray Ellerton of Staffordshire Moorlands was the Young Athletes individual winner.

Division Two.

The first race held at Sparkhill was held under excellent conditions and gave Small Heath an easy win with 49 points from Worcester A.C. 117 points and Sparkhill Harriers in third place with 120 points. Already Cheltenham and Solihull were adrift at the foot of the table. Worcester 49 points had a clear victory in the second race at Rugeley in very unpleasant conditions, with Small Heath 159 points slipping to fourth place, beaten by Sparkhill 116 points and Newcastle 157 points.

A clear sunny day at Leamington, with deep snow under foot saw Sparkhill 107 points narrowly beating Worcester 109 points. Small Heath slipping out of the promotion race.

Solihull scene of the final race, saw Sparkhill win their second consecutive race Worcester finishing second. However the latter Club emerged as the Division Two 344 points to Sparkhill's 398 points. Small Heath finished third with 670 points. Cheltenham and Solihull were relegated to the Third Division. Paul Heywood was a clear individual winner in the Senior League.

In the Young Athletes races Rugby were easy winners, only four teams finishing in all four league races. Paul Davis-Hale won the individual trophy in the Young Athletes League.

Division Three.

The first race held at Michelin attracted well over 160 competitors, 154 athletes finished, Telford 71 points beat near neighbours Shrewsbury 131 points with Lozells third 156 points. Telford who staged the second race made the most of the home advantage to chalk up their second win with 97 points. Tamworth were second on a 102 points. There were a 149 finishers. In the third race held at Nuneaton Warley A.C. surprised everyone winning with 78 points, however Telford kept up their promotion chase with 101 points for second place. The final race at Tamworth saw Telford run home easy winners with 60 points, followed by Shrewsbury 92 points and third were Dudley & Stourbridge with 162 points. These positions were mirrored in the final Division Three League table, Telford first with 329 points, Second were Shrewsbury 470 points and Dudley & Stourbridge third 662 points. The individual title was won by D. Jackson of Telford.

The Young Athletes races were rather disappointing with only 90 athletes competing in all four races combined, only two teams finishing teams in all races. Nuneaton Harriers just beating Bridgnorth A.C. 73 points to 76 points. A very promising athlete Paul Black won the Young Athlete individual title.

Special thanks of all league members must go to the following:-

	1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.
Race Secretary:-	Bill Carr.	Tom O'Reilly.	John Buckby.
Referee;?	Ken Walklate.	Ted Clifford.	Jack Freeman.
Timekeepers:-	Ron Davies.	Cliff Grant.	Fred Evans.
	Ted Powner.	Ken Cunningham.	John Andrews.
	(Fred Allcoat)		

Thanks must also go to John Mountford, Graham Heeley, Ken Dare and any other official who helped to make the 54th. league season a great success.

Our gratitude must also be expressed to all the Clubs who so successfully promoted League fixtures.

Ted Hutchings, our President, generously donated an award to the leading Young Athletes in their respective divisions. We thank him for his generosity.

Finally the Secretary reported that he was retiring at this A.G.M. He had found it difficult now that he was the Midland Counties Cross-Country Secretary to combine both jobs. Jim Skidmore became secretary of the League in 1966, after a spell as

a race secretary and then as assistant secretary. He stressed that he had made many friends over the years and had seen the League grow from strength to strength. He wished to pass on his grateful thanks to all those involved, and who had helped him with the League over the years that he had been secretary. The President expressed the delegates well wishes and thanks for all the hard work that Jim had put into the League over the years.

Re-election of clubs to the 3rd. Division.

The following Clubs had applied for re-election to the League, and were all unanimously re-elected:- Harbourne Harriers, Nuneaton Harriers, West Bromwich Harriers and Wenlock Olympic Society formerly Bridgenorth A.C.

Composition of the League.

1st. Division.	2nd. Division.	3rd. Division.
Birchfield Harriers.	Bromsgrove & Redditch.	Cheltenham & County.
Birmingham University.	Cannock Chase A.C.	Dudley & Stourbridge.
Coventry Godiva Harriers.	City of Stoke A.C.	Harbourne Harriers.
Gloucester A.C.	Halesowen A.C.	Lozells Harriers.
Sparkhill Harriers.	Leamington C.&A.C.	Michelin A.C.
Staffordshire Moorlands.	Newcastle A.C.	Nuneaton Harriers.
Tipton Harriers.	Rugby & District A.C.	Royal Sutton Coldfield.
Wolverhampton & Bilston.	Shrewsbury & District.	Selihull A.C.
Worcester A.C.	Small Heath Harriers.	Stourport A.C.
	Stafford A.C.	Tamworth A.C.
	Telford A.C.	Warley A.C.
		Wenlock Olympic Soc.
		West Bromwich Harriers.

Fixtures & Venues.

	1st. Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
November 3rd. 1979.	Worcester.	Telford.	Michelan.
November 24th. 1979.	Gloucester.	Halesowen.	Cheltenham.
January 26th. 1980.	Sparkhill.	Leamington.	Tamworth.
March 1st. 1980.	Tipton.	Rugby.	Royal Sutton Coldfield.
	Races to start 2.30pm. Young Athletes.		
	3.00pm. Seniors.		

Election of Officers.

President:-Mr. J.A. Mills of Sparkhill Harriers was proposed by K. Dare seconded by G. Heeley. John has been associated with the League for many years as a competitor and official and has helped to stage many League races for Sparkhill. He is still very active in all these roles.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:-C.B. Franks proposed K. Dare seconded E. Powner.

Auditor:-The new secretary is to seek someone to take over this Office.

	1st. Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
Referee:-	K. Evans.	K. Walklate.	J. Freeman.
Race Timekeepers:-	R. Davies.	C. Grant.	J. Andrews.
	R. Martin.	E.J. Clifford.	E.J. Skidmore.
		E. Powner.	
Race Secretary:-	W. Carr.	T.O'Reilly.	J. Buckby.

Delegates to M.C.C.C.A.

J. Freeman, E.J. Skidmore, W.A. Evans.

Fred Evans was unfortunately very ill in hospital at the time of the A.G.M. The delegates sent their well wishes for a speedy recovery.

Club Colours.

It was agreed to continue disqualifying athletes who do not wear their Club Colours at League races.

Clubs are asked to fill in the enclosed form stating their Clubs Colours. This form must be handed into your race secretary at the first race, he will then forward it to the Hon. Secretary. The Hon. Secretary will then circulate a list of League Clubs colours with the results of the first race.

Honorarium.

The delegates unanimously voted that the Hon. Secretary (E.J. Skidmore) should receive £20 -00.

Any Other Business.

Clubs were told that there is a shortage of officials at some races - usually recorders. If the League is to function smoothly it is essential that Club officials offer their services when needed.

Delegates were reminded that the coming season is the Centenary Year of the M.C.C.C.A. and that a special Dinner Dance is to be held in celebration on October 5th. 1979.

Tickets are on sale from E.J. Skidmore, 'Trelawney', The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge,
West Midlands, Tel. 038 4 288219. Cost £5 - 00.

Date of the next A.G.M.

The 55th. Annual General Meeting will be held at the Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue,
Walsall on the 10th. September 1980.

The President thanked the delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting.

J.A.M. 10.9.80.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Names and addresses of Club Secretaries, and League Officials.
1979 - 1980.

<u>President.</u>	J. Mills, 49, Acheson Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.	
<u>Hon. Secretary/Treas.</u>	C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Glos. GL51 5BT.	(28548)
<u>Division One.</u>		
<u>Referee:-</u>	K. Evans, 27, Langley Rd., Merryhill, Wolverhampton.	(765409)
<u>Race Secretary:-</u>	B. Carr, 28, Newman Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton,	(021 556 2366)
<u>Timekeepers:-</u>	R. Davies, 11, Bryan Avenue, Penn, Wolverhampton.	(38634)
	R. Martin, 12, Elm Grove, Codsall, Wolverhampton, WV8 1HS	(090 74 5280)
<u>Birchfield Harriers:-</u>	R. Tilling, 230, Rookery Rd, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 9QG.	
<u>Birmingham University:-</u>	P. Magner, Cross Country Sec., Sports Union, B'ham University, Birmingham.	
<u>Coventry Godiva:-</u>	P. Miller, 6, Arnold Avenue, Styvechale, Coventry, CV3 5LX.	
<u>Gloucester A.C.:-</u>	R. Freeman, 80, Worcester Street, Gloucester.	(Bus. Tel. 652445)
<u>Sparkhill Harriers:-</u>	J. Thornbury, Sparkhill Harriers H.Q., Rear 188, Stratford Rd., Shirley, Solihull, Warwickshire.	(021 745 4988)
<u>Staffordshire Moorlands:-</u>	M.J. Horn, 10, Fairfield Rd., Biddulph Moor, Stoke on Trent	(515743)
<u>Tipton Harriers:-</u>	D. Fownes, 18, Mayfair Gdns., Park Lane Estate, Tipton, West Midlands.	
<u>Wolverhampton & Bilston:-</u>	P. Lisseman, 42, Baynton Rd., New Invention, Willenhall, Wolverhampton.	(0922 403985)
<u>Worcester A.C.:-</u>	J. Tingle, 114, Newtown Rd., Malvern, Worcs.	(068 45 62663)
<u>Division Two.</u>		
<u>Referee:-</u>	K. Walklate, 31, Werburgh Drive, Trentham, Stoke on Trent.	(658858)
<u>Race Secretary:-</u>	T. O'Reilly, 26, Silverbirch Rd., Erdington, B'ham, B24 0AS.	(021 350 5405)
<u>Timekeepers:-</u>	C. Grant, 6, Waverley Cres., Romsley, Nr. Halesowen.	
	E. Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warks.	
	E. Powner, 7, Field End Close, Trentham, Stoke on Trent.	(657057)
<u>Bromsgrove & Redditch:-</u>	B. Clarke, 11, Amblecote Rd., Kidderminster.	(78247)
<u>Cannock Chase A.C.:-</u>	B. Silverstone, 20, Pine View, Rugeley, Staffs.	(264730)
<u>City of Stoke:-</u>	J. Mountford, 8, Arbourfield Drive, Bucknall, Stoke on Trent.	(75293)
<u>Halesowen A.C.:-</u>	J. Hope, 6, Rufford Rd., Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY9 7LU	(34569)
<u>Leamington C & A.C.:-</u>	C. Woodward, 24, Box Close, Golf Lane, Whitnash, Leamington.	(610551)
<u>Newcastle A.C.:-</u>	D. Rigby, 6, Pool Street, Higherland, Newcastle, Staffs.	(55670)
<u>Rugby & District A.C.:-</u>	M. Angrove, 77, Fleet Crescent, Rugby, Warks.	(021 350 5405)
<u>Shrewsbury & District:-</u>	D. Carter, 31, Haygate, Drive, Wellington, Telford.	(53480)
<u>Small Heath Harriers:-</u>	T. O'Reilly, 26, Silverbirch Rd., Erdington, B'ham, B24 0AS.	(618018)
<u>Stafford A.C.:-</u>	D. Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford, ST16 3TH	
<u>Telford A.C.:-</u>	K. Banks, 43, Priory Rd., Oakengates, Telford, Salop.	
<u>Division Three.</u>		
<u>Referee:-</u>	J. Freeman, 21, Paradise, Dudley.	(59182)
<u>Race Secretary:-</u>	J. Buckby, 26, Hall Green Rd., Stone Cross, West Bromwich.	(021 588 2539)
<u>Timekeepers:-</u>	J. Andrews, 15, Hazelton Rd., Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, B60 1EX	(9940 74057)
	J. Skidmore, Trelawney, The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 5BN	(038 4 288319)
<u>Cheltenham & County:-</u>	P. Game, 30, Windyridge Gdns., Wymans Brook, Cheltenham.	(45047)
<u>Dudley & Stourbridge:-</u>	B. Dickinson, 14, Cherry Tree Rd., Kingswinford.	(292299)
<u>Harbourne Harriers:-</u>	R.G. Care, 14, Kenilworth Rd., Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands, B68 0ND.	(378 1571)
<u>Lozells Harriers:-</u>	G. Kidman, 8, Vaughton Drive, Sutton Coldfield.	(625726)
<u>Michelin A.C.:-</u>	J. Nolan, 7, Kendall Place, Clayton, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs.	(0203 314990)
<u>Nuneaton Harriers:-</u>	B. Ewington, 16, Hensworth Drive, Bulkington, Nuneaton	
<u>Royal Sutton Coldfield:-</u>	R.W. Butler, 41, Marlpit Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B75 5EX	(021 308 1235)
<u>Solihull A.C.:-</u>	I. Hilton-Jones, 110, Pierce Avenue, Solihull,	(021 706 7176)
<u>Stourport A.C.:-</u>	P. Darby, 13, Dunley Road, Stourport, Worcs.	(4697)
<u>Tamworth A.C.:-</u>	J. Peet, 19, Stephenson Close, Glascote Heath, Tamworth.	(53394)
<u>Warley A.C.:-</u>	P. Wyld, 15, Clyde Avenue, Halesowen.	(421 4577)
<u>West Bromwich Harriers:-</u>	J. Buckby, 26, Hall Green Rd., Stone Cross, West Bromwich.	(021 588 2539)
<u>Wenlock Olympic Society:-</u>	S. Williams, 2, Richmond Gdns., Bridgnorth, Salop.	(3969)

ANY CHANGES PLEASE INFORM ME.

Clubs organising League races MUST inform Club Secretaries and Officials of their Division plus the President and the League Secretary at least 14 days before the race as to the type of course, distance of race, and travel directions.
Youths to start at 2.30pm. Seniors to start at 3.00pm.

Would Clubs please note that affiliation fees are now due. I would be most grateful if Clubs could make prompt payment of this fee i.e. £5-00, hence saving any chasing up. Many thanks for your cooperation, wishing you and your Club a successful season.
Cliff Franks.

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4. That the Headquarters be a suitable venue in the Birmingham & District area where meetings may be held.
5. Races to be confined to FIRST CLAIM MEMBERS of member Clubs, and the rules of the M.C.A.C.C.A. and the M.C.A.A.A. to apply.
6. That the League be divided into three Divisions containing Clubs of equal strength; the two Clubs finishing first and second in the 2nd. and 3rd. Divisions to move into higher Divisions, and the two Clubs finishing at the bottom of the tables in Divisions 1 and 2 to move into lower Divisions. 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.
7. That the distance of races be from 5 to 7 miles, and races to be decided on Championship lines.
8. Affiliation Fee to be decided at the Annual General Meeting (at present £5 - 00.) per Club, per Annum. Numbers and result sheets to be supplied by the League.
9. Any Club which fails to pay its Affiliation Fee within TWELVE MONTHS ^{from the date} of the A.G.M. shall have their invitation withdrawn from the League.
10. Each race shall be in charge of an appointed referee whose decision shall be final. League Timekeepers for each Division shall also be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will be responsible for giving and recording the official times at each race. The races to be started by an appointed starter.
11. The Hon. Secretary of the promoting Club shall arrange Judges and Officials [✓] for each race, and a disc system of scoring shall be used. Each club will provide its own Disc Steward.
12. Any Club failing to complete a team in all fixtures shall automatically finish at the bottom of the table in the final League Placings. Failing to complete a team in a Third Division fixture shall mean that the Club applies in writing (before the next Annual General Meeting) to the Hon. Secretary for re-election to the League.
13. The dates and venues of all League races shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
14. The Hon. Secretary of each promoting Club MUST inform all Clubs in his Division, the President, Hon. Secretary, Race Secretary, Referee and Timekeepers as to the Venue, Travel details and the type and distance of the course at least 14 days before the race is to be run.
15. Club Colours must be worn. The Referee will disqualify any athlete who does not comply with this rule.
16. Safety pins are not provided by the league for athletes numbers, this is the responsibility of individual Clubs to provide. The Leagues Judges would appreciate if athletes could pin their numbers on the sides rather than top and bottom of the number.

These rules are the revised rules of 1970, with the inclusion of other rules that the Annual General Meetings have seen fit to introduce since then.

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Please fill in this form and give to your Race Secretary at the first League Race.

CLUB:-

CLUB COLOURS:-

Name of Club Cross Country Secretary:-

Telephone No.:- Address:-

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Please Print Information.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1979 / 1980

EXPENDITURE.

INCOME.

1978/79	1978/79	1978/79
41.00	Numbers	39.01
70.93	Awards	78.44
45.89	Extra Awards	56.86
3.00	Affiliation M.C.C.C.A.	3.00
13.00	Postage	23.28
	Phone	2.52
12.00	Duplicating/Stationary	5.00
4.00	Room Hire	4.50
	Presentation (E.W.Lindsey)	5.50
	Presidents Awards	5.11
20.00	Honorarium 1978/79	20.00
4.00	Wreath (W.A.Evans)	5.75
		<u>£248.97</u>
	Cash at Bank 22.8.79	£79.18
	Loss on year	<u>£8.91</u>
		£70.27
		<u>£248.97</u>
	Cash at Bank 22.8.80	£56.17
	Owed for extra awards	<u>£14.10</u>
		£70.27
		<u>£240.03</u>
	Loss over year	8.91
		<u>£248.97</u>

Audited and found correct:-

[Signature]

C.B. Franks Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

D. McNamee 4.9.1980.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE (1926 - 1980)
Affiliated to the M.C.C.C.A.

President :- John Mills, 49, Acheson Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.
Secretary/Treasurer C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Glos., GL51 5BT. Tel. 28548.

55th. Annual General Meeting.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 55th Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium, Stadium Way, Off Walsall Road, Perry Park, Perry Barr, Birmingham. on Wednesday the 10th. September 1980 at 7.30p.m.

Clubs are reminded that they can send three delegates to this meeting. Please inform your delegates of this A.G.M.

Yours faithfully
Cliff Franks.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies.
2. Obituaries. (W.A.Evans.West Bromwich Harriers.)
3. Confirm Minutes of the 54th.A.G.M.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Presidents Report.
6. Secretary's Report.
7. Composition of the League.
8. Fixtures and Venues;

1st. Division.	:	2nd. Division	:	3rd. Division.
November 1st.1980.	:		:	
" 22nd.1980.	:		:	
January 31st. 1981.	:		:	
February 21st.1981.	:		:	
9. Election of Officers.

President.	Secretary/Treasurer.	Auditor.
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Race Secretary:-

Referee:-

Timekeepers:-

<u>E. S. SKIDMORE</u>	<u>C. B. FRANKS</u>	<u>D. McNAMEE</u>
1st. Division	2nd. Division.	3rd. Division.
B. CAER	P. LISSEMAN	J. BUCKBY
H. WALKLATE	H. EVANS	D. JOHNSON.
A. BIRT	C. GRANT	J. ANDREWS.
E. FOUNNER	T. CLIFFORD	D. BACON.
R. MARTIN		

Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A. (3) E.J. SKIDMORE D. BACON J. FREEMAN

10. Payment of Subscriptions.
11. Suitability of Courses -First Aid.
12. Any Other Business.

Final Placings 1979 / 1980.

- | 1st. Division. | 2nd. Division. | 3rd. Division. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Tipton Harriers. | 1. Newcastle A.C. | 1. Cheltenham & County |
| 2. Staffordshire Moorlands. | 2. City of Stoke. | 2. Dudley & Stourbridge. |
| 3. Birchfield Harriers. | 3. Bromsgrove & Redditch. | 3. Solihull A.C. |
| 4. Birmingham University. | 4. Leamington A.C. | 4. Warley A.C. |
| 5. Worcester A.C. | 5. Rugby & District. | 5. Burton A.C. |
| 6. Sparkhill Harriers. | 6. Stafford A.C. | 6. Tamworth |
| 7. Gloucester A.C. | 7. Telford. | 7. Stourport. |
| | 8. Cannock Chase. | 8. Nuneaton. |
| 8. Wolverhampton & Bilston | 9. Halesowen. | 9. Michelan. |
| 9. Coventry Godiva | | 10. Sutton Coldfield. |
| | 10. Shrewsbury. | 11. West Bromwich. |
| | 11. Small Heath. | |

Harborne Harriers
Lozells Harriers
Wenlock Olympian Society
Must apply for re-election to
the League.

May I ask Clubs to please bring their 1980 / 1981 affiliation for the League to the Annual General Meeting. The fee is £5-00.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE A.G.M. 1980.
Minutes of the 55th. Annual General Meeting held at the Alexander Stadium,
Birmingham on Wednesday the 10th. of September 1980 at 7.30.

Present.

J.Mills (President) K.G.Dare, J.Freeman, E.J.Hutchings & E.Powner (Past Presidents)
D.McNamee (Auditor) C.B.Franks (Hon.Secretary) D.Bowgen, M.Harley (Burton A.C.)
D.A.Bacon, T.O'Reilly (Solihull & Small Heath A.C.) K.Walklate, J.Mountford (City
of Stoke A.C.) J.Culshaw (Tamworth A.C.) R.K.Tilling (Birchfield Harriers)
J.R.Thornbury (Sparkhill Harriers) N.Jinks, J.Tingle (Worcester A.C.) K.Banks
P.Jones (Telford A.C.) R.J.Martin, P.Lisseman (Wolverhampton & Bilston A.C.) C.Grant
(Halesowen A.C.) C.B.Clarke, A.J.Gaize (Bromsgrove & Redditch A.C.) R.W.Butler,
R.Potter (Royal Sutton Coldfield A.C.) P.B.Blackburn, R.Rowley (Tipton Harriers)
W.Adcocks, P.S.Miller (Coventry Godiva Harriers) B.Silverstone (Cannock Chase A.C.)
W.H.Carr (Tipton Harriers) K.Buckle (Cheltenham & County Harriers) W.Berry,
B.Dickinson (Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers) M.Botterill, P.Muddeman (Leamington C &
A.C.) M.Keen (Lozels Harriers) E.J.Skidmore (Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers)
B.Heatley (M.C.C.C.A. Team Manager).

Apologies.

E.Clifford, F.Wood, J.Buckby, J.Nolan, D.Brearley, J.Peet, & A.Daley.

Obituary.

Fred Evans (West Bromwich Harriers) who died soon after last years A.G.M. Fred was a
great servant of the sport and has been a past President of the Midland Counties
Cross Country Association and of the League. He will be much missed by the League
having been a League Timekeeper for very many years.
The President asked the members to rise and observe a few moments silence in tribute
and memory of Fred.

Minutes.

The minutes of the 54th. Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 12th. September 1979
at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall, which had been circulated were proposed by K.Dare
and seconded by J.Skidmore, were confirmed by the meeting and duly signed as a true
record by the President.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer reported that the League had made a loss of £8 -.91p. This was due to
several reasons i) Chasing up of affiliations and extra awards i.e. postage / phone.
ii) Presentation to the retiring auditor. iii) General inflation.
However it was generally agreed that the annual affiliation should remain the same
for the coming season. The accounts had been audited and found correct by David
McNamee and the Treasurer thanked Dave for coming to the rescue and auditing the books
at short notice.

K.Dare proposed the acceptance of the accounts and a vote of thanks to the Treasurer
and Auditor, seconded by P.Lisseman. The meeting endorsed the proposal.

Presidents Report.

Mr.J.Mills informed the meeting that he had visited races in all three Divisions
and had thoroughly enjoyed his year as President. He went on to thank the Officers
and Officials of the League for all their work during the 1979-80 season. Finally
he thanked the members for electing him as President for the year.

Hon. Secretary's Report.

Division One.

160 runners finished in the first race held at Worcester. Steeplechasers finished well
to the fore with Olympic man Roger Hackney (Birm.Uni.) pulling away from John Graham
(Birchfield) over the last lap. John Wheway (Wolverhampton) finished third. Staffs.
Moorlands (54) - with seven men in the first sixteen ran out comfortable team winners
over Tipton (91) and Birmingham University (121).

Staffs. Moorlands increased their lead over Tipton (80) despite being beaten by
Birchfield (54). Birchfields efforts taking them ahead of the University. Hackney scored
his second win, just beating off the strong challenge of Graham and Andy Holden
(Tipton). This race was held at Gloucester.

In the third race held at Sparkhill a fine race was seen between Ray Smedley
(Birchfield) and Ian Stewart (Tipton). Ray gaining the advantage over the last mile.
Moorlands again won the team race with 79pts. ahead of Tipton (82) and Birchfield
(135).

The final race held at Tipton saw the National Champions with the unenviable task
of having to pull back 45pts. on the strong Moorlands team. However Tiptons answer
was to place six of their men in the first eleven home to accumulate the very low
score of 41pts., pushing Staffs. Moorlands into the runners up position. Birchfield
finished third. Despite a gallant effort by Coventry over the last two races they
left themselves too much to do and were relegated together with Wolverhampton.

Staffs. Moorlands had some compensation when M.J. Bishop took the individual plaque with 21pts. ahead of Tiptons R. Cytla 45pts. and J. Wright 59pts. In the young athletes races R. Ellerton (Staffs. Moorlands) had four wins out of four to take the individual title from his club mate P. Fowler who also had some fine runs finishing second in every race. Wolverhampton (75) won the team competition ahead of Staffordshire Moorlands. (83).

Division Two.

Mike Downs (Cannock) finished ahead of the 149 finishers in the first race held at Telford. He was followed home by T. Redman and S. Willimott. In the team race Bromsgrove (104) scored the narrowest of victories over Newcastle (105) and City of Stoke (131). It was sad to see Small Heath fail to complete a team.

Over the undulating Halesowen course T. Redman (Leamington) made the most of Downes absence and scored a comfortable win over P. Davies-Hale (Cannock). Newcastle (94) reversed the position of the first race beating Bromsgrove (115), Stoke (123) again finished third.

The third race at Leamington saw T. Redman taking advantage of his home course to record another splendid win, this time over Deakin (Newcastle). Showing excellent form again Newcastle (58) beat Stafford (172) who were in turn 4pts. ahead of Bromsgrove.

The final race saw Mike Downs run away from Small Heath's John King to record his second win in the League. But it was D. Jackson of Telford who showed that consistency counts, having finished fourth in three races and fifth in the last race to take the individual plaque. City of Stoke (94) sprang the surprise of the day when they beat Newcastle (101) into second place and gaining promotion for themselves into the bargain, just pipping Bromsgrove for second place in the League, Shrewsbury were relegated.

In the young athletes race Halesowen (78) won the team event from City of Stoke (97). M. Flint of Telford took the individual award with 11pts. Finishing 4th., 3rd., and 2nd. twice.

Division Three.

With 162 finishers in the first race at Michell, Ken Holmes (Tamworth) won the first of what was to be four victories in the League. Pearson (Burton) was runner up some 11 seconds behind. Cheltenham (84) with six in eighteen won the team race with Dudley & Stourbridge (125) and Solihull (170) also to the fore.

Making light of the tough Cheltenham course Ken Holmes scored another convincing win, this time over S. James of Nuneaton. Cheltenham again won the team race ahead of Dudley and Solihull.

Cheltenham increased their lead at the top of the Division, chalking up their third win at Tamworth. However Solihull (117) started to put the squeeze on Dudley (158) for the second promotion spot.

Ken Holmes completed a fine quartet of wins to take the individual award. Mention must also be made of L. Pearson (Burton) who had three second places and one third place. Cheltenham with the low score of 66pts. made sure of promotion, having won all four races. Solihull (118), although having beaten Dudley (136) for the second consecutive time failed narrowly to catch them and gain promotion.

In the young athletes races Warley snatched a slim victory over Wenlock Olympiads by just two points. However R. Bradley of Wenlock won the individual award.

Race Facts.

	1st. Div.		2nd. Div.		3rd. Div.		Total No. Athlete
First Race.	160s.	30y.a.	149s.	50y.a.	162s.	34y.a.	585.
Second Race.	132	30	122	55	125	38	502.
Third Race.	143	23	139	42	132	32	511.
Fourth Race.	146	28	122	40	134	42	512.
Division One	45 athletes competed in all four races.						
Division Two.	52	"	"	"	"	"	
Division Three.	56	"	"	"	"	"	

The League thanks the race secretaries and league officials without whom the League would disintegrate.

	1st Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
Race Secretary	Bill Carr.	Tom O'Reilly.	John Buckby.
Referee.	Ken Evans.	Ken Walklate.	Jack Freeman.
Timekeepers.	Roland Martin	Ted Powner.	John Andrews.
	Arthur Birt.	Cliff Grant.	Derek Bacon.
		Ted Clifford.	Jim Skidmore.

Thanks also to all those Clubs who promoted one of the Leagues fixtures and to John Mills our President who generously donated awards to the leading young athletes in each division. On a personal note I would like to thank Jim Skidmore and Ken Dare who have been so helpful in my first year as secretary.

At the end of the secretary's report, Ken Dare mentioned that Cavin Woodward of Leamington had run and completed sixty consecutive League races. The Leamington representatives also added that Cavin had scored for the Club in all bar one of these races. Congratulations to Cavin. Is this a record?

Re-election of clubs to the 3rd. Division.

The following Clubs had applied for re-election to the League, and were all unanimously re-elected :- Harbourne Harriers, Lozells Harriers, and Wenlock Olympian Society. Massey Ferguson Runners and Joggers Club were admitted to the League after applying to join the League. It was asked that Massey Ferguson be made aware of the first claims rule with regards to the League.

Composition of the League.

1st. Division.

Birchfield Harriers.
Birmingham University.
City of Stoke A.C.
Gloucester A.C.
Newcastle A.C.
Sparkhill Harriers.
Staffordshire Moorlands.
Tipton Harriers.
Worcester A.C.

2nd. Division.

Bromsgrove & Redditch.
Cannock Chase A.C.
Cheltenham & County H.
Coventry Godiva Harriers.
Dudley & Stourbridge H.
Halesowen A.C.
Leamington C. & A.C.
Rugby & District A.C.
Stafford A.C.
Telford A.C.
Wolverhampton & Bilston.

3rd. Division.

Harbourne Harriers.
Lozells Harriers.
Massey Ferguson.
Michelan A.C.
Nuneaton Harriers.
Royal Sutton Coldfield
Shrewsbury & District.
Solihull & Small Heath.
Stourport A.C.
Tamworth A.C.
Warley A.C.
Wenlock Olympian Soc.
West Bromwich Harriers.
Burton A.C.

Fixtures & Venues.

	1st. Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
November 1st. 1980.	Gloucester.	Wolverhampton.	Tamworth.
November 22nd. 1980.	Worcester.	Coventry.	Michelan.
January 31st. 1981.	Birchfield.	Leamington.	Sutton Coldfield.
February 21st. 1981.	Tipton.	Bromsgrove.	Solihull.
Races to start	2.30p.m. Young Athletes.		
	3.00p.m. Seniors.		

Election of Officers.

President:- Mr. E.J. Skidmore of Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers was proposed by K. Dare and seconded by J. Tingle. Jim has been associated with the League for very many years, indeed he was secretary of the League for thirteen years, the second longest holder of this position in the Leagues History. Our new President continues to serve Cross Country as the Secretary of the Midlands Cross Country Association. He is indeed a stalwart to the sport and we are fortunate in having Jim as President.
Jim's first job as President was to present the Presidents plaque to the out going President John Mills. He then thanked the delegates for electing him President.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:- C.B. Franks proposed E.J. Skidmore

Auditor:- D. McNamee proposed K. Dare, seconded J. Freeman.

	1st. Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
Referee:-	K. Walklate.	K. Evans.	D. Johnson.
Timekeepers	E. Powner.	C. Grant.	J. Andrews.
	R. Martin.	E. Clifford.	D. Bacon.
	A. Birt.		
Race Secret.	W. Carr.	P. Lisseman.	J. Buckby.
Delegates to M.C.C.C.A.:-			

J. Freeman, D. Bacon & E.J. Skidmore.

Payment of Subscriptions.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that it was not until the last week in June this year that he had received the last affiliation fee for the previous League season. Not only this but he was still chasing up Newcastle's payment for extra awards. The cost of chasing up outstanding affiliations and extra awards monies was estimated by the Treasurer to be about £4-00p. This would have reduced the loss on the season by nearly 50% if certain Clubs paid up promptly.
The meeting was appalled to hear this and after much discussion Ken Dare proposed that all affiliations should be paid by the last day of the Calendar year after the A.G.M. Bill Adcocks then placed a counter proposal that the affiliation fee should be paid prior to the first League race after the A.G.M. Delegates voted in favour of the second proposal by a majority of 25 votes to 12.
Will clubs please note the alteration to rule 9. and act in accordance.

The meeting also decided that any Club who had monies outstanding from the previous season would be barred from competing until their debt had been paid, i.e. money for extra plaques etc. that had not been paid would come into this category.

Suitability Of Courses.

Some discussion took place over a letter by Wolverhampton & Bilston regarding the suitability of courses. Although some sympathy was expressed with the sentiments of the letter, it was generally considered impractical for League Officials to vet each new course before a Club was allowed to apply for a race. However Clubs are asked to bear in mind the large fields when they mark courses and to make sure there are adequate arrangements made for catering with large numbers at the start and to equip the finish with a decent size funnell

Discussion on the suitability of courses led onto the provision of First Aid at fixtures and it was decided to update Rule 11. The words "and first aid cover" to be inserted after the word Officials, see new copy of rules for the full description.

Any Other Business.

Concern at the state of the Discs being used in Division Two was expressed by Tom O'Reilly, however the new race secretaries thought they could either borrow or make do with the present discs.

The possibility of changing the suppliers of League Placques was discussed with a view to saving money. After some argument expressing the pros and cons of a possible change, it was decided to remain with our present suppliers.

Clubs are asked to ask their athletes to pin their numbers on the sides of the number not on the top and bottom as this usually ends in the number folding and obliterating the number. Please help our officials by complying with this request.

A new rule was added to the constitution to form some guide lines to promoting Clubs when organising the young athletes races. Concern over the distances ~~that the~~ Young athletes were running, often four miles i.e. the maximum Youth distance. Also that the age range is far too great, Colts running with final year Youths. Rule 17. now lays down the maximum distance and the ages for the Young Athletes Races.

There being no other business the President thanked the delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Club :-

Colours :-

If the above Club Colours have changed, or the Cross Country Secretary is different from that shown on the list of Club Secretaries please fill in the form below and return to me as soon as possible.

Club :-

Club Colours :-

Name of Club Cross Country Secretary :-

Address :-

Telephone Number:-

Please print all information.

E/S Kidmore
9/9/81

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3. That the management of the League be vested in a President, Vice Presidents, (one from each Club with power to add) three delegates from each Club, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer also an Asst. Hon. 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. That the Headquarters be a suitable venue in the Birmingham & District area where meetings may be held.
5. Races to be confined to FIRST CLAIM MEMBERS of member Clubs, and the rules of the M.C.A.C.C.A. and the M.C.A.A.A. to apply.
6. That the League be divided into three Divisions containing Clubs of equal strength, the two Clubs finishing first and second in the 2nd. and 3rd. Divisions to move into higher Divisions, and the two Clubs finishing at the bottom of the tables in Divisions 1 & 2 to move into lower Divisions. 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.
7. That the distances of races be from 5 to 7 miles, and races to be decided on Championship lines.
8. Affiliation Fee to be decided at the Annual General Meeting (at present £5 - 00.) per Club, per Annum. Numbers and result sheets to be supplied by the League.
9. Any Club which fails to pay its Affiliation Fee prior to the first race, after the date of the A.G.M. shall have their invitation withdrawn from the League.
10. Each race shall be in charge of an appointed referee whose decision shall be final. League Timekeepers for each Division shall also be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will be responsible for giving and recording the official times at each race. The races to be started by an appointed starter.
11. The Hon. Secretary of the promoting Club shall arrange Judges and Officials and First Aid cover for each race, and a disc system of scoring shall be used. Each Club will provide its own Disc Steward.
12. Any Club failing to complete a team in all fixtures shall automatically finish at the Bottom of the table in the final League placings. Failing to complete a team in a Third Division fixture shall mean that the Club applies in writing (before the next Annual General Meeting) to the Hon. Secretary for re-election to the League.
13. The dates and venues of all League races shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
14. The Hon. Secretary of each promoting Club MUST inform all Clubs in his Division, the President, the Hon. Secretary, the Race Secretary, the Referee, and the Timekeepers as to the Venue, Travel details and the type and distance of the course at least 14 days before the race is to be run.
15. Club Colours must be worn. The referee will disqualify any athlete who does not comply with this rule.
16. Safety pins are not provided by the League for athletes numbers, this is the responsibility of individual Clubs to provide. The Leagues judges would appreciate if athletes could pin their numbers on the sides, rather than top and bottom of the number.
17. The Young Athletes race shall be for boys who are over 13 years but under 17 years of age on the 1st. September prior to the first League race of the season. The distance of this race shall NOT exceed 3 miles. *The League will not provide awards.*

REMINDER :-

The Affiliation of £5 - 00. is now due, no Club will be allowed to compete in the first League Race until their affiliation is paid.

Please send affiliations to me C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 5BT. make cheques payable to the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross Country League.

Finally may I thank you for your co-operation and wish you the very best for the coming Cross Country season.

Cliff Franks.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Names and addresses of Club Secretaries and League Officials.

1980 - 1981.

- President :- E.J. Skidmore, Trelawney, The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge,
West Midlands, DY8 5BN (038 4 288319)
- Secretary/Treasurer:- C.B. Franks, 23, Salisbury Avenue, Cheltenham, Glos., GL51 5BT (28548)
- Division One.
- Referee :- K. Walklate, 31, Werburgh Drive, Trentham, Stoke on Trent. (658858)
- Race Secretary :- B. Carr, 28, Newman Road, Ocker Hill, Tipton, West Mid. (021 556 2366)
- Timekeepers :- E. Powner, 7, Field End Close, Trentham, Stoke on Trent. (657057)
- R. Martin, 12, Elm Grove, Codsall, Wolverhampton, WV8 1HS. (090 74 5280)
- A. Birt, 20, Wilton Road, Gloucester.
- Birchfield Harriers :- R. Tilling, 53, Burnham Court, Muscovy Road, Erdington,
Birmingham, B28 7YW. (021 350 3585)
- Birmingham University. P. Magner, Cross Country Sec., Sports Union, Birmingham Uni.,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.
- City of Stoke A.C. J. Mountford, 8, Arbourfield Drive, Berryhill, Stoke on Trent. (0782 264730)
- Gloucester A.C. T. Haines, 48, The Triangle, Gloucester. (94 410885)
- Newcastle A.C. D. Rigby, 6, Pool Street, Higherland, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 2NA. (0782 610551)
- Sparkhill Harriers. J. Thornbury, Sparkhill Harriers H.Q., Rear 188, Stratford Road,
Shirley, Solihull, Warks. (021 0745 4968)
- Staffordshire Moorland. M. J. Horn, 10, Fairfield Road, Biddulph Moor, Stoke on Trent. (0782 515743)
- Tipton Harriers. D. Fownes, 18, Mayfair Gdns., Park Lane Estate, Tipton, W.M. (021 5575992)
- Worcester A.C. J. Tingle, 114, Newtown Road, Malvern, Worc. (068 45 62663)
- Division Two.
- Referee:- K. Evans, 27, Langley Road, Merryhill, Wolverhampton. (765409)
- Race Secretary :- P. Lisseman, 42, Baynton Road, New Invention, Willenhall,
West Midlands, WV12 5AR. (0922 403985)
- Timekeepers :- C. Grant, 6, Waverley Crescent, Romsley, Nr. Halesowen
- E. Clifford, 12, Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warks.
- Bromsgrove & Redditch. B. Clarke, 259, Tennyson Way, Kidderminster, EY10 1XH. (Office 038 43 3022)
- Cannock Chase A.C. B. Silverstone, 41, Ansty Drive, Cannock, Staffs.
- Cheltenham & County. D. McNamee, 85, Scott House, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham.
- Coventry Godiva. P. Miller, 6, Arnold Avenue, Styvechale, Coventry, CV3 5LX.
- Dudley & Stourbridge. B. Dickinson, 14, Cherry Tree Road, Kingswinford, Brierley Hill
West Midlands. (0384 292299)
- Halesowen A.C. R. Bunn, 4, Pinewoods Avenue, Hagley, Stourbridge,
West Midlands, DY9 0JF. (0562 884207)
- Leamington C. & A.C. P. Muddeman, Flat 1, 50, Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warks. (0926 39027)
- Rugby & District A.C. S. Holdsworth, 3, Malling Avenue, Orchard Estate, Broughton
Astley, Nr. Leicester. (0455 282936)
- Stafford A.C. D. Cowley, 6, Riverway, Stafford, ST16 3TH. (0785 53480)
- Telford A.C. K. Banks, 72, Lincoln Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford, TF2 6LQ. (0952 618018)
- Wolverhampton & Bilston. K. Evans, 27, Langley Road, Merryhill, Wolverhampton. (765409)
- Division Three.
- Referee :- D. Johnson, 18, Summerfield Avenue, Halesowen, Birmingham.
- Race Secretary :- J. Buckby, 26, Hall Green Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich,
Birmingham. (021 588 2539)
- Timekeepers :- J. Andrews, 15, Hazelton Road, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, B60 1EX. (9940 74057)
- D. Bacon, 86, Baldwins Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 0QE. (021 745 2951)
- Burton A.C. M. Harley, 58, Craven Street, Horninglow, Burton on Trent, Staffs. (0283 47616)
- Harborne Harriers :- R. G. Care, 14, Kenilworth Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Mid., B68 0ND.
- Lozells Harriers. M. Keen, 495, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warks.
- Massey Ferguson. T. P. Brown, 164, Stonebury Avenue, Broad Lane, Coventry, CV5 7FE.
- Michelan A.C. J. Nolan, 7, Kendall Place, Clayton, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs. (0782 625726)
- Nuneaton Harriers B. Ewington, 16, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, Nuneaton. (0203 314990)
- Royal Sutton Coldfield. R. T. Butler, 41, Marlpit Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. (021 308 1235)
- Shrewsbury & District. D. Carter, 31, Haygate Drive, Wellington, Telford, Salop. (0952 55670)
- Solihull & Small Heath. T. O'Reilly, 26, Silverbirch Road, Erdington, Birmingham,
B24 0AS. (021 350 5405)
- Stourport A.C. P. Darby, 13, Dunley Road, Stourport, Worcestershire. (029 93 4697)
- Tamworth A.C. J. Peet, 19, Stephenson Close, Glascote Heath, Tamworth. (0827 53394)
- Warley A.C. P. Wyld, 15, Clyde Avenue, Halesowen, Birmingham. (421 4577)
- West Bromwich Harriers. J. Buckby, 26, Hall Green Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich. (021 588 2539)
- Wenlock Olympian Soc. S. Williams, 2, Richmond Gdns., Bridgnorth, Salop. (074 62 3969)

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1980 / 1981.

EXPENDITURE.

1979/80
39.01
78.44
56.86
23.28
2.52
5.00

Numbers
Awards
Extra Awards
Affiliation M.C.C.C.A.
Postage
Phone
Duplicating Stationary
Envelopes for Discs.
Envelopes for Results
Excess Income

44.40
92.26
73.18
3.00
16.52
1.92
6.50
5.20
2.85
1.17

£247.00

1979/80

170.00
7.00
42.85

36 Clubs @ £5.00
F.Cull
J.Mills. } Donations
A.Wright
Extra Awards

180.00
5.00
62.00

£247.00

BALANCE SHEET AT THE FOURTEENTH OF AUGUST 1981.

CASH AT BANK 22-8-1980. 56.17
OWED FOR EXTRA AWARDS 22-8-1980. 14.10
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE 1.17

£71.44

64.14
7.30

£71.44

Audited and found correct :-

C.B. Franks.

C.B. Franks Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

D. McNamee

D. McNamee 1-9-1981.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.(1926 - 1981).

Affiliated to the M.C.C.A.

President :- Jim Skidmore, Trelawney, The Green, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Secretary/Treasurer :- C.B.Franks, 23, Salisbury Ave., Cheltenham, Glos. GL51 5BT. Tel. 23548.

56th. Annual General Meeting.

Dear Sir,

You are invited to attend the 56th. Annual General Meeting ,to be held at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium, Stadium Way, Off Walsall Road, Perry Park, Perry Barr, Birmingham on Wednesday the 9th. September 1981 at 7.30p.m.

Clubs are reminded that they can send three delegates to this meeting. Please inform your delegates of this A.G.M.

Yours faithfully

Cliff Franks.

AGENDA.

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| 1. Apologies. | | | |
| 2. Confirm Minutes of the 55th. A.G.M. | | | |
| 3. Statement of Accounts. | | | |
| 4. Presidents Report. | | | |
| 5. Hon. Secretary's Report | | | |
| 6. Composition of the League. | | | |
| 7. Fixtures and Venues. | 1st.Division. | : 2nd.Division | : 3rd.Division. |
| November 7th.1981. | : | : | : |
| November 28th.1981. | : | : | : |
| January 30th.1982. | : | : | : |
| February 20th.1982. | : | : | : |
| 8. Election of Officers. | President. | Secretary/Treasurer. | Auditer. |
| | ***** | ***** | ***** |
| | 1st.Division | : 2nd.Division | : 3rd Division. |
| Race Secretary :- | : | : | : |
| Referee :- | : | : | : |
| Timekeepers :- | : | : | : |

Delegates to the M.C.C.C.A.(3)

9. Affiliations.
10. Any Other Business.
11. Date of the 57th.A.G.M. and Venue.

Final Placings 1980 / 1981.

- | 1st.Division. | 2nd.Division. | 3rd.Division. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Staffordshire Moorlands. | 1. Coventry Godiva. | 1. Solihull & Small Heath. |
| 2. Birmingham University. | 2. Wolverhampton & Bilston. | 2. Shrewsbury. |
| 3. Tipton Harriers. | | |
| 4. Sparkhill Harriers. | 3. Rugby & District. | 3. Warley A.C. |
| 5. Birchfield Harriers. | 4. Leamington A.C. | 4. Nuneaton . |
| 6. Worcester A.C. | 5. Cheltenham & County. | 5. Burton A.C. |
| 7th. Gloucester A.C. | 6. Halesowen A.C. | 6. Sutton Coldfield. |
| | 7. Cannock Chase. | 7. Aston University. |
| 8. Newcastle A.C. | 8. Telford. | 8. Tamworth. |
| 9. City of Stoke. | 9. Stafford A.C. | 9. Massey Ferguson. |
| | | 10. Stourport. |
| | 10. Bromsgrove & Redditch. | 11. Lozells Harriers. |
| | 11. Dudley & Stourbridge. | 12. West Bromwich. |

Daventry ;Harborne and Wenlock
Olympian Soc. to reapply for
re-election to the League.

May I remind Clubs Of rule 9. which states " Any Club which fails to pay its Affiliation Fee prior to the first race, after the date of the A.G.M. shall have their invitation withdrawn from the League.

I will be available to receive 1981-1982 affiliations at the A.G.M.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE A.G.M. * 1981 *
Minutes of the 56th. Annual General Meeting held at the Alexander Stadium,
Birmingham on Wednesday the 9th. of September 1981 at 7.30p.m.

Present.

E.J. Skidmore (President) K.G. Dare, J. Freeman, J. Mills & E. Powner (Past Presidents)
D. McNamee (Auditor) C.B. Franks (Hon. Secretary) R.K. Tilling (Birchfield) C.B. Clarke
(Bromsgrove & Redditch) D. Bowgen, G. Lathbury (Burton) B. Silverstone (Cannock)
K. Buckle (Cheltenham) J. Mountford, K.J. Walklate (City of Stoke) P.S. Miller,
W. Adcocks (Coventry) R. Bolam, P. Bolam (Daventry) R. Bunn, C.L. Grant, Cliff Grant,
(Halesowen) M. Botterill (Leamington) B. Ewington, P.R. Harrison (Nuneaton) R.W. Buecci,
R.A. Potter (Royal Sutton Coldfield) B. Acford (Rugby) M. Dawes (Shrewsbury) D. Bacon
(Solihull & Small Heath) P. Baker, J. Thornbury (Sparkhill) J. Peet (Tamworth)
K. Banks (Telford) R. Rowley (Tipton) N. Piotrowski (Warley) J. Buckby (West Bromwich)
C.P. Mattock (Wolverhampton) J. Tingle (Worcester) 39 present.

Apologies

B. Carr, T. Clifford, B. Dickinson, T. Evans, B. Heatley, A. Wright.

Minutes.

The minutes of the 55th. Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday the 10th. of
September 1980 at the Alexander Stadium, which had been circulated, were confirmed
after being proposed by K. Dare and seconded by K. Walklate. The President duly
signed the minutes as a true record.

Statement of Accounts.

The Treasurer reported that the League had made a slight profit of £1 - 17p. Ken
Dare noted that there was no mention of an Honorarium paid to the Secretary /
Treasurer. The Secretary reported that money was very tight and that the League
could not really afford it. However the delegates instructed him to put the matter
of an Honorarium on the agenda for future A.G.M's.
Some discussion was forthcoming on the subject of awards and it was agreed that
Ken Dare should make enquiries to see if the League could get a better deal with
another company in the purchase of awards, but keeping the present standard of plaque.
The Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditor Mr. David McNamee, which was
endorsed by the meeting.

Acceptance of the accounts was then proposed by Ken Walklate and seconded by Ken
Dare and approved unanimously by the delegates.

Presidents Report.

Mr. E.J. Skidmore thanked the League for electing him to the post of President which
he deemed a great honour. He had enjoyed the season visiting races in all divisions
and was pleased to see the excellent competition in all three divisions. The First
division was of a very high standard.

The President went on to thank the host Clubs for putting on races, the officials
for their hard work in running the League and Roy Tilling and Birchfield Harriers
for allowing the League to hold its A.G.M. at their headquarters.

Secretary's Report.

Division One.

Held on the fast Gloucester course, the first race developed into a very exciting race
between the evergreen Allan Rushmer and Roger Hackney. Roger eventually gained a
two second advantage at the finish. Tipton (60pts.) won the team event by 5pts. from
Birmingham University with Staffs. Moorland third (71pts.). The holders Tipton had
made the right sort of start in retention of their League title which they had held
since the 1972/73 season.

In the second race held at Worcester Roger Hackney continued his winning ways
again winning by two seconds, this time over Glynn Harvey (Staffs. Moorland)
Revelation of the race was up and coming Birchfield Junior Darren Pemberton who
finished third. The team race was won by Staffs. Moorland who finished six men in
the first eleven to score the low total of 43pts. The University finished a com-
fortable second 95pts., with Tipton dropping to fourth (3rd. overal) some of their
team away competing in the Europe Clubs Competition.

Held on the Parkland course at Perry Park, the third race was won by Tiptons Bob
Westwood who stole the march on Mike and Martin Bishop (Staffs. Moorland). This win
helped Tipton to their second League victory. So Staffs. Moorland, Birmingham Uni.
and Tipton had come to the last race with a mere 43pts. separating these three
splendid teams.

With the final League race held on the Tipton course the question being asked was
could the National Champions do what they had the year before, come from behind to
win the League title. Staffs Moorland had the simple answer to the question, placing
there scoring six in twenty and extended their lead to take the Championship. The
University holding on to second by just one point, this mainly due to Roger Hackney
who scored his third individual victory. Roger has never lost a First Division Race

in which he has taken part in. However, the leading runners plaque went to Martin Bishop who ran consistently to finish 10th., 4th., 3rd. & 7th. scoring 24 points. The Young Athletes races were won by City of Stoke A.C. Only three teams completed a full team in all four races. All the fields for these races were disappointing with 37 athletes being the maximum to finish in any race. C. Bradley of Stoke was the leading individual finishing first three times and 3rd once.

Division Two.

Wolverhampton the host Club won an exciting tussle with Coventry in the first League race. Ten of the first three runners home came from these two Clubs, making it in effect two team races. Coventry & Wolverhampton battling for supremacy with all the other Clubs running for third place spot. Trevor Wright won the individual race from John Wheway both Wolverhampton and helping their Club to a 30pts. lead over Coventry.

Trevor Wright and John Wheway continued their winning partnership, filling the same two positions as in the first race. Again Wolverhampton won the team race but the home Club Coventry held them to the small margin of ten points, making a total deficit of 40 points.

In the third race at Leamington Blackwell kept up Wolverhamptons series of Individual winners coming home 15 seconds ahead of Brown of Coventry. However in the team race Coventry started to pull back some of the leeway when they beat Wolverhampton by 26 points leaving only 14 points between the two Clubs. An interesting final race was in prospect.

The final race at Redditch saw Coventry really meaning business finishing six men in the first eight, a performance that no one could match, on the day deservedly taking the Division Two title. Wolverhampton clinching the other promotion spot. Great credit must go to these two Clubs who both went on to finish in the first six teams in the National, not bad for second division teams. In the individual race the Wolverhampton Club had some consolation in providing the winner in each of the four races, this time Terry Colton had a magnificent win over Dave Moorcroft by nearly a minute. However the consistently good running of C. Brown of Coventry finishing 3rd., 3rd., 2nd. and 3rd. took the individual title. Rugby & District A.C. won the battle of the other Clubs in the Division to finish a creditable third. Cannock won the Young Athletes team race ahead of Cheltenham and Halesowen. S. McMorran of Leamington winning the individual finishing 1st., 4th., 1st. and 3rd. scoring the low score of 9 points.

Division Three.

With international Dave Black (Tamworth) winning by over a minute on his home course and Solihull & Small Heath cruising to an easy victory in the team event most interest rested in the minor placings where John King got the better of Paul Black to stop the Black household having a clean sweep. Shrewsbury in the team race pipped Warley to take second position.

Michelan was the venue for the second race and on this tough course Steve James of Nuneaton came home some 50 seconds ahead of Ken Holmes (Tamworth). Solihull & Small Heath again ran out easy team winners with Shrewsbury once more just getting the better of Warley.

John King, who finished second in the first race improved on this to give the newly combined Clubs of Solihull and Small Heath their first individual winner in the League. The Solihull Club strengthened their hold on the Second Division Title with yet another comfortable team win. This race saw Shrewsbury taking a substantial grip on the second promotion spot.

After winning the last race at Sutton Coldfield John King notched up his second victory this time on his home course, he came home 10 seconds ahead of Steve James. With all their scores in the first twenty five home Solihull & Small Heath were worthy Division three Champions. Shrewsbury stay in the third division was short lived, regaining second division status at the first attempt.

The Young Athletes Races in the Third Division gave a glimpse of one of the best up and coming youngsters in the Midlands M. Dalloway of Stourport who had easy wins in all four races. His Club Stourport also won the Young Athletes Races Team event. This surely augurs well for the future of this comparatively young Club.

Race Facts.

	1st. Div.		2nd. Div.		3rd. Div.		Total No. Athletes
First Race.	135sen.	25y.a.	183sen.	42y.a.	158sen.	49y.a.	592.
Second Race.	133	32	176	58	145	38	582.
Third Race.	150	37	165	37	163	24	576.
Fourth Race.	134	26	154	25	149	33	521.

Our thanks go to the hard working race secretaries and League Officials for their continued endeavors on the Leagues behalf. They are :-

	1st.Div.	2nd.Div.	3rd.Div.
Race Secretary	Bill Carr	Peter Lisseman	John Buckby.
Referee	Ken Walklate	Ken Evans	David Johnson.
Timekeepers	Ted Powner	Cliff Grant	John Andrews.
	Arthur Birt	Ted Clifford	Derek Bacon.
	Roland Martin.		

Thanks must also go to all the Clubs who hosted one of the Leagues fixtures. Ken Dare proposed a vote of thanks and the adoption of the Presidents and the Secretary's reports, this was seconded by Jack Freeman and endorsed by the meeting.

Composition of the League.

Daventry, Harborne, Michelan and Wenlock had all reapplied for re-election to the League. Proposed by Jack Freeman that they all be re-elected and seconded by R. Evans. The proposal was carried by the meeting. There were two applications to the League for membership, from Loughborough Uni. and Northampton Phoenix. After a fair amount of discussion regarding the effect the extra numbers of athletes would have on the organization of the League, John Mills proposed acceptance of the two Clubs, this was seconded by Paul Baker and duly accepted by the meeting. The secretary was asked to write informing Loughborough University that they must submit their first claims forms to the M.C.A.A.A. for clearance to run in First Claim Competition. Only those athletes cleared by the M.C.A.A.A. will be allowed to run.

It was agreed that at the end of the 1981/82 season that the First Division be made up to ten Clubs and the Second Division be made up to Twelve Clubs. This will be done by the bottom Club only in Divisions One & Two being relegated at the end of the 81/82 season and the top three Clubs in Division Three gaining promotion. The League make-up for the 1981/82 season is as follows:-

1st. Division.	2nd. Division.	3rd. Division.
Birchfield Harriers.	Cannock Chase A.C.	Aston University.
Birmingham University.	Cheltenham & County.	Bromsgrove & Redditch
Coventry Godiva.	City of Stoke A.C.	Burton A.C.
Gloucester A.C.	Halesowen A.C.	Daventry A.C.
Sparkhill Harriers.	Leamington A.C.	Harborne Harriers.
Staffordshire Moorlands.	Newcastle A.C.	Dudley & Stourbridge
Tipton Harriers.	Rugby & District.	Loughborough University.
Wolverhampton & Bilston.	Shrewsbury & District.	Lozells Harriers.
Worcester A.C.	Solihull & Small Heath.	Massey Ferguson.
	Stafford A.C.	Michelan A.C.
	Telford A.C.	Northampton Phoenix.
		Nuneaton A.C.
		Stourport A.C.
		Sutton Coldfield.
		Tamworth A.C.
		Warley A.C.
		Wenlock Olympian Soc.
		West Bromwich Harriers.

Fixtures & Venues.

	1st. Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd. Div.
November 7th. 1981.	Wolverhampton.	Telford.	Tamworth.
November 28th. 1981.	Birchfield.	Solihull.	Sutton Coldfield.
January 30th. 1982.	Coventry.	Leamington.	Burton.
February 20th. 1982.	Tipton.	Rugby.	Redditch.
Races to start at 2.30p.m. for Young Athletes			
3.00p.m. for Senior Athletes.			

Election of Officers.

President:- Mr. Ken Walklate of City of Stoke A.C. was proposed by Ken Dare and seconded by Jack Freeman. Ken has been and still is a great servant of the sport, having for many years been a referee for the League and a member of the M.C.C.C.A. executive. As President Ken's first job was to present the Presidents Plaque to outgoing President Jim Skidmore. He then thanked the meeting for electing him President.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:- C.B. Franks proposed Ken Walklate.

Auditor:- D. McNamee proposed C.B. Franks seconded Ken Dare.

	1st.Div.	2nd.Div.	3rd.Div.
Referee:-	Ken Evans.	Ted Clifford.	David Johnson.
Timekeepers:-	Arthur Birt.	Ted Powner.	John Andrews.
	John Perkins.	Cliff Grant.	Jim Skidmore.
		Derek Bacon.	

1st.Div.	2nd. Div.	3rd.Div.
Race Secretary:- Bill Carr	Tom O'Reilly	John Buckby.
Delegates to M.C.C.A.:- Jack Freeman,Derek Bacon,Jim Skidmore.		

Affiliations.
 Before delegates decided on the ammount of the affiliation for the 1981/82 season there was some discussion on whether awards should be awarded to the Young Athletes and although there was a motion proposing that there should be it was well defeated. On affiliations Ken Dare proposed that the fee should be increased by £1-00. Therefore the affiliation for the 1981/82 season will be £6-00. Clubs are reminded that this fee must be paid before November 7th 1981 or they will not be eligible to run in the League Competition.

Any Other Business.
 Ken Dare proposed that the Secretary be paid an honorarium of £20-00.,this was seconded by Jack Freeman and passed by the meeting. Clubs hosting League fixtures were reminded that they must inform all other Clubs in their division and the race secretary,referee,timekeepers,President and the Hon Secretary of travel direction and type of course etc. at least TEN DAYS before the fixture.

NEW RULE
RULE 18.

The responsibility for the up to date engraving of League Trophies,is that of the holding Club.

The Secretary asked if the numbers 1 to 300 were enough for each League race.After some discussion it was agreed that for the First and Second Divisions these numbers were adequate but for the Third Division the Secretary was instructed to buy numbers 1 to 400.

Date of the 57th.A.G.M.

The date for this meeting was set for the 8th. of September 1982. There being no more Business the President thanked the delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Club :-

Colours :-

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