

Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League **1926 – 2007.**

Minutes of the 82nd. A.G.M. held at Alexander Stadium, Stadium Way, Walsall Road, Birmingham on Friday the 7th. September 2007. At 7.30pm.

Unfortunately, the President Terry Alcock was unable to attend due to his wife being unwell so the meeting was chaired by Graham Heeley.

Obituary.

Graham Heeley asked the delegates to stand for a period of silence in memory of Muriel Johnson who had passed away this last year. The League mourns the passing of Muriel who was a stalwart as an Official and a Past President (1997/9)- the first woman President of the League. Her commitment to the sport will be sorely missed and the League wishes to pass on their condolences to Dave.

Apologies for Absence.

These were received from Alan Hemsley (Race Secretary, Past President, Massey Ferguson), Phil Walker (Official), Bill Adcocks (Race Secretary, Past President, Coventry), Paul Hawkins (Stratford), Margaret Kelcher (Telford), Vince Carroll (Rugby & Northampton), Dave Johnson (Judges), Ernie Johnson (Timekeeper), Nick Price (Birmingham Rowheath), Jim Skidmore ((Past President, Dudley & Stourbridge), Tom O'Reilly (Race Secretary), Terry Taylor (Past President, Nuneaton), Barry & Margery Ewington (Nuneaton), Terry Alcock (President, Solihull & Smallheath), John Mills (Official, Sparkhill), Shaw Pye (Amazing Feet), Daniel Pettit (Birmingham University), George Gandy (Loughborough Students), Ernie Johnson (Official, Stoke), Alan Hemsley (Official, Massey Ferguson), Peter Lisseman, Ken Evans ((Past Presidents, Wolverhampton & Bilston), Jonathan Grix (Bournville), Tom O'Reilly (Past President, Race Secretary).

Present at the Meeting.

Bob Carey (Past President Race Secretary, Sphinx), Ted Schuck (Past President, Sparkhill), Dave McNamee (Auditor, Cheltenham & County), Graham Heeley (Race Referee, Sparkhill), Noel McKelly (Wolves & Bilston), Eric Hubbleday, (Sparkhill H.), Graham Allen, Mike Jones, (Stafford H.), John Strange, Peter Hough, Alan Jenkins (Telford Harriers), John Gercs (Rugby & Northampton), Ken Westley (non-affiliated Club), Brian Shepherd (Official, Dudley & Stour.) Barbara Shepherd (Dudley & Stour), Richard Carney, Martin Ludford (B'ham Rowheath), Tom Orton, John Peet, Havard Bush, Dave Williams (Tamworth), Bill Nock, Ray Bunn, Andrew Lloyd (Halesowen), Peter Banks (Coventry Godiva), Geoff Wheeler, Andy Rea (Centurion), P. Wood, Martin Smith (Droitwich), Richard Sannwald (Dudley Kingswinford), Steve Marklew (Royal Sutton Coldfield), Stan Hawes, Dave Jones, Kirdeep Sana (West Bromwich) W. Oakes (Kenilworth Runners), Graham Lawrence (Solihull & Smallheath AC), Rita Brownlie (MCAA/MWCCL), Len Quaterley (Bromsgrove & Redditch AC), Derek Loundes (Chase Harriers), Ray Williams (President Tipton), Matt Lockett, Mike Buntin (Tipton), Mike Doyle, (President Elect Official), Ian Clarke, Joan Clarke (Stourbridge RC), Betty Downes (Past President, Birchfield), Terry Haines (Severn AC), Ken Westley (Unattached), George Williams (Timekeeper), Ron Freeman (Gloucester AC), Tony French (Northbrook), John Vickers (Official), Glenn Marriott, Cindy Monnisette (Staffs Moorlands), Carolyn Franks (Hon. Secretary / Treasurer). 54 delegates signed themselves present at the meeting. 31 Clubs had representatives at the meeting (Div One 9 with 2 apologies, Div Two 10, Div Three 4, with 4 apologies).

Minutes of the 81st. A.G.M.

Ted Schuk proposed the Minutes were accepted, seconded by Glenn Marriot. These were approved as a true record of the meeting, being passed unanimously by the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- i) The Secretary pointed out that the accounts from 2005/06 had been resolved and that all clubs had received these in the post with the details for the AGM. Thanks was given to Dave McNamee for persevering with these accounts.
- ii) The Secretary has still to check with Jim Skidmore regarding a Chain of Office that was possibly used in the past.

Statement of Accounts.

The accounts were presented to the meeting with Dave Mc Namee pointing out the increase in monies received from UKA for the online entries, plus the Secretary requesting the interest on the monies they had held. Another plus side was the increase in interest from the Alliance & Leicester Account. As this is significantly better than the HSBC rate some monies have been moved over. We no longer get any interest from the HSBC account, but this was very minimal anyway. The cost of postage has risen so any information that can be sent via email will help the League. Terry Haines proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true record this was seconded by Brian Shepherd. The Meeting unanimously agreed to accept the accounts.

Presidents Address.

The president had written a comprehensive report to which the meeting was directed in Terry Alcock's absence. The Secretary reported that it had been a pleasure to work with Terry who had shown a great interest in the Leagues activities and kept a careful watch on all the business.

League Secretaries Reports

These had been sent out prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising are they were accepted by the meeting.

Secretary's Report

.The Secretary thanked Dave McNamee for his unfailing support throughout the year and there is no doubt that the league should be grateful to Dave for the hours of work he does – an unsung hero. Last year the Secretary was chasing 10 clubs for their affiliation at a time when there is an enormous amount of work to be done for the first fixture. The meeting was reminded of the action the Executive had decided on. PLEASE refer to Executive minutes to note the action that will be taken. NO REMINDERS WILL BE SENT OUT!

With the printer breaking down there were times when it was a struggle to get results out – trying several sources that also broke down!! The Secretary was pleased to report that the new printer is now in place and hopefully we will be fine for the coming season.

The Secretary had received some unusual claims from host clubs. It was therefore pointed out to the meeting Rule 16 which clearly points out that claims can be made for facilities and the first aid. Tony French questioned what was meant by 'facilities'. It was agreed by the meeting that this should be clarified by the Executive at their next meeting. The Secretary had also received adverse comments on courses that had sections of hard surfaces and asked that hosts clubs are careful when devising their courses.

The League is still looking for information on past history of the League – please refer to the website to see areas that we are still searching for information on and we would also welcome any newspaper reports/pictures of clubs results.

The Secretary thanked all those clubs who brought extra willing people along to fixtures to help with the officiating. It certainly made life a lot easier. Likewise it is always very encouraging to receive words of thanks and praise. Stafford Harriers were very impressed with the efforts of Bournville in providing an excellent course. Bob Carey felt the new course at Wyken Croft Park that was used for Division Two proved to be very good too.

For the coming year the Executive decided that all clubs should be asked for a list of all their possible runners for the season. This method has been used by Bill Adcocks who then types all names into his computer allocating a number for the season. This makes it much quicker to produce the results. Clubs are reminded that this information needs to be sent to the Secretary. A reminder to all clubs is that extra names can be added as the season progresses. It will also enable us to put all names in the programme too.

The Secretary concluded by thanking all clubs, host clubs, Team Managers, Officials, Race Referees and Race Secretaries for all their contributions for supporting the League.

Graham Heeley proposed a vote of thanks to Dave McNamee and Carolyn Franks for all their work on behalf of the League, this was seconded by Mike Doyle.

Promoting Clubs Risk Assessment / Permits / First Aid – Reminder.

- a) Risk Assessment - Please ensure this form is completed & updated on the day. These will be sent out to the host clubs.
- b) Permit forms – The secretary will send them out to promoting clubs. These forms must be sent to Rita Brownlie, 15, Three Oaks Road, Wythall, Birmingham, B47 6HE a.s.a.p.
This form must be displayed on the day.
- c) First Aid – please ensure this is booked.

Birmingham Cross Challenge

The Executive were disappointed that UKA had withdrawn their support for the Senneleys Park fixture however, with the support of Birmingham City Council, Midland Cross Country Association and England Athletics – West Midlands, the Executive decided it was maintaining this prestigious fixture so the first fixture of the season will be at Senneleys Park on the 27th October 2007. (Details are on the website:- ww.birminghamccleague.co.uk) The prize money will be the same as last year plus separate prize money will go to the first three West Midland Senior Men & Women! Please remember that athletes need to enter separately if they wish to be considered for any of the prizes on offer. We hope all clubs will support the venture in all age groups. A question was raised from the floor as to as to where do the University students stand in being eligible for the West Midland prize money. The Secretary agreed to find out this information and to inform all the Universities.

Birmingham City Council are in the process of producing a A5 leaflet to advertise the event. Graham Allen thanked the committee for keeping the event in the calendar.

Officials for the Season

Most Officials have replied and with the league dropping to Three Divisions it looks as if we will be well covered. Graham Allen in Division Three will always be happy to help out and the Secretary still needs to contact Rob Mulgrue. A reminder was given that the host clubs should provide a person to issue the discs.

Women's Midland Cross Country League.

Rita Brownlie was delighted that the Midland Women's Cross Country League was included with the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross Country League. Numbers were up on previous years. Their AGM is on the 28th September and they would be happy to continue running their races at the same venue. It was suggested that it might be useful to have a fixture held in each division. Rita will let the Secretary know which venues they will use.

Timing of the AGM

The idea for this had been put forward by Bill Adcocks at the Executive Meeting to enable those creating the fixture list to have the information before the season is upon us. April was suggested for the Executive and May for the AGM, but the meeting agreed to allow the Executive to decide on the dates.

League Rules

The following rule changes were made:-

- i) Rule 3 Change the wording from MCAA to England Athletics.
- ii) Rule 9 Change to 'That the league be divided into **such a number as is necessary to have approximately equal strength in all** divisions. Insert the **place** after first, second and third.
- iii) Rule 11 Change the amount to in brackets to **£55**

League Website

Make-up of the League for the 2004 – 2005 Season.

- (a) Droitwich AC had written in reapplying for membership of the league. This was approved unanimously. Oak Park Racers have lost some key members abroad and therefore have not reapplied.
- (b) Coventry University have written in to be considered to join the league. The meeting unaimously agreed to this. Therefore the League make-up for the coming season is as follows:

Division One

Birchfield Harriers
Birmingham Rowheath
Birmingham University
Cheltenham & Country Harriers
City of Stoke AC
Coventry Godiva
Halesowen AC
Kidderminster & Stourport
Loughborough Students
OWLS
Rugby & Northampton AC
Staffs Moorland
Severn AC
Telford AC

Division Two

Black Country Triathletes
Bromsgrove & Redditch
Cannock & Stafford AC
Dudley & Stourbridge H
Gloucester AC
Kenilworth RC
Leamington C & AC
Newcastle AC
Northbrook AC
Royal Sutton Coldfield AC
Solihull & Smallheath AC
Sparkhill Harriers
Sphinx AC
Stourbridge RC

Division Three

Aldridge RC
Amazing Feet
Bournville Harriers
Centurion RR
Chase Harriers
Cobra RC
Coventry University
Droitwich AC
Dudley Kingswinford
Massey Ferguson
Nuneaton Harriers
Peel Road Runners
Saracens AC
Sneyd Striders

Tipton Harriers
Wolverhampton & Bilston

Tamworth AC
Warwick University
West Bromwich Harriers
Worcester AC

Stafford Harriers
Stratford Upon Avon AC
Telford Harriers
Trentham RC

Affiliation

The affiliation was agreed last year to be £55 and so far 25 clubs have paid.

Dates Fixtures and Venues for the 2007 – 2008 Season.

* Denotes that the club is willing to have one of the three Women's races. Rita Brownlie to confirm with the Secretary which three races the Women will use.

	<u>Division One</u>	<u>Division Two</u>	<u>Division Three</u>
27th October 2007	Combined fixture at Senneleys Park, Birmingham.		
1st December 2007	*Rugby&Northampton	* Northbrook	Nuneaton Harriers
19th January 2008	* Coventry Godiva	Sphinx	Bournville Harriers
9th February 2008	* Severn AC	* Gloucester AC	* Stafford Harriers

HOST CLUBS –PLEASE provide a mobile phone number as a contact on the day.

Election of Officers & Officials.

The Executive proposal of Ray Williams for President of the League for the 2007 – 2008 season was unanimously endorsed by the A.G.M.

President Elect: Mike Doyle was proposed by Executive. Once again by a unanimous vote.

Carolyn Franks was proposed by Graham Heeley and seconded by Geoff Wheeler as Secretary and Treasurer of the League, this was accepted by the meeting unanimously.

David McNamee was proposed by Ray Williams and seconded by Glenn Marriott for the position as Hon. Assistant Secretary. Dave was also proposed as the Auditor by Bob Carey and seconded by Tony French . The meeting elected Dave unanimously to both these positions.

Representative to the Midland Cross Country Association - Ian Clarke was proposed by Ray Bunn and seconded by Rita Brownlie. This was agreed unanimously.

Representative to England Athletics – Carolyn Franks was proposed by Graham Heeley and seconded by Mike Doyle and accepted by the meeting.

It was agreed to approve en bloc the Executive proposals for Officials for the coming season. They are:

	<u>1st. Div.</u>	<u>2nd. Div.</u>	<u>3rd. Div.</u>
Race Secretary	Bill Adcocks	Bob Carey	Tom O'Reilly
Race Referee	Pete Lisseman	Graham Heeley	Jim Skidmore

Judges.	Ken Walklate	John Mills	David Johnson
	Jude Vidler	John Peet	Terry Taylor
	Noel McKakley	Ted Schuck	Pat Taylor
		RobMulgrue	AlanHemsley
			Barry Ewington

Timekeepers.	Ernie Johnson	Colin Stone	Margery Ewington
	Phil Walker	David Bennett	Mike Doyle
	George Williams	Brian Shepherd	Pam Davies
	John Vickers		

Any Other Business:

- a) A vote of thanks was given to clubs that had helped out when there was a lack of officials, especially to Bromsgrove & Redditch.
- b) Graham Heeley reminded host clubs to provide a disc steward.
- c) The meeting asked that the Executive look at the rules regarding promotion & demotion now there are only three Divisions.

Date and Venue of the 83rd. AGM.

The Executive agreed to hold next years AGM on **Friday 25th April 2008** at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

**Don't forget your affiliations are now due and must be Paid before the end of September, this year if you wish your Club to take part in League Races.
The Affiliation is still only £55**

Please send Cheques made payable to:

The Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League

And send to:

***Carolyn Franks
23 Salisbury Avenue
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 3BT.***

WOMENS MIDLAND LEAGUE VENUES

These will be decided at their AGM and Clubs will be notified if they are required to host a women's race. Would all clubs/officials please note the above- all the women's races will start at 2.00pm at these venues.

Hosts clubs please send a copy of all details to the Midland Office – **AT LEAST 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE ACTUAL DATE**

MCAA, Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham B42 2LR

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