

Meeting to consider formation of Cross Country League
* held at Albion Hotel, Bham. Tues April 9th 1925

Chairman. Mr E. Lindsay (Inch H)

Present.

R. A. Jones (Wednesbury H)
Mr. Weaver (Dudley H)
J. Peace & A. Peace (Harton H)
J. W. Aday (Loyells H)
B. Backford. C. W. Wenspeare (Smecchurich H)

Upon opening the meeting the Chairman mentioned brief objects as the League would serve, and asked Mr B. Backford to put forward his proposals.

It was felt that a League comprising the six Clubs invited, would be a success, and although * Next Bromwich Harriers were not represented, it was believed that they would enter into the proposals with the same spirit as those Clubs present.

It was explained that the Meeting was called for discussion only, and for those present to go to their respective Committees & report on the decisions arrived at.

The following Rules were suggested:

1. The name of the League be "The Cross Country League".
2. The League be confined to six clubs.
3. Home and away fixtures to be arranged between members.
4. List 6 from each Club to compete. (First claim members only)
5. A combined Run of Clubs to be held in October each year.

to. Each club to be allowed 3 delegates

It was decided that the following questions
be dealt with at the next meeting

1. Headquarters
2. Subscription

Chairman.

DUBLIN HARRIERS.
LORELLS HARRIERS.
HARBORNE HARRIERS.

CROSS - COUNTRY LEAGUE.

SMETHWICK HARRIERS.
WEDNESBURY HARRIERS.
WEST. BROMWICH H.

Hon. Secretary Pro. tem.

B. BASHFORD.

158, Havelock Road,
Saltley, Birmingham.
8th. September 1925.

Dear Sir,

At our last Meeting I was requested to obtain
a Trophy for the League Competition. I have very great
pleasure in being able to inform you that the "SUNDAY
MERCURY" have very kindly offered to provide us with same. X

A meeting of delegates from each Club will be
held on Wednesday September 16th. at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL,
CONGREVE STREET, BIRMINGHAM, commencing at 8 pm. prompt.
You will note from the Agenda that the business is of the
utmost importance, and a full attendance is earnestly
requested.

Yours faithfully,

Bess Bashford

Hon. Secretary. Pro. Tem.

AGENDA.

1. To receive report of last Meeting.
2. To elect the following officials.
 - (a) SIX Vice-Presidents (one from each Club and from whom President will be selected).
 - (b) Chairman.
 - (c) Hon. Secretary.
 - (d) Hon. Treasurer.
3. To decide amount of Club subscription.
4. To adopt Rules of Competition.
5. To select date and venue of Combined Opening Run.
6. General Business.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

GENERAL MEETING

Held at WHITE HORSE HOTEL, Birmingham, on WEDNESDAY

July 16th.1925.

Chairman. Mr.C.E.Lindsay (Smethwick Harriers)

Present.

Messrs. H.J.HILL (Sunday Mercury & News) W.H.CALDWELL, H.SOWER (West Bromwich Harriers) M.WEAVER(Dudley Harriers A.C.) E.T.HUGHES, J.MC.KENNA, A.WROE (Small Heath Harriers) T.H.MILLINGTON, R.A.JAMES (Wednesbury Harriers) T.W.ADEY, P.HORLICK, B.G.BEST (Lozells Harriers) W.LINDSAY, H.B.ALLOTT, W.E.GASTIN, W.T.WATSON, H.JOHNSON, T.A.BASHFORD and B.BASHFORD (Smethwick Harriers)

An apology from HARBORNE HARRIERS was announced regretting their inability to be represented owing to their Annual General Meeting taking place the same evening.

A report on the inauguration Meeting was made, and it was announced that since that Meeting "The Sunday Mercury & News" had very kindly offered to present a trophy to the League Champions.

It was decided after a long discussion that the name of the League be "THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE".

It was proposed by MR.T.W.ADEY(Lozells H.) and seconded by MR.R.A.JAMES (Wednesbury H.) that SMALL HEATH HARRIERS be admitted to membership. It was felt that this addition would give us the help and experience of one of the oldest cross-country clubs.

The following resolutions were decided upon.

That HOME AND AWAY FIXTURES be arranged between each Club in membership. Any number of runners to compete.
The first SIX of each Club to count.
First claim-members only to compete.
Each club to hand the the League Secretary a list of its members prior to the first League race.

THAT the Management of the League be in the hands of TWO delegates from each Club.

That the "White Horse Hotel" be the HEADQUARTERS.

That the ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION be 10/6d.per annum.

It was appreciated that the sum derived by this means would not be sufficient to meet the expenditure, and it was suggested that each Club in membership should devise a means of raising Funds for the League.

The question of a COMBINED OPENING RUN was deferred for the present season, but a suggestion was forthcoming to the effect that a Combined Run at the close of the season, following by tea and social and presentation of trophy and prizes, to be held at the Champion's headquarters, might be considered at the close of the 1925-6 season.

The distance of League races be not under five and not over seven miles.

The following officials were nominated and accepted.

VICE-PRESIDENTS. Mr. T. A. Bashford (Smethwick Harriers).
Coun. W. Painter (Small Heath Harriers).
MR. J. R. Roberts (Dudley Harriers).
Coun. W. T. Cotterill (West Bromwich H.).

*To Green Green House
Tansy Green Park* *Rensell M. Dudley*

Nominations from Loxells H. Wednesbury H. and Harborne H. to be made at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN. Clubs to take their turn in providing chairman at Committee Meetings.

HON. SECRETARY. MR. B. BASHFORD (Smethwick H.).

HON. TREASURER. Mr. J. MC. KENNA (Small Heath H.)

The meeting was then declared closed, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Chairman.

J. M. Kenna

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.

SUGGESTED
R U L E S

1. That the name of the League be "The Birmingham and District Invitation Cross-Country League".
2. That the objects of the League be the promotion of inter-Club contests between Clubs of supposed equal strength.
3. That the Management of the League in the President- to be selected from Seven Vice-Presidents (one from each Club) Two delegates from each Club, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.
4. That the Headquarters be the "White Horse Hotel"
5. Races to be confined to first-claim members.
6. The distance of Races to be not less than FIVE miles and not more than SEVEN miles.
7. Any number of runners may compete, the first six of each Club to count. Two points to count for a win and one for a draw.
8. League Champions to hold the "SUNDAY MERCURY" Shield, and winners and runners-up to receive medals.
9. A complete list of first claim members to be handed to the League Hon. Sec. prior to the commencement of each League programme, and notification of new members to be made as and when elected.
10. That Club subscription be 10/6d.

Committee Meeting held at The White Horse Hotel
Thursday October 22nd 1925:

Chairman. Mr J. Mc Kenna

The Chairman stated that application had been made to the Midland Counties Amateur Cross Country Association for permission to run the League races. This sanction was not forthcoming, and it was decided that we should affiliate to the National Cross Country Union direct.

The Minutes of meeting held on July 10th. were read and duly confirmed.

The following Fixtures were then agreed upon.

<u>October 31.</u>	Nedresbury Hc.	v.	Smeechurch Hc.
	Nest Bromwich Hc	v.	Small Heath Hc.
	Dudley Hc.	v.	Lozells Hc.
<u>November 14.</u>	Lozells Hc.	v.	Nest Bromwich Hc.
	Small Heath Hc	v.	Nedresbury Hc.
	Smeechurch Hc	v.	Dudley Hc.
<u>November 21.</u>	Nedresbury Hc	v.	Small Heath Hc.
	Nest Bromwich Hc	v.	Smeechurch Hc.
	Lozells Hc	v.	Dudley Hc.

December 19.

Imechurch H. v.	Nednesbury H.
Dudley H. v.	Nest Bromwich H.
Small Heath H. v.	Lozells H.

January 2.

Nest Bromwich H. v.	Dudley H.
Nednesbury H. v.	Lozells H.
Imechurch H. v.	Small Heath H.

January 16.

Nednesbury H. v.	Dudley H.
Lozells H. v.	Imechurch H.
Small Heath H. v.	Nest Bromwich H.

February 20.

Dudley H. v.	Small Heath H.
Imechurch H. v.	Nest Bromwich H.
Lozells H. v.	Nednesbury

March 6.

Small Heath H. v.	Dudley H.
Imechurch H. v.	Lozells H.
Nest Bromwich v.	Nednesbury H.

March 13.

Dudley H. v.	Imechurch H.
Nednesbury H. v.	Nest Bromwich H.
Lozells H. v.	Small Heath H.

March 27.

Dudley H. v.	Nednesbury H.
Small Heath H. v.	Imechurch H.
Nest Bromwich H. v.	Lozells.

All Races to commence at 3pm.

The Home Secretary is held responsible for the

sending of a complete return of each race
to the League Secretary, such return being
signed by the visiting Secretary in each case.

The Meeting was then declared closed,
with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Chairman. *M. S. C. A. W.*
16-2-26

Committee Meeting held at "The White Horse Hotel"
Tuesday February 16th 1926.

Chairman Mr. M. Weaver (Dudley Hk).

Present

Messrs. A. Evans & M. Parkin (Dudley Hk) H. Duffield
(Nednesbury Hk) J. McKenna & A. Moss (Small Heath Hk)
and B. Bashford (Smethwick Hk).

The Minutes of Committee Meeting held on October 22nd.
1925 were read and duly confirmed.

Business Arising.

Mr. J. McKenna reported on the question of permit.
The M. C. A. C. C. A. had ultimately agreed to give
us a free permit, & we had accordingly with-
drawn our application to the National Cross
Country Union. The races decided on
October 31st would have to be re-run, the permit
obtained covering from November 14/25 to
March 31st 1926

Re-arrangement of Fixtures.

The following re-arrangement of Fixtures were
sanctioned.

Feb'y 27.	West Bromwich Hk	v. Small Heath Hk.
Mar 20.	Dudley Hk	v. Loughs Hk.
-- 20	Nednesbury Hk	v. Smethwick Hk.

Finance.

The total Subscriptions from League Members would Amount to £3.3.0. Added to this was a donation of £1.1.0 from Mr. J. Carson, the President of the Midland Counties Amateur Cross Country Assocⁿ.

The estimated cost of Medals would be as follows.

Winners.	£ 6 0 0	
Runners up.	<u>£ 2 2 0</u>	£ 8 2 0

This left a deficit of £3.18.0. and in addition it was thought to be necessary to provide a suitable medal for the League Champion.

It was decided that the Vice Presidents should be written to, and that a Shilling Fund be inaugurated amongst club members.

The result of the above to be announced at a Meeting to be held in March.

Prize Distribution

It was agreed that the Shield and Medals should be presented at a Smoking Concert to be arranged on a convenient Saturday near mid. April, preferably at the White Horse Hotel.

General Business

Mr. A. B. Bashford stated that in the event

of his club promoting a Sports this year. He would like to include events open to Members of clubs in Membership of the Birmingham League. In the event of this, he was assured by those present that he would have their support.

It was also suggested that other clubs should promote similar events.

The Meeting was then declared closed, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

T. Atterford Chairman.

20/ Aug/ 26

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT INVITATION CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at THE EXCHANGE RESTUARANT, Stephenson Place, Birmingham, on

Friday August 20th. 1926.

Chairman. Mr.T.A.Bashford (Smethwick H.)

Present.

A.Wroe (Small Heath H.) R.J.Serleys, R.S.Angell, T.W.Adey (Lozells H.) E.H.Bucknall, F.A.Peace, E.J.Peace (Harborne H.) W.F.Watson (Smethwick H.) J.Mc.Kenna (Hon.treasurer and Small Heath H.) and B.Bashford (Hon.Secretary and Smethwick H.)

The Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday Feby.16th.1926 were read and duly confirmed. Prop. T.W.ADEY. Secd. A.WROE.

Business Arising.

It was reported that the estimated cost of medals had been exceeded owing to the fact that the championship had resulted in a tie, necessitating two sets of Gold Medals being awarded.

Hon.Secretary's Report.

In his report, the Hon.Secretary stated that the tanks of of the League were due to "The Sunday Mercury and News" for the fine shield which they had put up for competition. The struggle for possession of the trophy for the first time had splendidly and sportingly fought out, and inasmuch that the result was not known until the final race had been decided, this was all to the good of the competition. The races had been well patronised, this being borne out by the fact that on Easter Saturday, no fewer than sixty athletes were present at the fixture between West Bromwich H. and Small Heath H. Prop. A.WROE, secd. W.F.WATSON, that report be adopted.

Hon.Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer stated that owing to increase in medals, he was sorry to report and adverse balance of 25.12. 0. Medals had cost 210.4. 0., individual prize 25/-, engraving of shield 4/-, postage, telegrams, and stationery 27/-, making a total of 215.0. 6. Club subscriptions had amounted to 25.3.0., donation by Mr.J.Carson 21/- and Club collecting cards 23.4.6. It was stated that several cards were still out, and it was hoped that every endeavour would be made to wipe out the deficit prior to the opening of the ensuing season. Prop. R.S.ANGELL, secd. T.W.ADEY that report be adopted.

Election of Officials.

PRESIDENT. It was decided that in recognition of Small Heath.H. becoming joint champions, they should have the honour of having the President for the ensuing year, and in this connection, it was decided that we should approach Mr.H.A.Butler to ascertain whether he would be willing to accept this position.

CHAIRMAN. Mr.C.E.Lindsay. Prop. J.MC.KENNA. Secd. T.W.ADEY.

HON. SECRETARY Mr.B.Bashford. Prop. W.W.ADEY Secd. A.WROE.

HON. TREASURER Mr.J.Mc.Kenna. Prop. R.S.ANGELL. Secd. A.WROE.